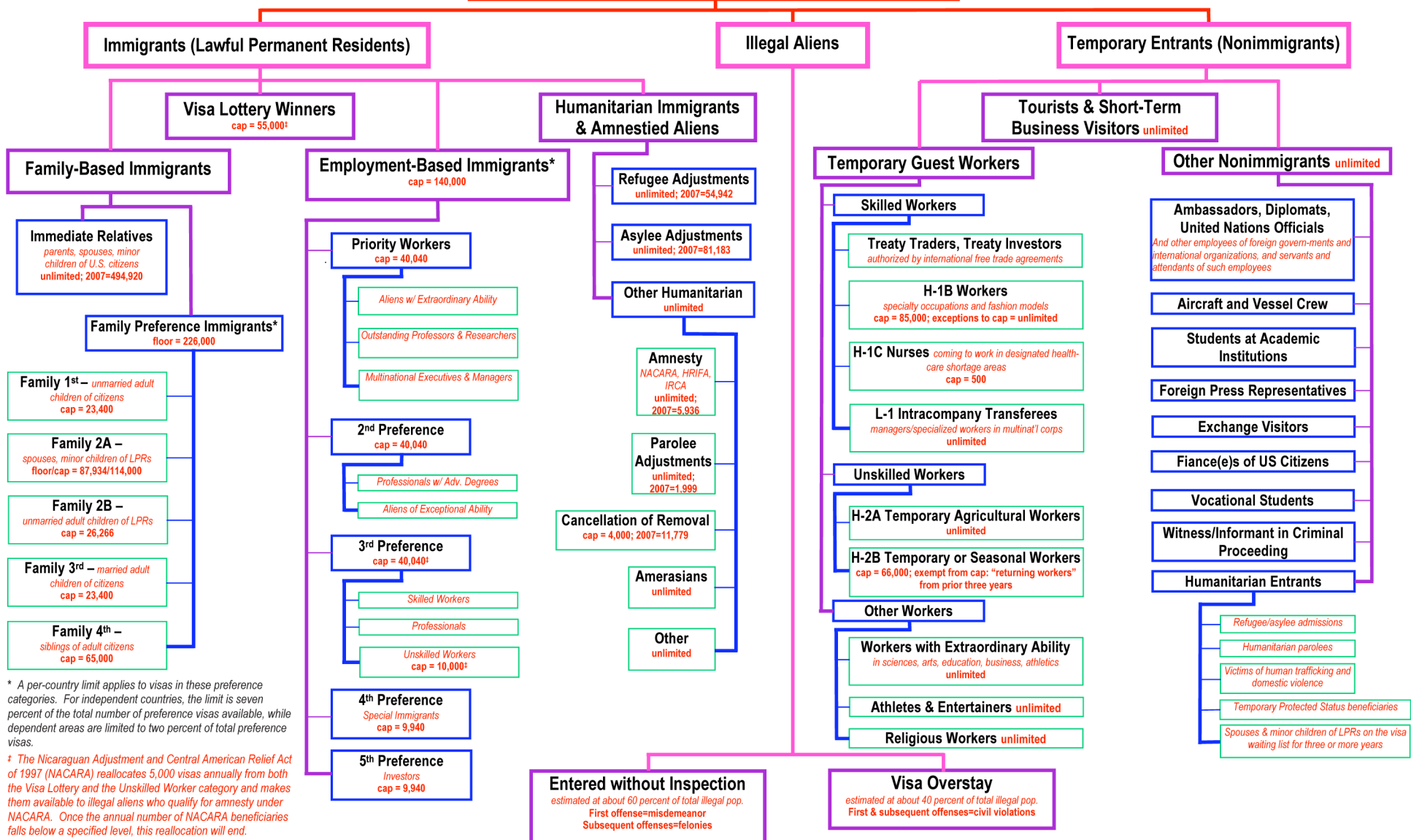


CATEGORIES OF MIGRANTS RECOGNIZED UNDER U.S. LAW



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