

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 2011 to 2020



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Petitions by Employment Preference	Fiscal Year Received										Grand Total
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Total Petitions	84,627	74,424	71,604	87,016	102,906	147,593	139,390	137,514	148,423	129,513	1,123,010
Approved	75,075	67,466	65,145	80,125	95,555	135,619	126,564	125,548	134,702	92,683	998,482
Denied	8,810	6,425	5,871	6,065	6,142	8,199	9,673	10,381	9,693	3,618	74,877
Pending, Other ¹	742	533	588	826	1,209	3,775	3,153	1,585	4,028	33,212	49,651
First Preference (EB1)											
Total Petitions	17,109	17,610	20,264	22,853	24,754	28,726	32,069	28,482	24,145	21,407	237,419
Approved	13,989	15,030	17,648	19,914	21,975	25,361	27,295	23,208	18,847	11,758	195,025
Denied	2,970	2,441	2,392	2,625	2,473	2,986	4,428	4,874	4,074	1,975	31,238
Pending, Other ¹	150	139	224	314	306	379	346	400	1,224	7,674	11,156
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	3,134	3,488	4,222	4,966	5,929	7,238	8,499	7,249	4,435	2,666	51,826
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	2,944	2,954	3,239	3,366	3,609	3,536	3,816	3,666	3,003	2,193	32,326
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	7,911	8,588	10,187	11,582	12,437	14,587	14,980	12,293	11,409	6,899	110,873
Second Preference (EB2)											
Total Petitions	47,382	45,518	41,400	49,211	58,785	82,533	70,240	69,993	78,225	67,592	610,879
Approved	43,981	42,585	38,779	46,511	56,127	79,270	67,501	67,320	73,761	49,010	564,845
Denied	3,159	2,700	2,418	2,460	2,393	2,865	2,457	2,372	2,447	700	23,971
Pending, Other ¹	242	233	203	240	265	398	282	301	2,017	17,882	22,063
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	43,981	42,585	38,779	46,511	56,127	79,270	67,501	67,320	73,761	49,010	564,845
Third Preference (EB3)											
Total Petitions	20,033	11,218	9,916	14,952	19,366	36,332	37,077	39,030	46,052	40,514	274,490
Approved	17,039	9,799	8,702	13,700	17,452	30,987	31,766	35,014	42,094	31,915	238,468
Denied	2,653	1,263	1,054	980	1,276	2,347	2,787	3,133	3,172	943	19,608
Pending, Other ¹	341	156	160	272	638	2,998	2,524	883	786	7,656	16,414
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Skilled Workers (E31)	6,928	3,464	3,683	3,830	8,049	11,523	12,361	12,159	15,938	12,242	90,177
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	8,995	5,977	4,618	9,546	8,512	17,027	16,492	18,951	20,763	15,201	126,082
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	1,116	358	401	324	891	2,437	2,913	3,904	5,393	4,472	22,209
Other and Unknown	103	78	24	0	1	2	4	9	1	0	222
Approved	66	52	16	-	1	1	2	6	-	-	144
Denied	28	21	7	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	60
Pending, Other ¹	9	5	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	18

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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Total Petitions	36,019	32,595	31,856	38,082	47,700	70,014	62,346	58,610	64,912	52,866	495,000
Approved	32,288	30,079	29,579	35,956	45,428	67,176	59,804	56,202	62,453	42,958	461,923
Denied	3,613	2,416	2,186	1,992	2,159	2,644	2,404	2,313	2,038	946	22,711
Pending, Other ¹	118	100	91	134	113	194	138	95	421	8,962	10,366
First Preference (EB1)											
Total Petitions	3,675	4,158	5,134	6,935	6,746	8,538	9,465	8,768	7,891	6,990	68,300
Approved	3,037	3,626	4,677	6,453	6,283	7,973	8,577	7,592	6,717	4,329	59,264
Denied	620	521	434	440	440	534	839	1,140	901	442	6,311
Pending, Other ¹	18	11	23	42	23	31	49	36	273	2,219	2,725
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	430	411	632	820	943	1,129	1,397	1,272	895	584	8,513
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	719	766	948	982	1,020	1,075	1,136	1,232	933	708	9,519
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	1,888	2,449	3,097	4,651	4,320	5,769	6,044	5,088	4,889	3,037	41,232
Second Preference (EB2)											
Total Petitions	24,238	23,774	22,829	26,975	34,114	50,804	43,662	41,200	45,181	36,433	349,210
Approved	22,275	22,302	21,434	25,624	32,691	49,025	42,358	40,330	44,301	30,556	330,896
Denied	1,883	1,397	1,334	1,267	1,346	1,646	1,230	829	770	345	12,047
Pending, Other ¹	80	75	61	84	77	133	74	41	110	5,532	6,267
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	22,275	22,302	21,434	25,624	32,691	49,025	42,358	40,330	44,301	30,556	330,896
Third Preference (EB3)											
Total Petitions	8,048	4,605	3,879	4,172	6,839	10,671	9,218	8,642	11,839	9,443	77,356
Approved	6,929	4,104	3,455	3,879	6,453	10,177	8,868	8,280	11,435	8,073	71,653
Denied	1,099	487	417	285	373	464	335	344	367	159	4,330
Pending, Other ¹	20	14	7	8	13	30	15	18	37	1,211	1,373
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Skilled Workers (E31)	2,634	1,529	1,448	1,274	3,219	4,161	4,393	3,029	4,008	2,924	28,619
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	4,254	2,567	1,994	2,597	3,226	5,989	4,456	5,226	7,375	5,134	42,818
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	41	8	13	8	8	27	19	25	52	15	216
Other and Unknown	58	58	14	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	134
Approved	47	47	13	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	110
Denied	11	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
Pending, Other ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1

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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Total Petitions	3,741	3,327	3,047	3,100	4,345	4,708	5,248	5,418	7,910	7,119	47,963
Approved	3,161	2,749	2,628	2,693	3,756	3,862	3,903	3,999	6,364	5,266	38,381
Denied	465	514	350	350	435	715	1,232	1,335	1,392	174	6,962
Pending, Other ¹	115	64	69	57	154	131	113	84	154	1,679	2,620
First Preference (EB1)											
Total Petitions	130	116	106	128	101	117	146	160	108	93	1,205
Approved	98	101	88	99	81	93	114	138	92	49	953
Denied	31	15	18	29	20	23	31	22	14	4	207
Pending, Other ¹	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	40	45
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Aliens with Extraordinary Ability (E11)	12	12	11	23	11	12	21	16	13	2	133
Outstanding Professors or Researchers (E12)	2	3	5	3	5	4	7		6	5	40
Multinational Executives or Managers (E13)	84	86	72	73	65	77	86	122	73	42	780
Second Preference (EB2)											
Total Petitions	1,819	1,984	1,598	1,404	1,117	1,411	1,046	781	592	406	12,158
Approved	1,601	1,600	1,357	1,177	947	1,129	836	631	452	288	10,018
Denied	209	369	215	211	158	251	183	138	126	11	1,871
Pending, Other ¹	9	15	26	16	12	31	27	12	14	107	269
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Professionals with Advanced Degrees (E21) ²	1,601	1,600	1,357	1,177	947	1,129	836	631	452	288	10,018
Third Preference (EB3)											
Total Petitions	1,777	1,220	1,337	1,568	3,127	3,180	4,056	4,475	7,210	6,620	34,570
Approved	1,459	1,046	1,181	1,417	2,728	2,640	2,953	3,229	5,820	4,929	27,402
Denied	216	126	114	110	257	441	1,018	1,175	1,252	159	4,868
Pending, Other ¹	102	48	42	41	142	99	85	71	138	1,532	2,300
<i>Approvals by Category</i>											
Skilled Workers (E31)	610	496	681	924	1,985	1,558	2,127	2,413	4,716	4,038	19,548
Professionals with Baccalaureate Degrees (E32)	660	487	434	451	675	816	554	586	630	471	5,764
Needed Unskilled Workers (EW3)	189	63	66	42	68	266	272	230	474	420	2,090
Other and Unknown	15	7	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	30
Approved	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8
Denied	9	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Pending, Other ¹	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6

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) 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.

7) Top five countries are determined by total number of receipts in FY2020 and they are India, China, the Philippines, South Korea, and Brazil.

Source(s):

Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of Performance and Quality CLAIMS3, queried November 2020, TRK 6578.