

The U.S. Immigration System

Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs)

FY23: 1,172,910

Family-Based

- **Immediate Relatives of U.S. Citizens**
Cap: Unlimited - FY23: 551,590
 - Parents
 - Spouses
 - Minor Children (under 21)
- **Family-Sponsored**
Floor: 226,000
 - **1st Preference**
Unmarried adult children of citizens
Cap: 23,400
 - **2nd Preference**
 - **A)** Spouses and minor children of LPRs
Floor: 87,934
Cap: 114,200
 - **B)** 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

Humanitarian

- **Refugee Adjustments**
Cap: Unlimited - FY23: 59,030
- **Asylee Adjustments**
Cap: Unlimited - FY23: 40,330
- **Parolee Adjustments**
Cap: Unlimited - FY23: 10
- **Cancellation of Removal**
Cap: 4,000 - FY23: 4,900
- **Iraq/Afghan SIV**
FY23: 26,430
- **T/U Visa Adjustments**
FY23: 20,520
- **OTHER**
Cap: Unlimited - FY23: 1,140

Employment-Based

Cap: 140,000

- **Priority Workers**
Cap: 40,040
 - Aliens with extraordinary ability
 - Outstanding researchers and professors
 - Multinational executives and managers
- **2nd Preference**
Cap: 40,040
 - Professionals with advanced degrees
 - Aliens with exceptional ability
- **3rd Preference**
Cap: 40,040
 - Skilled Workers
 - Professionals
 - Unskilled workers
Cap: 10,000
- **4th Preference**
Special immigrants
Cap: 9,940
- **5th Preference**
Investors
Cap: 9,940

Visa Lottery

Cap: 55,000

Illegal Aliens

- **Visa Overstays**
- **Entered without inspection**

Executive Fiat

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

Nonimmigrants

FY23 Visas: 10,438,327

Guestworkers

- **CW-1:** CNMI-only transitional workers
- **E-1,2:** Treaty traders and investors
Cap: Unlimited
- **E-3:** Specialty occupation workers from Australia
Cap: 10,500
- **G:** NATO employees
Cap: Unlimited
- **H-1B:** Specialty occupations, DOD research and development, and fashion models
Cap: 85,000 with exceptions
- **H-2A:** Temporary agricultural
Cap: Unlimited
- **H-2B:** Temporary non-agricultural
Cap: 66,000
- **H-3:** Trainees or special education exchange visitors
Cap: 50
- **H-4:** Dependents of H-visa holders
Cap: Unlimited - Spouses of H-1Bs may work
- **I:** Representatives of foreign media
Cap: Unlimited
- **J:** Exchange visitors
Cap: Unlimited
- **L-1:** Intracompany transferees
Cap: Unlimited
- **O:** Individuals with extraordinary ability or achievement
Cap: Unlimited
- **P:** Athletes, entertainers, performers, and artists
Cap: Unlimited
- **Q:** Cultural Exchange
Cap: Unlimited
- **R:** Temporary religious workers
Cap: Unlimited
- **TN/TD:** NAFTA Professionals
Cap: Unlimited

Other

- **A-1:** Diplomats
- **A-2/NATO:** Foreign military personnel stationed in U.S.
- **B-1:** Business visitors
- **B-2:** Tourists
- **D:** Crewmembers
- **F:** Students
May work
- **K:** Fiancé(e)s of U.S. citizens
- **M:** Students (vocational)
May work
- **S:** Informants
- **T:** Victims of human trafficking
- **U:** Victims of criminal activity
- **TPS:** Temporary Protected Status
- **V:** Spouses and children of LPRs

Visa Waiver Program



**IMMIGRATION
ACCOUNTABILITY
PROJECT**

