

	Fiscal Year Received											
Petitions by Employment Preference	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
Total Petitions	57,034	79,644	84,624	74,423	71,602	87,014	102,902	147,567	139,374	137,501	148,415	1,130,100
Approved	48,375	70,405	75,144	67,493	65,160	80,132	95,660	135,796	126,586	124,673	115,458	1,004,882
Denied	8,043	8,532	8,801	6,416	5,854	6,034	6,095	8,008	9,369	9,678	6,018	82,848
Pending, Other ¹	616	707	679	514	588	848	1,147	3,763	3,419	3,150	26,939	42,370
First Preference (EB1)												
Total Petitions	17,238	17,599	17,109	17,609	20,265	22,854	24,752	28,719	32,064	28,489	24,170	250,868
Approved	13,546	14,269	13,989	15,029	17,649	19,910	21,974	25,369	27,284	22,799	12,268	204,086
Denied	3,630	3,250	2,967	2,439	2,389	2,596	2,423	2,892	4,296	4,608	2,531	34,021
Pending, Other ¹	62	80	153	141	227	348	355	458	484	1,082	9,371	12,761
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Approvals by Category												
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	2,901	3,479	3,135	3,488	4,222	4,964	5,928	7,246	8,508	7,173	3,552	54,596
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	2,923	3,410	2,944	2,953	3,238	3,366	3,609	3,537	3,818	3,642	2,744	36,184
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	7,722	7,380	7,910	8,588	10,189	11,580	12,437	14,586	14,958	11,984	5,972	113,306
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Second Preference (EB2)												
Total Petitions	19,715	38,397	47,382	45,518	41,398	49,208	58,787	82,532	70,233	69,981	78,209	601,360
Approved	18,270	35,912	44,000	42,601	38,788	46,523	56,167	79,350	67,525	66,904	65,042	561,082
Denied	1,341	2,311	3,155	2,696	2,405	2,459	2,401	2,827	2,386	2,033	1,123	25,137
Pending, Other ¹	104	174	227	221	205	226	219	355	322	1,044	12,044	15,141
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Approvals by Category												
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	18,270	35,912	44,000	42,601	38,788	46,523	56,167	79,350	67,525	66,904	65,042	561,082
Third Preference (EB3)												
Total Petitions	20,079	23,546	20,042	11,228	9,919	14,952	19,363	36,314	37,075	39,023	46,036	277,577
Approved	16,558	20,168	17,098	9,817	8,710	13,699	17,519	31,076	31,776	34,964	38,148	239,533
Denied	3,071	2,945	2,652	1,262	1,054	979	1,271	2,288	2,686	3,035	2,364	23,607
Pending, Other ¹	450	433	292	149	155	274	573	2,950	2,613	1,024	5,524	14,437
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Approvals by Category	8,771	8,297	6,981	3,475	3,693	3,833	8,094	11,568	42.274	12.125	13,376	92,597
Skilled Workers (E31)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·								12,374	12,135		
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	6,478	10,269	8,996	5,983	4,616 401	9,541	8,530	17,040	16,497	18,926	19,870	126,746
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	1,309	1,602	1,121	359	401	325	895	2,468	2,905	3,903	4,902	20,190
Other and Unknown	2	102	91	68	20	-	-	2	2	8		295
Approved	1	56	57	46	13		-	1	1	6		181
Denied	1	26	27	19	6	+		1	1	2		83
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	Fiscal Year Received											
Petitions by Employment Preference	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
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Total Petitions	15,060	27,432	36,022	32,601	31,858	38,088	47,705	70,013	62,341	58,606	64,906	484,632
Approved	13,357	24,661	32,295	30,090	29,586	35,966	45,435	67,204	59,797	56,119	56,608	451,118
Denied	1,621	2,660	3,616	2,417	2,182	1,992	2,170	2,638	2,385	2,248	1,352	25,281
Pending, Other ¹	82	111	111	94	90	130	100	171	159	239	6,946	8,233
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First Preference (EB1)												
Total Petitions	2,820	3,337	3,676	4,158	5,136	6,937	6,748	8,536	9,463	8,771	7,903	67,485
Approved	2,261	2,627	3,038	3,627	4,680	6,454	6,282	7,970	8,569	7,523	4,105	57,136
Denied	556	698	619	520	435	440	441	536	839	1,114	516	6,714
Pending, Other ¹	3	12	19	11	21	43	25	30	55	134	3,282	3,635
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Approvals by Category Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	372	505	430	412	632	819	942	1,129	1,396	1,262	677	8,576
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Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)									1,136	1,225	2,572	10,160
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	1,252	1,325	1,889	2,450	3,100	4,652	4,320	5,767	6,037	5,036	2,572	38,400
Second Preference (EB2)												
Total Petitions	7,262	16,564	24,241	23,777	22,829	26,979	34,120	50,805	43,661	41,193	45,165	336,596
Approved	6,674	15,313	22,286	22,311	21,440	25,634	32,702	49,054	42,359	40,317	41,598	319,688
Denied	538	1,187	1,884	1,396	1,327	1,266	1,355	1,634	1,217	793	550	13,147
Pending, Other ¹	50	64	71	70	62	79	63	117	85	83	3,017	3,761
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Approvals by Category												
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	6,674	15,313	22,286	22,311	21,440	25,634	32,702	49,054	42,359	40,317	41,598	319,688
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Third Preference (EB3)												
Total Petitions	4,978	7,487	8,052	4,614	3,881	4,172	6,837	10,671	9,216	8,642	11,838	80,388
Approved	4,422	6,682	6,929	4,110	3,455	3,878	6,451	10,179	8,868	8,279	10,905	74,158
Denied	527	771	1,102	491	419	286	374	468	329	341	286	5,394
Pending, Other ¹	29	34	21	13	7	8	12	24	19	22	647	836
Approvals by Category												
Skilled Workers (E31)	1,646	1,985	2,635	1,532	1,450	1,274	3,219	4,163	4,393	3,027	3,710	29,034
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	2,729	4,633	4,254	2,570	1,992	2,596	3,224	5,989	4,455	5,228	7,145	44,815
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	47	64	40	8	13	8	8	27	20	24	50	309
Other and Unknown	-	44	53	52	12	-	-	1	1	-	-	163
Approved		39	42	42	11			1	1			136
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	Fiscal Year Received											
Petitions by Employment Preference	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
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Total Petitions	6,010	7,841	7,637	7,588	7,636	12,612	11,600	16,973	17,495	18,697	20,481	134,570
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Approved	5,185	7,008	6,800	6,976	6,998	11,732	10,714	15,343	15,676	16,761	15,452	118,645
Denied	769	760	741	553	552	725	607	874	1,336	1,621	1,164	9,702
Pending, Other ¹	56	73	96	59	86	155	279	756	483	315	3,865	6,223
First Preference (EB1)												
Total Petitions	2,701	3,335	2,986	3,133	3,715	4,436	4,863	5,329	6,121	5,982	5,614	48,215
Approved	2,127	2,771	2,432	2,707	3,253	3,821	4,317	4,640	4,975	4,525	2,689	38,257
Denied Denied	562	556	542	408	417	537	4,317	609	1,077	1,349	1,029	7,556
Pending, Other ¹	12	8	12	18	417	78	76	80	69	1,349	1,896	2,402
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Approvals by Category												
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	746	1,073	908	1,130	1,418	1,789	2,093	2,381	2,732	2,384	1,224	17,878
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	1,104	1,453	1,225	1,229	1,354	1,402	1,486	1,319	1,338	1,317	1,056	14,283
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	277	245	299	348	481	630	738	940	905	824	409	6,096
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Second Preference (EB2)												
Total Petitions	2,678	3,729	4,034	4,078	3,502	4,120	5,204	7,625	6,465	8,257	10,879	60,571
Approved	2,515	3,559	3,814	3,910	3,366	3,984	5,095	7,472	6,289	8,036	9,041	57,081
Denied	144	130	153	128	104	113	84	111	152	181	86	1,386
Pending, Other ¹	19	40	67	40	32	23	25	42	24	40	1,752	2,104
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Approvals by Category												
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	2,515	3,559	3,814	3,910	3,366	3,984	5,095	7,472	6,289	8,036	9,041	57,081
Third Preference (EB3)												
Total Petitions	630	775	617	376	419	4,056	1,533	4,019	4,909	4,457	3,988	25,779
Approved	543	677	554	358	379	3,927	1,302	3,231	4,412	4,200	3,722	23,305
Denied Denied	62	74	46	17	31	75	53	154	107	90	49	758
Pending, Other ¹	25	24	17	1	9	54	178	634	390	167	217	1,716
Approvals by Category	T				I				T	T		
Skilled Workers (E31)	201	161	112	49	87	98	177	413	393	348	367	2,406
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	240	400	427	295	257	3,806	1,080	2,715	3,944	3,757	3,208	20,129
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	102	116	15	14	35	23	45	103	75	3,757 95	3,206	770
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Other and Unknown	1	2		1						1		5
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Reference(s):

- $^{1} \mbox{Includes}$ a small number of cases updated as an administrative closure.
- ² Includes National Interest Waiver petitions.

Note(s):

- 1) Some applications or petitions approved or denied may have been received in previous reporting periods.
- 2) The report reflects the most up-to-date estimate available at the time the database is queried.
- 3) Counts may differ from those reported in previous periods due to system updates and post-adjudicative outcomes.
- 4) Data is not limited by priority date for approvals.
- 5) Other and Unknown includes any I140 that had no reason for filing listed in the system.
- 6) In FY2012 USCIS added a reason for filing field to determine the difference for E31 and E32.
- For 2012 and prior, the report uses the class preference field to determine an E31 or E32 approval.
- For the small number where the class preference field was not determinative as E31 or E32, the case was counted as an E31.

Source(s):

1) Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Performance Reporting Tool, queried November 2019.