THE U.S. IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

STATUTORY ADMISSIONS, ANNUAL NUMERICAL LIMITS, AND EXTRA-STATUTORY CHANNELS • FY 2024

IMMIGRATION ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT

Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) — FY24 Total: 1,364,090

Family-Based Categories — * Chain Migration

Immediate Relatives of U.S. Citizens — Cap: Unlimited — FY24: 672,240

- * **Parents**
- Spouses
- Minor Children (under 21)

Family-Sponsored Preferences — Floor: 226,000

- * **1st Preference:** Unmarried adult children of citizens — Cap: 23,400
- **2nd Preference:**
  - **2A:** Spouses & minor children of LPRs — Floor: 87,934 | Cap: 114,200
  - * **2B:** Unmarried adult children of LPRs — Cap: 26,266
- * **3rd Preference:** Married adult children of citizens — Cap: 23,400
- * **4th Preference:** Siblings of adult citizens — Cap: 65,000

* **Chain Migration:** Categories permitting primary immigrants to sponsor extended non-nuclear relatives (parents, adult offspring, siblings) beyond spouses and minor children.

Employment-Based Preferences — Statutory Cap: 140,000

1st Pref: Priority Workers — Cap: 40,040
Extraordinary ability • Researchers/professors • Multinational execs

2nd Pref: Advanced Degrees / Exceptional Ability — Cap: 40,040
Advanced degree professionals • Exceptional ability

3rd Pref: Skilled, Professionals, Unskilled — Cap: 40,040
Skilled workers • Professionals • Unskilled — Cap: 10,000

4th Pref: Special Immigrants — Cap: 9,940

5th Pref: Investors — Cap: 9,940

Diversity Visa Lottery — Statutory Cap: 55,000

Humanitarian & Other Adjustments — FY24 ACTUALS

- Refugee: Cap: Unlimited — FY24: 178,200
- Asylee: Cap: Unlimited — FY24: 41,650
- Parolee: Cap: Unlimited — FY24: 10
- Iraq/Afghan SIV: FY24: 43,260
- T/U Adjustments: FY24: 13,560
- OTHER: Cap: Unlimited — FY24: 950
- Cancellation of Removal: Cap: 4,000 — FY24: 4,330

Nonimmigrants — FY24 Visas Issued: 10,969,936

Guestworkers — FY24 ACTUALS

CW-1: CNMI transitional workers		2,517
E-1, 2: Treaty traders & investors	Cap: Unlimited	60,991
E-3: Specialty (Australia)	Cap: 10,500	10,607
G: Intl. Org. employees	Cap: Unlimited	44,362
H-1B: Specialty occupations	Cap: 85,000*	219,659
H-2A: Temporary agricultural	Cap: Unlimited	315,328
H-2B: Temporary non-agricultural	Cap: 66,000	139,541
H-3: Trainees / special ed visitors	Cap: 50	924
H-4: Dependents (Spouses may work)	Cap: Unlimited	139,874
I: Foreign media representatives	Cap: Unlimited	12,924
J: Exchange visitors	Cap: Unlimited	355,332
L-1: Intracompany transferees	Cap: Unlimited	71,799
O: Extraordinary ability/achievement	Cap: Unlimited	39,414
P: Athletes, artists, performers	Cap: Unlimited	36,672
Q: Cultural Exchange	Cap: Unlimited	1,781
R: Temporary religious workers	Cap: Unlimited	7,895
TN/TD: NAFTA/USMCA Professionals	Cap: Unlimited	27,871

Other Nonimmigrants — FY24 ACTUALS

- **A-1:** Diplomats 9,469
- **A-2/NATO:** Military 108,556
- **B-1:** Business 31,544
- **B-2 / BCC:** Tourists 8,421,830
- **D:** Crew (C-1/D) 330,445
- **F:** Students (May work) 424,792
- **K:** Fiancé(e)s 54,888
- **M:** Voc. (May work) 6,491
- **S:** Informants 0
- **T:** Trafficking 479
- **U:** Crime victims 1,342
- **TPS:** (Work Auth) USCIS: 863k
- **V:** Spouses/kids LPR 0
- **Visa Waiver** CBP: ~18.5M

Illegal Aliens — Unlawful Presence

- Visa Overstays
- Entered without inspection (EWI)

Executive Fiat — Administrative Programs

Optional Practical Training (OPT)
~~**CHNV Parole:** Cuban, Haitian, Nic., Ven.~~
~~**CBP One App parole**~~
Ukraine Parole: Uniting for Ukraine
Afghan parole: Operation Allies Welcome
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
~~**Parole-in-place amnesty**~~
~~**College graduate amnesty**~~

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