

Number of Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker Petitions Received and Current Status for All Countries
By Fiscal Year Received and Current Status
Fiscal Years 2013 to 2022



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Petitions by Employment Preference	Fiscal Year Received										TOTAL
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
TOTAL	71,524	86,972	102,890	147,572	139,358	137,508	148,430	129,536	178,810	165,299	1,307,899
Approved	64,513	79,393	94,127	134,366	125,298	124,477	135,756	120,266	166,920	140,157	1,185,273
Denied	5,745	6,309	7,220	9,829	11,202	11,695	11,778	8,066	6,204	4,029	82,077
Pending, Other ¹	36	112	75	196	311	311	310	895	5,456	20,968	28,670
First Preference (EB1)											
Total Petitions	20,013	22,585	24,483	28,419	31,781	28,311	24,079	21,339	22,011	25,950	248,971
Approved	17,593	19,828	21,799	25,070	27,138	23,170	19,418	17,422	17,578	17,836	206,852
Denied	2,396	2,679	2,636	3,270	4,569	5,041	4,538	3,684	2,605	2,065	33,483
Pending, Other ¹	24	78	48	79	74	100	123	233	1,828	6,049	8,636
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	5,684	6,450	7,405	9,011	11,376	10,870	8,302	7,226	7,988	10,481	84,793
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	3,348	3,546	3,774	3,661	3,982	4,010	3,346	2,934	3,766	4,323	36,690
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	11,224	12,847	13,579	16,057	16,707	13,595	12,491	11,220	10,282	11,173	129,175
Second Preference (EB2)											
Total Petitions	40,730	48,614	58,198	81,809	69,830	69,663	78,043	67,495	70,523	84,425	669,330
Approved	38,291	45,934	55,014	77,781	66,213	66,321	74,164	64,094	66,106	71,031	624,949
Denied	2,431	2,661	3,171	4,007	3,583	3,315	3,813	2,821	1,843	1,023	28,668
Pending, Other ¹	8	19	13	21	34	27	66	580	2,574	12,371	15,713
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	36,447	43,742	52,652	75,861	62,409	61,651	65,719	53,289	55,997	62,501	570,268
Third Preference (EB3)											
Total Petitions	9,551	14,615	18,740	34,160	35,211	38,502	45,722	40,393	86,046	54,779	377,719
Approved	8,629	13,631	17,313	31,514	31,946	34,980	42,174	38,750	83,236	51,290	353,463
Denied	918	969	1,413	2,550	3,049	3,338	3,427	1,561	1,756	941	19,922
Pending, Other ¹	4	15	14	96	216	184	121	82	1,054	2,548	4,334
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Skilled Workers (E31)	4,408	4,306	8,898	12,755	14,186	14,502	18,380	15,489	16,358	19,947	129,229
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	4,962	10,156	9,076	17,968	17,324	19,684	21,418	18,212	62,264	25,126	206,190
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	530	484	1,391	5,606	5,555	4,847	6,256	6,849	7,560	9,776	48,854
Other and Unknown³	-	-	1	3	2	7	-	-	-	-	13
Approved	-	-	1	1	1	6	-	-	-	-	9
Denied	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	4
Pending, Other ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Petitions by Employment Preference	Fiscal Year Received										TOTAL
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
TOTAL	31,819	38,064	47,698	69,998	62,329	58,611	64,917	52,921	96,513	72,576	595,446
Approved	29,002	35,263	44,025	65,391	58,385	55,125	61,952	50,892	92,993	67,688	560,716
Denied	2,232	2,362	3,267	4,224	3,712	3,314	2,814	1,899	2,266	1,049	27,139
Pending, Other ¹	8	14	12	21	29	12	23	52	1,164	3,781	5,116
First Preference (EB1)											
Total Petitions	5,101	6,893	6,720	8,508	9,421	8,750	7,879	6,984	8,164	9,009	77,429
Approved	4,631	6,372	6,123	7,740	8,502	7,584	6,892	6,184	6,955	6,789	67,772
Denied	468	516	591	764	908	1,156	976	774	742	523	7,418
Pending, Other ¹	2	5	6	4	11	10	11	26	467	1,697	2,239
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	872	1,042	1,175	1,413	1,922	2,014	1,594	1,438	1,947	2,321	15,738
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	986	1,045	1,064	1,119	1,192	1,397	1,094	969	1,410	1,518	11,794
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	3,277	4,849	4,509	6,006	6,352	5,356	5,199	4,587	4,812	5,179	50,126
Second Preference (EB2)											
Total Petitions	22,388	26,614	33,806	50,516	43,525	41,083	45,113	36,415	38,982	46,566	385,008
Approved	20,970	25,060	31,646	47,686	41,202	39,402	43,741	35,541	38,172	44,601	368,021
Denied	1,415	1,546	2,157	2,820	2,307	1,679	1,365	854	637	370	15,150
Pending, Other ¹	3	8	3	10	16	2	7	20	173	1,595	1,837
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	22,183	26,304	33,330	50,093	42,952	40,555	44,347	35,281	37,822	45,412	378,279
Third Preference (EB3)											
Total Petitions	3,753	4,132	6,777	10,611	9,179	8,618	11,797	9,444	49,277	16,943	130,531
Approved	3,401	3,831	6,255	9,965	8,681	8,139	11,319	9,167	47,866	16,298	124,922
Denied	349	300	519	639	496	479	473	271	887	156	4,569
Pending, Other ¹	3	1	3	7	2	-	5	6	524	489	1,040
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Skilled Workers (E31)	1,725	1,355	3,420	4,357	4,528	3,183	4,230	3,449	4,827	3,887	34,961
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	2,126	2,803	3,408	6,279	4,666	5,434	7,550	5,986	44,449	13,034	95,735
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	19	10	13	34	21	29	58	22	45	40	291
Other and Unknown³											
Approved	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Denied	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Pending, Other ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Petitions by Employment Preference	Fiscal Year Received										TOTAL
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
TOTAL	7,629	12,612	11,599	16,980	17,493	18,694	20,489	20,039	24,707	19,931	170,173
Approved	6,978	11,721	10,704	15,353	15,664	16,776	18,227	18,220	22,963	16,387	152,993
Denied	524	692	603	918	1,410	1,738	2,094	1,634	1,081	897	11,591
Pending, Other ¹	5	40	27	97	110	56	97	153	629	2,639	3,853
First Preference (EB1)											
Total Petitions	3,659	4,379	4,800	5,259	6,064	5,938	5,596	4,378	4,407	5,643	50,123
Approved	3,247	3,823	4,307	4,609	4,955	4,531	3,747	2,972	3,229	3,640	39,060
Denied	407	520	468	610	1,088	1,403	1,777	1,279	747	760	9,059
Pending, Other ¹	5	36	25	40	21	4	72	127	431	1,243	2,004
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	1,727	2,150	2,425	2,859	3,620	3,565	3,391	2,497	2,456	3,422	28,112
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	1,383	1,476	1,560	1,361	1,403	1,447	1,311	1,164	1,475	1,701	14,281
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	602	808	880	1,111	1,097	965	914	729	484	521	8,111
Second Preference (EB2)											
Total Petitions	3,445	4,068	5,141	7,537	6,413	8,198	10,842	10,899	9,884	10,242	76,669
Approved	3,353	3,965	5,057	7,383	6,218	7,987	10,597	10,598	9,538	8,939	73,635
Denied	92	102	83	149	190	209	241	276	198	105	1,645
Pending, Other ¹	-	1	1	5	5	2	4	25	148	1,198	1,389
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	2,603	3,376	4,438	6,764	5,591	7,381	8,650	8,014	7,720	7,387	61,924
Third Preference (EB3)											
Total Petitions	403	4,006	1,393	3,572	4,706	4,434	3,980	4,730	10,382	4,038	41,644
Approved	378	3,933	1,340	3,361	4,490	4,258	3,883	4,650	10,196	3,808	40,297
Denied	25	70	52	159	132	126	76	79	136	32	887
Pending, Other ¹	-	3	1	52	84	50	21	1	50	198	460
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Skilled Workers (E31)	109	112	206	495	427	374	433	390	488	372	3,406
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	267	3,894	1,111	2,792	4,020	3,825	3,341	4,227	9,786	3,387	36,650
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	42	51	216	739	461	257	220	119	122	283	2,510
Other and Unknown³											
Approved	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Denied	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Petitions by Employment Preference	Fiscal Year Received										TOTAL
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
TOTAL	3,040	3,097	4,346	4,708	5,248	5,416	7,910	7,124	6,147	10,332	57,368
Approved	2,616	2,685	3,689	3,736	3,820	3,989	6,405	6,814	5,870	9,684	49,308
Denied	316	326	456	709	1,267	1,347	1,423	281	150	222	6,497
Pending, Other ¹	3	4	2	3	12	2	10	10	119	418	583
First Preference (EB1)											
Total Petitions	106	128	101	116	146	160	107	92	91	101	1,148
Approved	88	99	81	93	114	138	92	79	74	61	919
Denied	18	29	20	23	32	22	15	12	6	3	180
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	11	37	49
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	21	42	26	26	40	30	22	18	21	32	278
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	5	3	5	5	7	-	7	5	2	5	44
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	80	83	70	86	99	130	78	70	68	64	828
Second Preference (EB2)											
Total Petitions	1,563	1,377	1,097	1,335	1,019	771	586	407	373	380	8,908
Approved	1,356	1,177	943	1,110	824	631	452	375	346	325	7,539
Denied	204	198	154	223	192	140	131	26	12	8	1,288
Pending, Other ¹	3	2	-	2	3	-	3	6	15	47	81
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	1,489	1,278	1,020	1,338	984	721	517	368	324	314	8,353
Third Preference (EB3)											
Total Petitions	1,266	1,510	2,949	2,997	3,934	4,406	7,145	6,606	5,675	9,843	46,331
Approved	1,172	1,409	2,665	2,533	2,882	3,219	5,861	6,360	5,450	9,298	40,849
Denied	94	99	282	463	1,043	1,185	1,277	243	132	211	5,029
Pending, Other ¹	-	2	2	1	9	2	7	3	93	334	453
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Skilled Workers (E31)	770	1,002	2,251	1,892	3,026	3,558	5,957	5,231	4,420	7,482	35,589
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	486	509	785	958	718	652	720	681	650	1,193	7,352
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	80	56	91	330	312	264	535	711	613	1,176	4,168
Other and Unknown³											
Approved						1					1
Denied						-					-
Pending, Other ⁴						-					-

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TOTAL	3,497	3,863	5,521	9,546	7,677	6,442	5,654	4,816	4,550	4,728	56,294
Approved	3,099	3,336	4,856	7,732	6,378	5,786	5,055	4,345	4,150	3,740	48,477
Denied	307	390	446	854	661	482	548	432	202	129	4,451
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	7	18	55	41	11	25	187	854	1,198
First Preference (EB1)											
Total Petitions	692	573	655	744	715	651	517	441	438	535	5,961
Approved	584	449	558	644	596	536	407	354	353	373	4,854
Denied	108	124	97	100	119	115	109	84	51	32	939
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	34	130	168
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	228	189	209	245	291	294	190	165	158	187	2,156
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	70	54	74	86	105	77	56	36	54	70	682
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	399	337	379	415	325	290	272	242	226	279	3,164
Second Preference (EB2)											
Total Petitions	2,096	2,312	2,695	2,974	2,472	2,348	2,354	2,329	2,058	2,048	23,686
Approved	1,953	2,143	2,488	2,739	2,203	2,132	2,035	2,020	1,801	1,451	20,965
Denied	143	169	204	234	266	215	319	287	115	38	1,990
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	3	1	3	1	-	22	142	559	731
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	1,451	1,557	1,777	1,980	1,240	1,163	1,009	735	803	717	12,432
Third Preference (EB3)											
Total Petitions	618	841	1,959	4,884	3,907	3,309	2,743	2,032	2,043	2,140	24,476
Approved	562	744	1,810	4,348	3,579	3,117	2,613	1,971	1,996	1,916	22,656
Denied	56	97	145	519	276	152	120	61	36	59	1,521
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	4	17	52	40	10	-	11	165	299
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Skilled Workers (E31)	383	499	866	1,658	1,186	956	794	597	543	619	8,101
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	206	256	520	1,237	1,195	1,292	1,124	869	948	852	8,499
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	79	178	703	2,829	2,028	1,138	844	571	561	670	9,601
Other and Unknown³											
Approved	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
Denied	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Pending, Other ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

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Number of Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker Petitions Received and Current Status for Mexico
By Fiscal Year Received and Current Status
Fiscal Years 2013 to 2022



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Petitions by Employment Preference	Fiscal Year Received										TOTAL
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
TOTAL	1,799	1,932	2,075	2,907	2,959	3,361	3,807	3,376	4,245	4,748	31,209
Approved	1,561	1,684	1,840	2,614	2,597	3,006	3,547	3,218	3,963	4,048	28,078
Denied	225	220	213	256	316	308	245	135	132	112	2,162
Pending, Other ¹	1	4	6	5	11	32	5	13	137	581	795
First Preference (EB1)											
Total Petitions	735	677	779	846	932	695	520	510	458	525	6,677
Approved	630	566	642	671	707	474	441	462	378	358	5,329
Denied	105	109	132	170	214	190	78	46	40	17	1,101
Pending, Other ¹	-	2	5	5	11	31	1	2	40	150	247
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	86	75	81	74	114	88	62	76	86	99	841
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	19	9	13	23	29	20	6	13	16	13	161
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	634	603	693	752	798	590	452	421	356	414	5,713
Second Preference (EB2)											
Total Petitions	478	601	654	863	654	744	687	615	681	884	6,861
Approved	463	577	631	844	637	720	664	586	631	686	6,439
Denied	15	24	23	19	17	24	23	25	19	19	208
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	31	179	214
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	440	542	609	818	590	668	602	526	557	600	5,952
Third Preference (EB3)											
Total Petitions	574	630	626	1,166	1,338	1,907	2,590	2,241	3,093	3,332	17,497
Approved	468	541	567	1,099	1,253	1,812	2,442	2,170	2,954	3,004	16,310
Denied	105	87	58	67	85	94	144	64	73	76	853
Pending, Other ¹	1	2	1	-	-	1	4	7	66	252	334
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Skilled Workers (E31)	259	175	171	315	297	367	452	332	331	371	3,070
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	189	384	326	596	650	886	929	695	741	817	6,213
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	133	84	136	276	412	666	1,218	1,224	2,034	2,150	8,333
Other and Unknown³											
Approved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Denied	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pending, Other ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table Key:

- Represents zero or rounds to 0.0

References:

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

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