

Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker
 Number of Petitions Received and Current Status for All Countries
 By Fiscal Year Received and Current Status
 Fiscal Years 2012 to 2021



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Petitions by Employment Preference	Fiscal Year Received										Grand Total
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Total Petitions	74,424	71,607	87,016	102,907	147,594	139,390	137,514	148,422	129,536	178,498	1,216,908
Approved	67,092	64,620	79,379	94,125	133,998	125,265	124,697	135,829	117,146	105,565	1,047,716
Denied	6,810	6,419	6,838	7,769	10,300	11,358	11,640	11,224	6,446	2,259	81,063
Pending, Other ¹	522	568	799	1,013	3,296	2,767	1,177	1,369	5,944	70,674	88,129
First Preference (EB1)											
Total Petitions	17,610	20,267	22,852	24,754	28,728	32,069	28,479	24,142	21,395	22,020	242,316
Approved	14,993	17,599	19,812	21,814	25,096	27,187	23,207	19,351	16,829	7,778	193,666
Denied	2,479	2,446	2,740	2,666	3,314	4,609	5,015	4,449	3,354	1,343	32,415
Pending, Other ¹	138	222	300	274	318	273	257	342	1,212	12,899	16,235
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	3,487	4,220	4,963	5,925	7,225	8,480	7,233	4,666	3,961	3,486	53,646
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	2,954	3,239	3,366	3,609	3,535	3,816	3,660	3,006	2,590	2,724	32,499
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	8,552	10,140	11,483	12,280	14,336	14,891	12,314	11,679	10,278	1,568	107,521
Second Preference (EB2)											
Total Petitions	45,518	41,398	49,211	58,784	82,533	70,240	69,995	78,229	67,598	70,550	634,056
Approved	42,307	38,357	45,944	55,065	77,915	66,376	66,556	74,281	61,798	42,685	571,284
Denied	2,977	2,843	3,029	3,466	4,215	3,613	3,235	3,419	1,687	324	28,808
Pending, Other ¹	234	198	238	253	403	251	204	529	4,113	27,541	33,964
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	42,307	38,357	45,944	55,065	77,915	66,376	66,556	74,281	61,798	42,685	571,284
Third Preference (EB3)											
Total Petitions	11,199	9,914	14,953	19,368	36,330	37,076	39,031	46,050	40,543	85,915	340,379
Approved	9,752	8,650	13,623	17,245	30,986	31,701	34,928	42,197	38,519	55,102	282,703
Denied	1,298	1,116	1,069	1,637	2,769	3,134	3,388	3,355	1,405	592	19,763
Pending, Other ¹	149	148	261	486	2,575	2,241	715	498	619	30,221	37,913
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Skilled Workers (E31)	3,431	3,643	3,769	7,816	11,295	12,162	12,046	15,962	14,758	11,565	96,447
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	5,963	4,605	9,526	8,469	16,931	16,425	18,878	20,737	17,691	39,790	159,015
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	358	402	328	960	2,760	3,114	4,004	5,498	6,070	3,747	27,241
Other and Unknown											
Approved	40	14	-	1	3	5	9	1	-	13	157
Denied	56	14	-	-	2	2	2	1	-	-	77
Pending, Other ¹	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	13	17

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Petitions by Employment Preference	Fiscal Year Received										Grand Total
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Total Petitions	3,327	3,047	3,100	4,345	4,708	5,248	5,418	7,909	7,124	6,146	50,372
Approved	2,742	2,620	2,681	3,701	3,764	3,854	3,988	6,415	6,779	3,847	40,391
Denied	529	367	363	541	790	1,289	1,354	1,413	269	38	6,953
Pending, Other ¹	56	60	56	103	154	105	76	81	76	2,261	3,028
First Preference (EB1)											
Total Petitions	116	106	128	101	117	146	160	107	93	91	1,165
Approved	101	88	99	81	93	114	138	92	76	21	903
Denied	15	18	29	20	23	31	22	15	13	1	187
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	4	69	75
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	12	11	23	11	12	21	16	13	6	9	134
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	3	5	3	5	4	7		6	5	2	40
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	86	72	73	65	77	86	122	73	65	10	729
Second Preference (EB2)											
Total Petitions	1,984	1,598	1,404	1,118	1,411	1,046	781	591	408	373	10,714
Approved	1,600	1,356	1,176	943	1,118	828	631	453	368	180	8,653
Denied	369	216	213	165	263	198	141	127	24	7	1,723
Pending, Other ¹	15	26	15	10	30	20	9	11	16	186	338
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	1,600	1,356	1,176	943	1,118	828	631	453	368	180	8,653
Third Preference (EB3)											
Total Petitions	1,212	1,337	1,568	3,126	3,180	4,056	4,475	7,211	6,623	5,682	38,470
Approved	1,037	1,174	1,406	2,677	2,553	2,912	3,218	5,870	6,335	3,646	30,828
Denied	134	129	121	356	504	1,060	1,191	1,271	232	30	5,028
Pending, Other ¹	41	34	41	93	123	84	66	70	56	2,006	2,614
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Skilled Workers (E31)	487	675	915	1,945	1,495	2,086	2,401	4,760	5,043	3,149	22,956
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	487	434	450	669	794	555	586	637	633	303	5,548
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	63	65	41	63	264	271	231	473	659	194	2,324
Other and Unknown											
Total Petitions	15	6	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	23
Approved	4	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	7
Denied	11	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1

Reference(s):

¹ Includes a small number of cases updated as an administrative closure.

² Includes National Interest Waiver petitions.

Table Key:

(-) Zeros

Note(s):

1) Petitions received in one reporting period may be approved or denied in subsequent 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 I-140 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.

7) Top five countries are determined by total number of receipts in FY2021 and they are India, China, the Philippines, South Korea, and Brazil.

8) This report is based on the fiscal year in which the petition was submitted to USCIS, not the fiscal year in which the petition was adjudicated. A petition may be adjudicated in a later fiscal year than it was filed. Therefore, this report is different from other reports that are based on the fiscal year in which the petition was adjudicated.

Source(s):

Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of Performance and Quality CLAIMS3, queried October 2021, TRK 8248.