

Form I 140 Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker  
 Approvals by Fiscal Year and Employment-Based Preference  
 For Top Ten Countries and Rest of the World Each Year  
 Fiscal Years 2016 to 2020



**U.S. Citizenship  
 and Immigration  
 Services**

Fiscal Year and Country	Employment Based Preference Category				Total
	1st (Priority)	2nd (Professional)	3rd (Professional and Skilled)	3rd (Other)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>109,210</b>	<b>355,847</b>	<b>164,440</b>	<b>20,332</b>	<b>649,829</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2016</b>	<b>21,947</b>	<b>74,375</b>	<b>26,465</b>	<b>1,885</b>	<b>124,672</b>
INDIA	6,027	45,356	10,208	19	61,610
CHINA	4,350	6,488	2,487	84	13,409
KOREA, SOUTH	564	2,880	2,486	1,052	6,982
PHILIPPINES	68	1,160	2,528	95	3,851
UNITED KINGDOM	1,418	682	423	6	2,529
CANADA	815	1,085	612	3	2,515
MEXICO	645	838	750	181	2,414
BRAZIL	818	547	308	13	1,686
IRAN	246	1,201	114	26	1,587
TAIWAN	97	1,109	204	19	1,429
REST OF THE WORLD	6,899	13,029	6,345	387	26,660
<b>Fiscal Year 2017</b>	<b>23,824</b>	<b>64,702</b>	<b>28,306</b>	<b>2,705</b>	<b>119,537</b>
INDIA	7,361	41,459	9,528	26	58,374
CHINA	4,770	6,268	3,906	87	15,031
KOREA, SOUTH	593	1,975	2,163	1,106	5,837
PHILIPPINES	86	811	2,218	265	3,380
MEXICO	575	596	796	311	2,278
UNITED KINGDOM	1,325	480	463	10	2,278
CANADA	779	770	663	8	2,220
BRAZIL	872	397	494	46	1,809
IRAN	277	1,239	209	34	1,759
FRANCE	588	504	242	7	1,341
REST OF THE WORLD	6,598	10,203	7,624	805	25,230
<b>Fiscal Year 2018</b>	<b>23,283</b>	<b>78,201</b>	<b>37,999</b>	<b>4,454</b>	<b>143,937</b>
INDIA	7,294	47,855	12,037	56	67,242
CHINA	3,773	10,444	4,651	177	19,045
PHILIPPINES	133	599	4,879	527	6,138
KOREA, SOUTH	482	2,027	2,202	922	5,633
MEXICO	531	783	1,560	1,189	4,063
BRAZIL	973	784	1,005	171	2,933
CANADA	721	983	1,085	10	2,799
UNITED KINGDOM	1,258	529	625	44	2,456
IRAN	103	1,568	263	32	1,966
TAIWAN	109	982	464	23	1,578
REST OF THE WORLD	7,906	11,647	9,228	1,303	30,084

<b>Fiscal Year 2019</b>	<b>21,578</b>	<b>77,547</b>	<b>39,980</b>	<b>5,893</b>	<b>144,998</b>
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TAIWAN	109	982	464	23	1,578
REST OF THE WORLD	6,201	10,993	11,209	2,742	31,145
<b>Fiscal Year 2020</b>	<b>18,578</b>	<b>61,022</b>	<b>31,690</b>	<b>5,395</b>	<b>116,685</b>
INDIA	6,871	35,363	8,973	27	51,234
CHINA	2,915	9,792	3,824	80	16,611
PHILIPPINES	95	376	5,802	481	6,754
KOREA, SOUTH	398	1,659	1,408	529	3,994
MEXICO	508	553	1,008	1,113	3,182
BRAZIL	942	988	744	256	2,930
CANADA	630	707	638	13	1,988
IRAN	63	1,616	153	21	1,853
UNITED KINGDOM	1,011	407	380	18	1,816
TAIWAN	77	756	329	12	1,174
REST OF THE WORLD	5,068	8,805	8,431	2,845	25,149

**Note(s):**

- 1) Some petitions, applications, requests approved or denied may have been received in previous reporting periods.
- 2) This report reflects the most up to date data 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) The counts of approved petitions represent only primary beneficiaries. Dependents are not included.
- 5) For a complete list of USCIS forms and descriptions, visit: <https://www.uscis.gov/forms>.
- 6) Approvals reflect the initial decision on a case. The case may have been reopened and revoked at a later date.

**Source(s):**

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