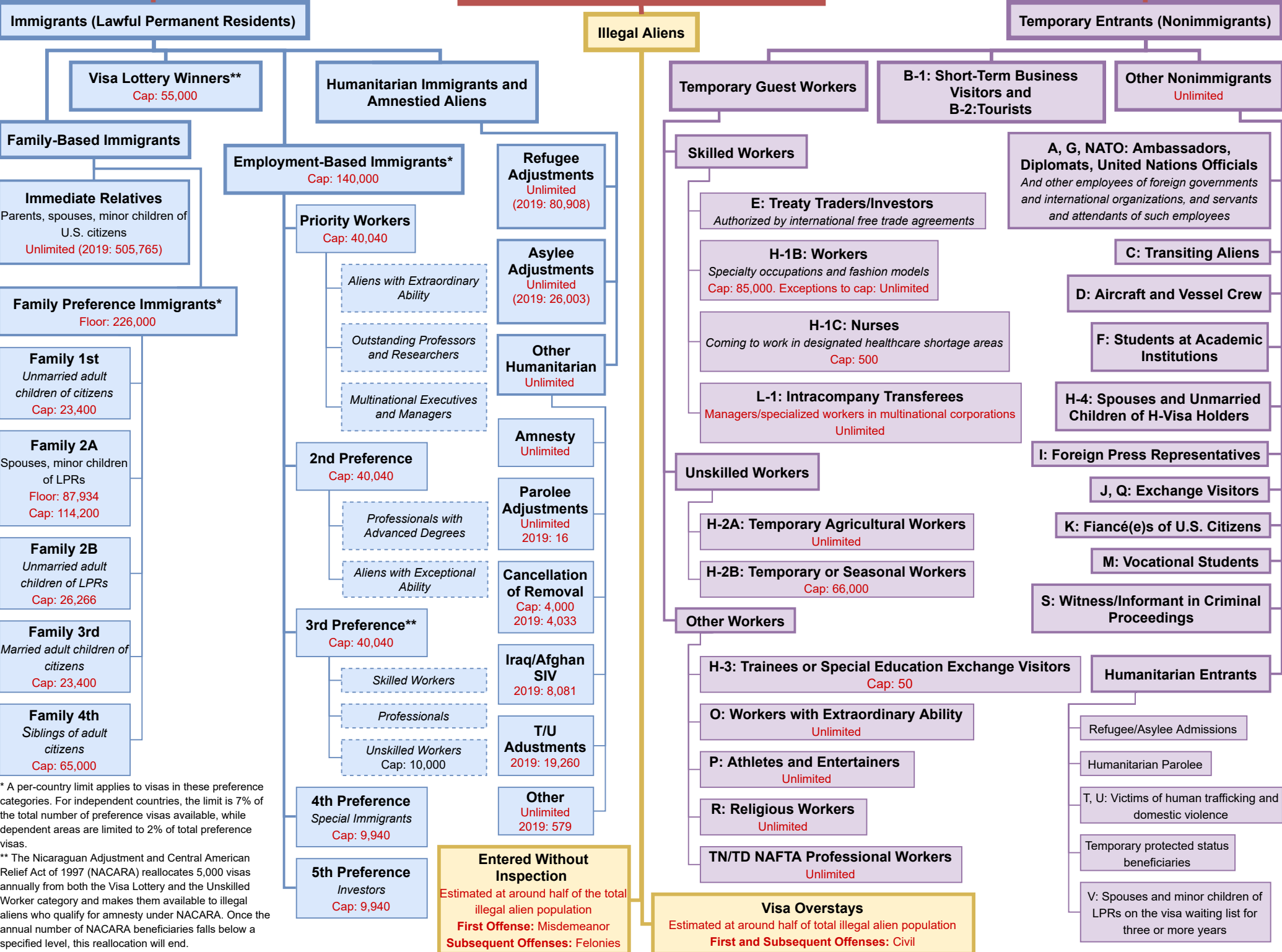


Categories of Migrants Recognized Under U.S. Law



* A per-country limit applies to visas in these preference categories. For independent countries, the limit is 7% of the total number of preference visas available, while dependent areas are limited to 2% of total preference visas.

** The Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act of 1997 (NACARA) reallocates 5,000 visas annually from both the Visa Lottery and the Unskilled Worker category and makes them available to illegal aliens who qualify for amnesty under NACARA. Once the annual number of NACARA beneficiaries falls below a specified level, this reallocation will end.

Entered Without Inspection
 Estimated at around half of the total illegal alien population
First Offense: Misdemeanor
Subsequent Offenses: Felonies

Visa Overstays
 Estimated at around half of total illegal alien population
First and Subsequent Offenses: Civil