

					Fise	al Year Receiv	ed					
Petitions by Employment Preference	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
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TOTAL	71,521	86,972	102,890	147,572	139,358	137,508	148,430	129,537	178,810	165,303	40,157	1,348,058
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Approved	64,499	79,391	94,107	134,309	125,247	124,429	135,674	120,350	168,491	149,564	28,020	1,224,081
Denied	6,465	6,857	8,038	10,977	12,048	12,237	12,164	8,482	7,337	5,931	486	91,022
Pending, Other ¹	557	724	745	2,286	2,063	842	592	705	2,982	9,808	11,651	32,955
First Preference (EB1)												
Total Petitions	20,014	22,580	24,486	28,414	31,787	28,305	24,074	21,340	21,994	25,936	9,087	258,017
Approved	17,592	19,829	21,798	25,068	27,138	23,162	19,416	17,453	18,133	19,943	4,518	214,050
Denied	2,402	2,682	2,648	3,273	4,590	5,072	4,567	3,720	2,900	2,697	289	34,840
Pending, Other ¹	20	69	40	73	59	71	91	167	961	3,296	4,280	9,127
Approvals by Category												
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	4,215	4,959	5,919	7,203	8,451	7,192	4,693	4,201	5,174	6,190	1,697	59,894
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	3,235	3,370	3,604	3,534	3,813	3,652	3,004	2,600	3,394	3,874	1,202	35,282
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	10,142	11,500	12,275	14,331	14,874	12,318	11,719	10,652	9,565	9,879	1,619	118,874
Second Preference (EB2)												
Total Petitions	40,728	48,611	58,194	81,808	69,832	69,674	78,032	67,495	70,515	84,402	19,760	689,051
Approved	38,282	45,924	54,997	77,729	66,166	66,265	74,099	64,161	66,725	76,904	13,209	644,461
Denied	2,439	2,669	3,186	4,060	3,636	3,384	3,888	3,070	2,455	1,970	59	30,816
Pending, Other ¹	7	18	11	19	30	25	45	264	1,335	5,528	6,492	13,774
Approvals by Category												
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	34,047	41,204	49,501	71,781	59,194	59,164	63,778	52,048	54,956	61,523	10,278	557,474
Third Preference (EB3)												
Total Petitions	9,546	14,615	18,738	34,170	35,224	38,526	45,742	40,399	86,045	54,727	11,281	389,013
Approved	8,625	13,638	17,311	31,511	31,942	34,996	42,159	38,736	83,633	52,717	10,293	365,561
Denied	917	962	1,413	2,572	3,081	3,361	3,476	1,616	1,903	1,196	133	20,630
Pending, Other ¹	4	15	14	87	201	169	107	47	509	814	855	2,822
Approvals by Category												
Skilled Workers (E31)	3,626	3,764	7,800	11,245	12,073	12,013	15,926	14,845	15,862	19,123	4,278	120,555
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	4,596	9,534	8,462	16,899	16,390	18,859	20,664	17,669	60,706	24,528	4,073	202,380
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	403	340	1,049	3,367	3,479	4,124	5,569	6,222	7,065	9,066	1,942	42,626
Other and Unknown ³		-		_	_				-			
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Approved	-	-	1	1	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	9
Denied Pending, Other ¹	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
rending, Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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TOTAL	31,819	38,064	47,698	69,998	62,329	58,612	64,917	52,921	96,515	72,579	14,205	609,657
Approved	28,995	35,264	44,007	65,347	58,334	55,072	61,899	50,806	93,394	69,961	11,669	574,748
Denied	2,722	2,687	3,609	4,506	3,864	3,439	2,934	2,026	2,552	1,389	98	29,826
Pending, Other ¹	102	113	82	145	131	101	84	89	569	1,229	2,438	5,083
First Preference (EB1)												
Total Petitions	5,102	6,892	6,721	8,506	9,425	8,752	7,880	6,984	8,162	9,008	3,397	80,829
Approved	4,632	6,375	6,122	7,736	8,504	7,585	6,893	6,193	7,135	7,605	1,639	70,419
Denied	468	514	596	766	911	1,161	977	775	821	672	67	7,728
Pending, Other ¹	2	3	3	4	10	6	10	16	206	731	1,691	2,682
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Approvals by Category												
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	632	820	940	1,128	1,391	1,267	944	894	1,333	1,499	346	11,194
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	946	988	1,019	1,075	1,136	1,228	932	840	1,229	1,336	431	11,160
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	3,054	4,567	4,163	5,533	5,977	5,090	5,017	4,459	4,573	4,770	862	48,065
c 10 ((500)												
Second Preference (EB2)	22.227	20.014	22 727	50 500	42.522	44.004		25.442	20.076	46.540	0.054	202.224
Total Petitions	22,387	26,614	33,797	50,522	43,522	41,084	45,114	36,413	38,976	46,548	8,254	393,231
Approved Denied	20,961 1,423	25,058 1,549	31,628 2,167	47,651 2,862	41,159 2,347	39,355 1,727	43,702 1,406	35,464 935	38,170 730	45,738 478	7,578 20	376,464 15,644
Pending, Other ¹	1,423	1,549	2,167	2,862	2,347	2	1,406	935	730	332	656	1.123
rending, other	3	/	2	9	10	2	0	14	70	332	030	1,123
Approvals by Category												
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	20.442	24,482	30.911	46,999	40.495	38.746	42,908	34.336	37.050	44,702	7,371	368.442
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Third Preference (EB3)												
Total Petitions	3,755	4,130	6,777	10,610	9,179	8,618	11,800	9,444	49,276	16,937	2,550	133,076
Approved	3,402	3,831	6,256	9,960	8,671	8,132	11,304	9,149	48,089	16,618	2,452	127,864
Denied	350	298	518	644	506	486	491	290	956	198	10	4,747
Pending, Other ¹	3	1	3	6	2	-	5	5	231	121	88	465
Approvals by Category												
Skilled Workers (E31)	1,412	1,245	3,055	4,014	4,250	2,944	3,966	3,363	4,731	3,798	472	33,250
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	1,977	2,579	3,192	5,920	4,402	5,163	7,287	5,765	43,320	12,788	1,976	94,369
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	13	7	9	26	19	25	51	21	38	32	4	245
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Other and Unknown ³	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Approved	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Denied	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Petitions by Employment Preference	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
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TOTAL	7,629	12,612	11,599	16,980	17,493	18,694	20,489	20,039	24,707	19,935	5,087	175,264
Approved	6,977	11,719	10,705	15,341	15,658	16,769	18,204	18,235	23,135	17,639	3,612	157,994
Denied	573	744	683	1,049	1,460	1,787	2,150	1,666	1,213	1,169	157	12,651
Pending, Other ¹	79	149	211	590	375	138	135	138	359	1,127	1,318	4,619
First Preference (EB1)												
Total Petitions	3,660	4,377	4,800	5,257	6,065	5,937	5,597	4,379	4,407	5,638	2,175	52,292
Approved	3,247	3,818	4,308	4,609	4,954	4,527	3,749	2,981	3,329	3,963	1,254	40,739
Denied	408	523	468	608	1,092	1,407	1,799	1,304	829	958	146	9,542
Pending, Other ¹	5	36	24	40	19	3	49	94	249	717	775	2,011
Approvals by Category												
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	1,415	1,787	2,088	2,362	2,712	2,377	1,752	1,301	1,567	2,023	691	20,075
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	1,352	1,402	1,485	1,316	1,336	1,314	1,172	1,024	1,330	1,524	492	13,747
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	480	629	735	931	906	836	825	656	432	416	71	6,917
s in ((500)												
Second Preference (EB2)	2 445						40.000	40.000	0.004	40.040	2 272	70.000
Total Petitions	3,445	4,067	5,141	7,535	6,415	8,211	10,832	10,899	9,881	10,240	2,272	78,938
Approved	3,352	3,965	5,055	7,377	6,217	7,981	10,572	10,604	9,587	9,773	1,745	76,228
Denied	93	101	85	153	193	229	260	278	234	159	10	1,795 915
Pending, Other ¹	-	1	1	5	5	1	-	17	60	308	517	915
Approvals by Category	l l											
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	2,521	3,291	4,338	6,625	5,446	7,200	8,556	7,921	7,620	7,331	1,283	62,132
	2,021	5,252	1,000	0,025	3,110	7,200	0,550	7,522	7,020	7,001	1,200	02,102
Third Preference (EB3)												
Total Petitions	403	4,006	1,394	3,565	4,704	4,437	3,980	4,731	10,384	4,032	637	42,273
Approved	378	3,936	1,342	3,355	4,486	4,261	3,883	4,650	10,219	3,903	613	41,026
Denied	25	67	51	161	135	130	78	80	143	45	1	916
Pending, Other ¹	-	3	1	49	83	46	19	1	22	84	23	331
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Approvals by Category												
Skilled Workers (E31)	84	97	173	386	377	346	416	372	469	355	52	3,127
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	257	3,811	1,074	2,694	3,932	3,744	3,285	4,163	9,634	3,338	555	36,487
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	37	28	95	275	177	171	182	115	116	210	6	1,412
Other and Unknown ³	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Approved	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Denied	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Petitions by Employment Preference	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
TOTAL	3,039	3,097	4,346	4,708	5,248	5,416	7,910	7,124	6,147	10,332	2,628	59,995
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Approved	2,614	2,684	3,687	3,736	3,818	3,991	6,400	6,814	5,911	9,941	2,433	52,029
Denied	368	365	601	886	1,364	1,373	1,456	290	165	253	35	7,156
Pending, Other ¹	57	48	58	86	66	52	54	20	71	138	160	810
First Preference (EB1)												
Total Petitions	106	128	101	116	146	160	107	92	91	100	26	1,173
Approved	88	99	81	93	114	138	92	79	77	68	12	941
Denied	18	29	20	23	32	22	15	12	8	3	-	182
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	29	14	50
Approvals by Category												
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	11	23	11	12	21	16	13	8	16	10	3	144
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	5	3	5	4	7	-	6	5	2	4	1	42
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	72	73	65	77	86	122	73	66	59	54	8	755
Second Preference (EB2)												
Total Petitions	1,563	1,377	1,097	1,335	1,019	771	586	407	373	380	65	8,973
Approved	1,357	1,177	943	1,110	824	631	451	376	356	348	41	7,614
Denied	204	198	154	223	193	140	133	28	13	10	-	1,296
Pending, Other ¹	2	2	-	2	2	-	2	3	4	22	24	63
Approvals by Category												
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	1,306	1,122	899	1,067	787	597	408	345	317	302	35	7,185
Third Preference (EB3)												
Total Petitions	1,263	1,512	2,949	2,996	3,934	4,410	7,151	6,608	5,672	9,840	2,534	48,869
Approved	1,169	1,408	2,663	2,533	2,880	3,221	5,857	6,359	5,478	9,525	2,380	43,473
Denied	94	102	284	463	1,045	1,187	1,288	246	142	239	34	5,124
Pending, Other ¹	-	2	2	-	9	2	6	3	52	76	120	272
Approvals by Category												
Skilled Workers (E31)	672	916	1,934	1,488	2,068	2,406	4,753	5,053	4,299	7,240	1,878	32,707
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	433	451	666	789	552	585	634	636	611	1,144	237	6,738
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	64	41	63	256	260	230	470	670	568	1,141	265	4,028
Other and Unknown ³	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Approved	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Denied Rending Other ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	-	-	=	-	-

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TOTAL	3,496	3,863	5,521	9,546	7,677	6,442	5,654	4,816	4,550	4,728	1,087	57,380
Approved	3,097	3,336	4,858	7,743	6,382	5,787	5,054	4,347	4,207	4,181	773	49,765
Denied	350	437	554	1,100	862	571	571	450	243	208	9	5,355
Pending, Other ¹	49	90	109	703	433	84	29	19	100	339	305	2,260
First Preference (EB1)												
Total Petitions	692	570	655	744	715	652	517	441	438	536	151	6,111
Approved	584	449	558	644	596	536	407	355	363	419	70	4,981
Denied	108	121	97	100	119	116	109	86	58	45	3	962
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	17	72	78	168
Approvals by Category												
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	151	114	159	190	214	200	106	101	97	104	14	1,450
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	66	51	68	85	103	74	52	29	53	65	17	663
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	367	284	331	369	279	262	249	225	213	250	39	2,868
c 15 ((500)												
Second Preference (EB2)	2.005	2 242	2 505	2 274	2	2.242	2 252	2 222	2.050	2.24		24400
Total Petitions	2,096	2,312	2,696	2,974	2,475	2,348	2,353	2,328	2,059	2,047	511	24,199
Approved	1,953	2,141	2,488	2,739	2,203	2,132	2,033	2,022	1,841	1,756	309	21,617
Denied Pending, Other ¹	143	171	206	235	271 1	215 1	320	295 11	145 73	91 200	3 199	2,095 487
rending, Other	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	11	/3	200	199	487
Approvals by Category												
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	1,385	1,483	1,684	1,877	1,192	1,128	988	724	794	696	116	12,067
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Third Preference (EB3)												
Total Petitions	616	841	1,960	4,903	3,915	3,313	2,743	2,031	2,044	2,135	424	24,925
Approved	561	746	1,811	4,358	3,583	3,118	2,614	1,970	2,003	2,006	394	23,164
Denied	55	95	145	530	290	158	120	61	37	72	3	1,566
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	4	15	42	37	9	-	4	57	27	195
Approvals by Category												
Skilled Workers (E31)	311	378	737	1,463	1,063	867	731	568	528	563	137	7,346
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	194	238	496	1,170	1,140	1,252	1,092	852	929	842	150	8,355
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	56	130	578	1,725	1,380	999	791	550	546	601	107	7,463
Other and Unknown ³	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Approved	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Denied	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
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	Fiscal Year Received											
Petitions by Employment Preference	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
TOTAL	1,799	1,932	2,075	2,907	2,959	3,361	3,807	3,376	4,245	4,749	1,145	32,355
Approved	1,561	1,684	1,841	2,614	2,598	3,006	3,548	3,222	4,021	4,346	711	29,152
Denied	227	226	223	275	333	325	248	140	155	160	8	2,320
Pending, Other ¹	11	22	11	18	28	30	11	14	69	243	426	883
First Preference (EB1)												
Total Petitions	735	677	780	846	931	696	520	510	457	526	181	6,859
Approved	630	566	642	671	708	474	441	463	396	425	71	5,487
Denied	105	109	134	170	214	202	78	47	44	28	1	1,132
Pending, Other ¹	-	2	4	5	9	20	1	-	17	73	109	240
Approvals by Category												
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	55	47	63	50	87	54	38	54	54	60	14	576
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	18	9	12	23	28	18	6	11	15	13	4	157
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	557	510	567	598	593	402	397	398	327	352	53	4,754
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Second Preference (EB2)												
Total Petitions	478	601	654	863	654	744	687	615	681	882	266	7,125
Approved	463	576	631	844	637	720	664	588	643	768	147	6,681
Denied	15	25	23	19	17	24	23	26	25	32	1	230
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	13	82	118	214
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Approvals by Category Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	424		504	707		652	500	546	540	504		
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21)	431	527	591	797	575	653	588	516	549	584	114	5,925
Third Preference (EB3)												
Total Petitions	574	630	626	1,166	1,338	1,908	2,593	2,240	3,090	3,325	696	18,186
Approved	468	542	568	1,099	1,253	1,812	2,443	2,171	2,982	3,153	493	16,984
Denied	105	86	57	67	85	95	146	64	82	96	5	888
Pending, Other ¹	1	2	1	-	-	1	4	5	26	76	198	314
Approvals by Category												
Skilled Workers (E31)	189	116	133	273	267	327	413	316	313	312	70	2,729
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	178	360	318	582	624	860	907	686	728	797	128	6,168
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	101	66	117	244	362	625	1,123	1,169	1,941	2,044	295	8,087
Other and Unknown ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Approved		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Denied	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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