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Visa Symbol/Class	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
A1	Ambassador, public minister, career diplomat, consul, and immediate family	10,152	10,313	11,025	10,448	10,857
A2	Other foreign government official or employee, and immediate family	86,181	91,326	94,866	96,984	99,573
A3	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A1 and A2, and immediate family	1,000	1,186	916	1,087	1,141
B1	Temporary visitor for business	47,899	42,261	44,197	37,770	35,341
B1/B2	Temporary visitor for business and pleasure	3,490,013	2,924,368	3,278,782	4,349,087	5,342,439
B1/B2/BCC	Combination B1/B2 and Border Crossing Card	345,894	372,758	563,494	684,198	1,043,125
B2	Temporary visitor for pleasure	407,723	443,100	358,087	84,352	84,713
B1/B2/BCV	Combination B1/B2 and Mexican Lincoln	404,589	334,497	408,392	458,902	450,142
C1	Person in transit	34,466	27,589	19,452	13,423	12,028
C1/D	Combination transit/crew member (indiv. iss.)	217,428	205,893	205,182	239,181	262,168
C2	Person in transit to United Nations Headquarters	22	18	30	12	13
C3	Foreign government official, immediate family, attendant, servant, or personal employee in transit	12,745	10,780	13,867	13,757	13,022
CW1	Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands transitional worker	-	-	-	-	431
CW2	Spouse or child of CW1	-	-	-	-	111
D	Crew member (sea or air) (individual issuance)	24,706	23,634	13,328	10,411	7,649
DCREW	Crewlist Visas	0	0	0	0	0
E1	Treaty trader, spouse and children	6,862	6,432	6,279	6,807	6,907
E2	Treaty investor, spouse and children	28,588	24,033	25,500	28,245	31,942
E2C	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands investor, spouse and children	0	0	0	3	63
E3	Australian specialty occupation professional	2,961	2,191	2,175	2,546	3,211
E3D	Spouse or child of Australian specialty occupation professional	1,568	1,421	1,582	1,663	2,150
E3R	Returning Australian specialty occupation professional	114	561	782	733	837
F1	Student (academic or language training program)	340,711	331,208	385,210	447,410	486,900
F2	Spouse or child of student	23,193	21,817	25,220	27,703	27,561
F3	Border commuter academic or language student	519	773	887	959	792
G1	Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, staff, and immediate family	5,105	5,467	5,053	4,903	5,355
G2	Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and immediate family	14,715	12,509	13,341	14,239	12,622
G3	Representative of nonrecognized or nonmember foreign government to international organization, and immediate family	341	329	330	262	286
G4	International organization officer or employee, and immediate family	23,830	24,660	25,547	26,184	26,520
G5	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of G1 through G4, and immediate family	973	911	747	835	730

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H1A Temporary worker performing services as a registered nurse	0	0	0	0	0
H1B Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability performing services other than as a registered nurse	129,464	110,367	117,409	129,134	135,530
H1B1 Free Trade Agreement Professional	719	621	419	418	461
H1C Shortage area nurse	174	128	86	7	3
H2A Temporary worker performing agricultural services	64,404	60,112	55,921	55,384	65,345
H2B Temporary worker performing other services	94,304	44,847	47,403	50,826	50,009
H3 Trainee	3,427	2,084	1,778	2,108	2,927
H4 Spouse or child of H1A/B/B1/C, H2A/B/R, or H3	71,019	60,009	66,176	74,205	80,015
I Representative of foreign information media, spouse and children	17,069	15,219	13,450	14,177	14,447
J1 Exchange visitor	359,447	313,597	320,805	324,294	313,431
J2 Spouse or child of exchange visitor	32,642	31,944	32,797	35,090	36,722
K1 Fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	30,288	27,679	30,999	24,585	27,684
K2 Child of K1	5,013	4,188	4,532	3,575	4,108
K3 Certain spouse of U.S. citizen	7,854	7,210	3,882	668	290
K4 Child of K3	1,856	1,568	893	188	72
L1 Intracompany transferee (executive, managerial, and specialized personnel continuing employment with international firm or corporation)	84,078	64,696	74,719	70,728	62,430
L2 Spouse or child of intracompany transferee	71,683	59,579	69,233	76,949	71,782
M1 Vocational and other nonacademic student	10,475	9,257	9,192	10,049	10,331
M2 Spouse or child of vocational student	278	250	243	383	524
M3 Border commuter vocational or nonacademic student	1	0	1	1	0
N8 Parent of SK3 special immigrant	8	10	12	5	10
N9 Child of N8 or of SK1, SK2 or SK4 special immigrant	3	2	0	0	2
NATO1 Principal permanent representative of member state to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies) resident in the U.S., and resident members of official staff; principal NATO officers; and immediate family	11	37	22	16	6
NATO2 Other representatives of member states to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies), and immediate family; dependents of member of a force entering in accordance with provisions of NATO agreements; members of such force if issued visas	6,381	6,741	6,194	6,499	6,252
NATO3 Official clerical staff accompanying a representative of member state to NATO, and immediate family	2	0	6	1	9
NATO4 Officials of NATO (other than those classifiable as NATO1), and immediate family	358	266	243	253	300
NATO5 Experts, other than NATO4 officials, employed in missions on behalf of NATO, and their dependents	87	69	92	92	92
NATO6 Members of a civilian component accompanying a force entering in accordance with the provisions of NATO agreements, and their dependents	127	196	531	536	504
NATO7 Attendant, servant, or personal employee of NATO1 through NATO6, and immediate family	3	3	2	1	2

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O1	Person with extraordinary ability in the sciences, art, education, business, or athletics	9,014	9,368	8,589	8,828	10,590
O2	Person accompanying and assisting in the artistic or athletic performance by O1	5,054	4,702	4,435	4,863	5,357
O3	Spouse or child of O1 or O2	2,642	2,396	1,929	2,052	2,396
P1	Internationally recognized athlete or member of an internationally recognized entertainment group	27,240	23,920	25,186	24,687	24,825
P2	Artist or entertainer in a reciprocal exchange program	135	119	127	110	117
P3	Artist or entertainer in a culturally unique program	10,277	8,847	7,183	7,417	8,078
P4	Spouse or child of P1, P2, or P3	1,140	1,124	1,032	987	1,133
Q1	Participant in an International Cultural Exchange Program	2,443	1,626	1,589	1,492	1,632
Q2	Irish Peace Process trainee	1	0	0	0	0
Q3	Spouse or child of Q2	0	0	0	0	0
R1	Person in a religious occupation	10,061	2,771	3,390	3,717	4,340
R2	Spouse or child of R1	2,941	1,160	1,107	1,212	1,375
S5	Informant processing critical reliable information concerning criminal organization or enterprise	0	0	0	2	1
S6	Informant processing critical reliable information concerning terrorist organization, enterprise, or operation	0	0	0	0	0
S7	Spouse, married or unmarried son or daughter, or parent of S5 or S6	0	0	0	0	1
T1	Victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons	0	0	0	0	0
T2	Spouse of T1	34	8	64	127	151
T3	Child of T1	132	81	167	258	342
T4	Parent of T1	5	3	7	10	7
T5	Unmarried sibling under 18 years of age on date T1 applied	8	3	8	14	17
TD	Spouse or child of TN	3,715	3,203	2,572	3,548	5,578
TN	NAFTA professional	4,761	4,124	3,392	4,971	7,638
U1	Victim of criminal activity	0	8	84	132	170
U2	Spouse of U1	0	0	41	61	103
U3	Child of U1	0	5	510	1,071	1,194
U4	Parent of U1	0	0	15	32	45
U5	Unmarried sibling under 18 years of age on date U1 applied	-	-	13	72	83
V1	Certain Spouse of Legal Permanent Resident	0	0	0	0	0
V2	Certain Child of Legal Permanent Resident	0	0	0	0	0
V3	Child of V1 or V2	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total		6,603,076	5,804,182	6,422,751	7,507,939	8,927,090