

UNITED STATES

POLICY ANALYSIS: CHANGES TO LEGAL IMMIGRATION UNDER H.R. 4760



	CURRENT IMMIGRATION LAW/LEVELS		SECURE ACT (GOODLATTE) H.R. 4760	
Immediate Relative^{1*}				
IR	Spouse of USC	304,358	Spouse of USC	304,358
IR	Child of USC	88,494	Child of USC	88,494
IR	Parent of USC	173,854	Parent of USC	Eliminated
Family Preference²				
F1	Son/Daughter of USC	23,400	Son/Daughter of USC	Eliminated
F2A	Spouse of LPR	87,934	Spouse of LPR	87,934
F2A	Child of LPR		Child of LPR	
F2B	Son/Daughter of LPR	26,266	Son/Daughter of LPR	Eliminated
F3	Married Son/Daughter of LPR	23,400	Married Son/Daughter of LPR	Eliminated
F4	Sibling of USC	65,000	Sibling of USC	Eliminated
Ceiling/Floor	226,000 floor on family preference (i.e. 226k plus IR = FB total)		Total family preference capped at 87,934 minus immigrants granted parole	
	Total Family Based:	792,706	Projected Total FB FY19	304,358³ (62% reduction)
Diversity Visa				
DV	Diversity Visa	50,000	Diversity Visa	Eliminated
FY19	Combined Family and Diversity Total:	842,706	Combined Family and Diversity:	304,358 (64% reduction)
Employment Based Immigration				
EB Categories	Annual Limit	140,000	Annual Limit	190,000
Humanitarian Immigration				
Refugee Asylees⁴	Annual Limit	45,000	Annual Limit	45,000
	Estimate	37,000	Estimate	18,500
TOTAL IMMIGRATION LEVELS				
	Estimate	1,014,706	Estimate	557,858
			Percent Reduction:	45 percent reduction

¹ FY16 Statistics from DHS Office of Immigration Statistics.

² DOS Projected Annual Numerical Limits FY18 (available at Department of State website for annual numerical limits).

³ Based on parole statistics from prior year (78,713 EADs issued to parolees based on USCIS stats on website), and the fact that ICE and CBP routinely grant parole under 212(d)(5), it is expected that all family preference visa numbers will be eliminated. Should DHS stop issuing parole to any immigrants (unlikely given that parole is often used for law enforcement purposes), the Senate and House bills would result in a 53 percent reduction in combined Family and Diversity.

⁴ Estimate based on changes in eligibility criteria.