

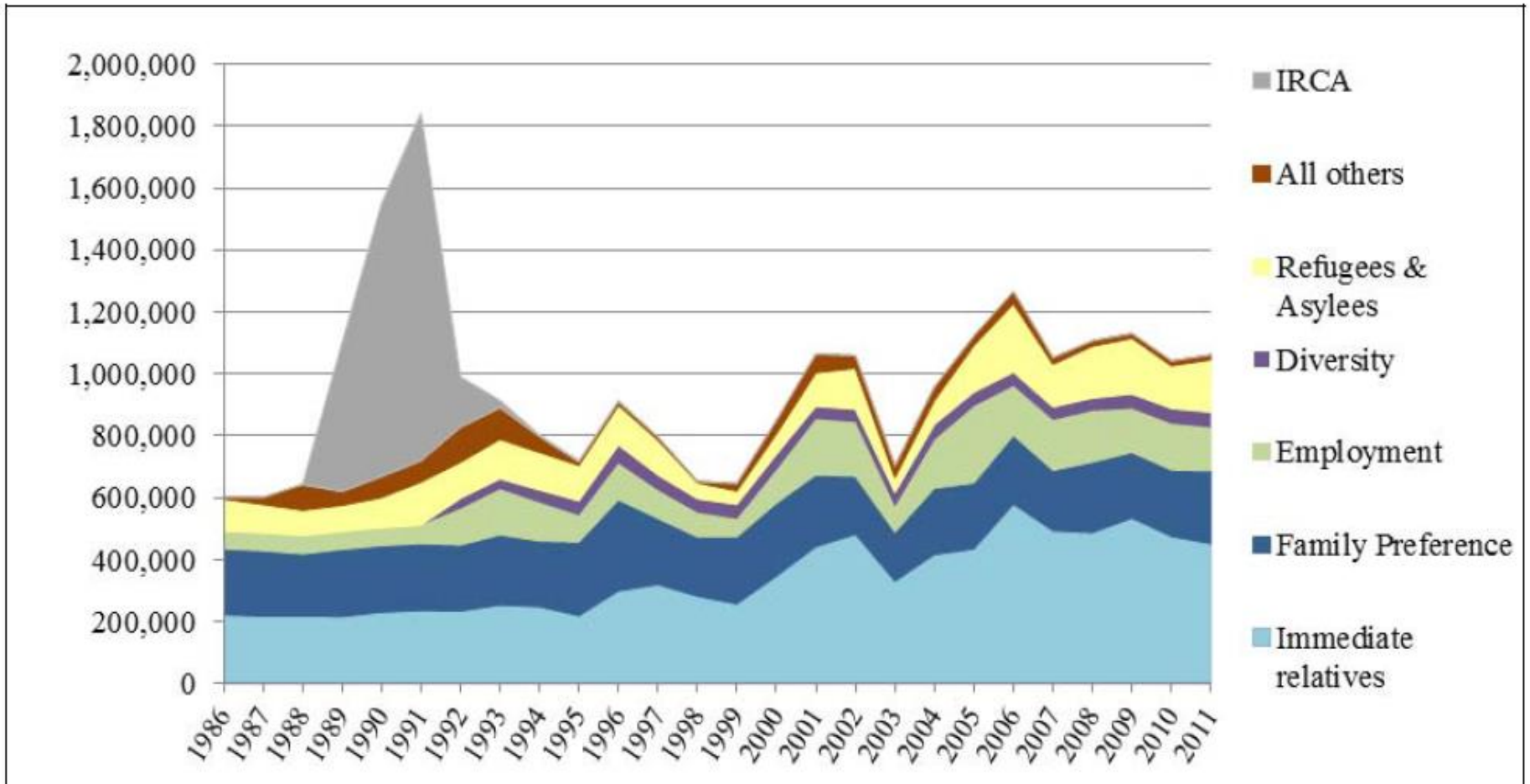
1.1 Million LPRs in FY2011

annual worldwide statutory caps on new permanent residents

Family-sponsored immigrants	480,000
<i>minus</i> { citizens' immediate relatives (up to 254,000) certain parolees }	unlimited
<i>equals</i> family preference immigrants	226,000 (minimum)
Employment-based immigrants	140,000
Diversity	55,000
Worldwide level	675,000
<i>plus</i> { citizens' immediate relatives above 254,000 (480,000-226,000) refugees, asylees & others }	unlimited
<i>equals</i>	Total Annual Immigration

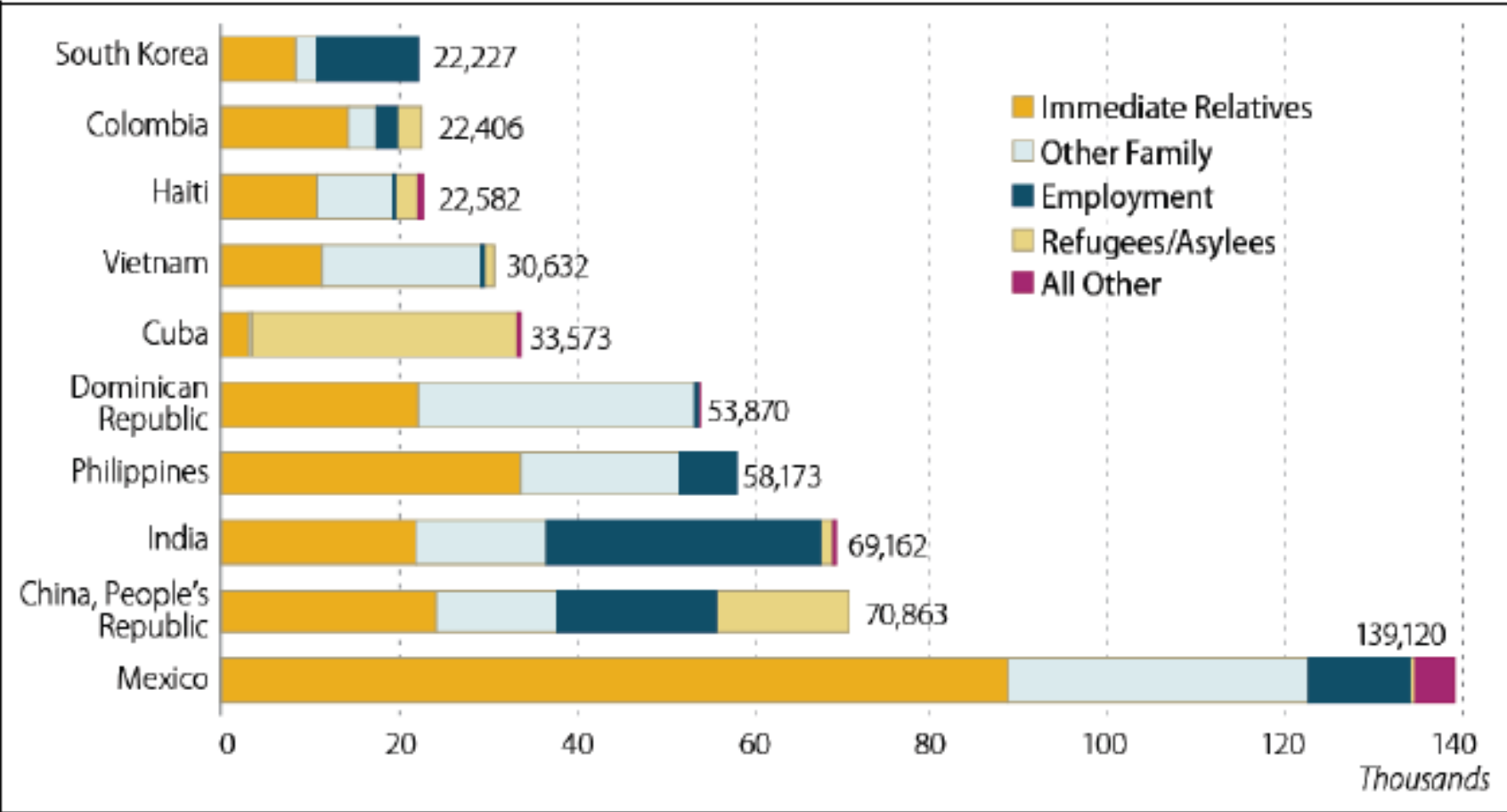
Source: CRS synthesis of INA §201.

new lawful permanent residents by category



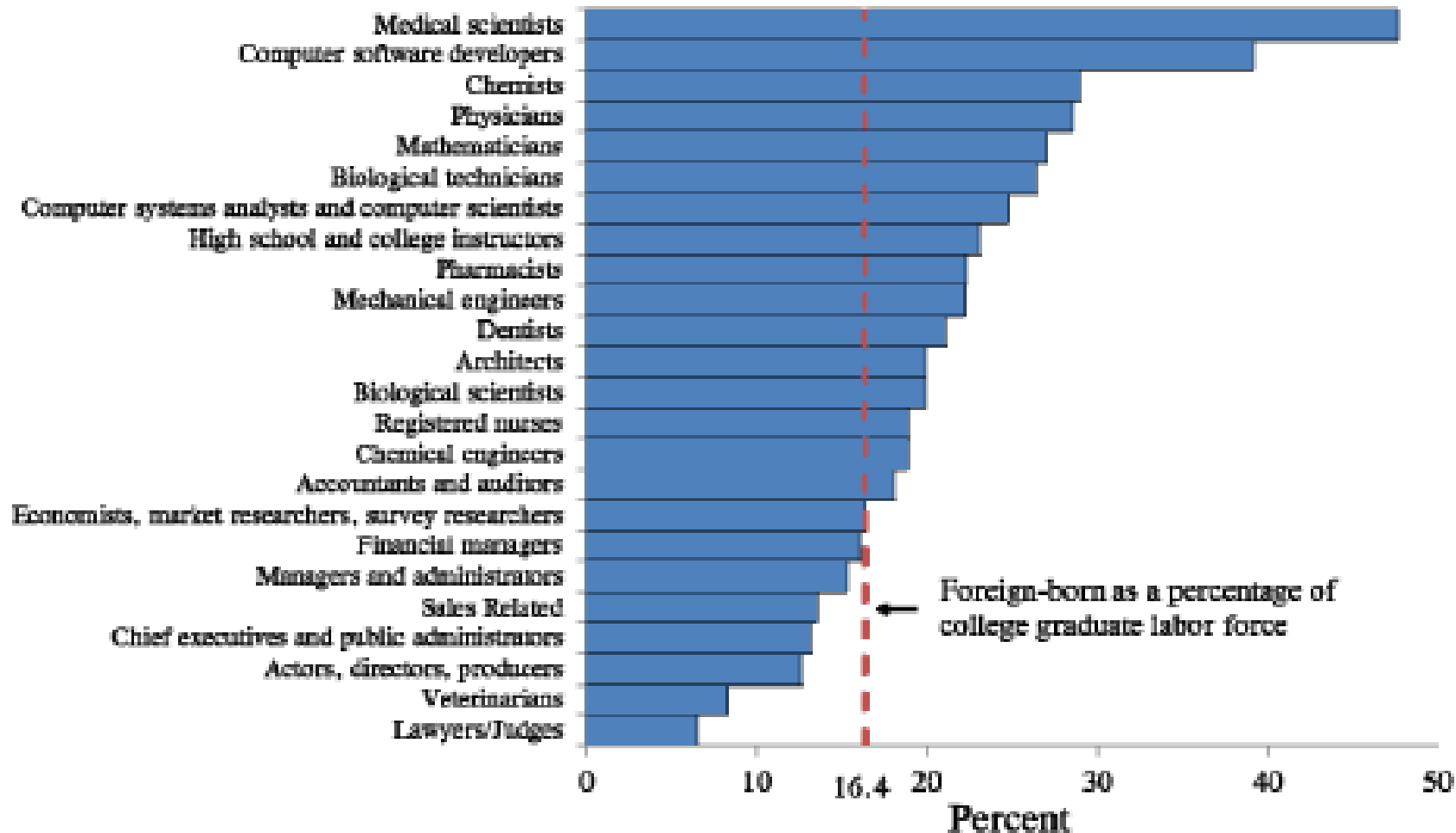
Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration Statistics, *U.S. Legal Permanent Residents: 2011*. Aliens legalizing through the IRCA are depicted by year of adjustment.

top ten permanent resident-sending countries, FY 2010



Source: CRS presentation of FY2010 data from the DHS Office of Immigration Statistics.

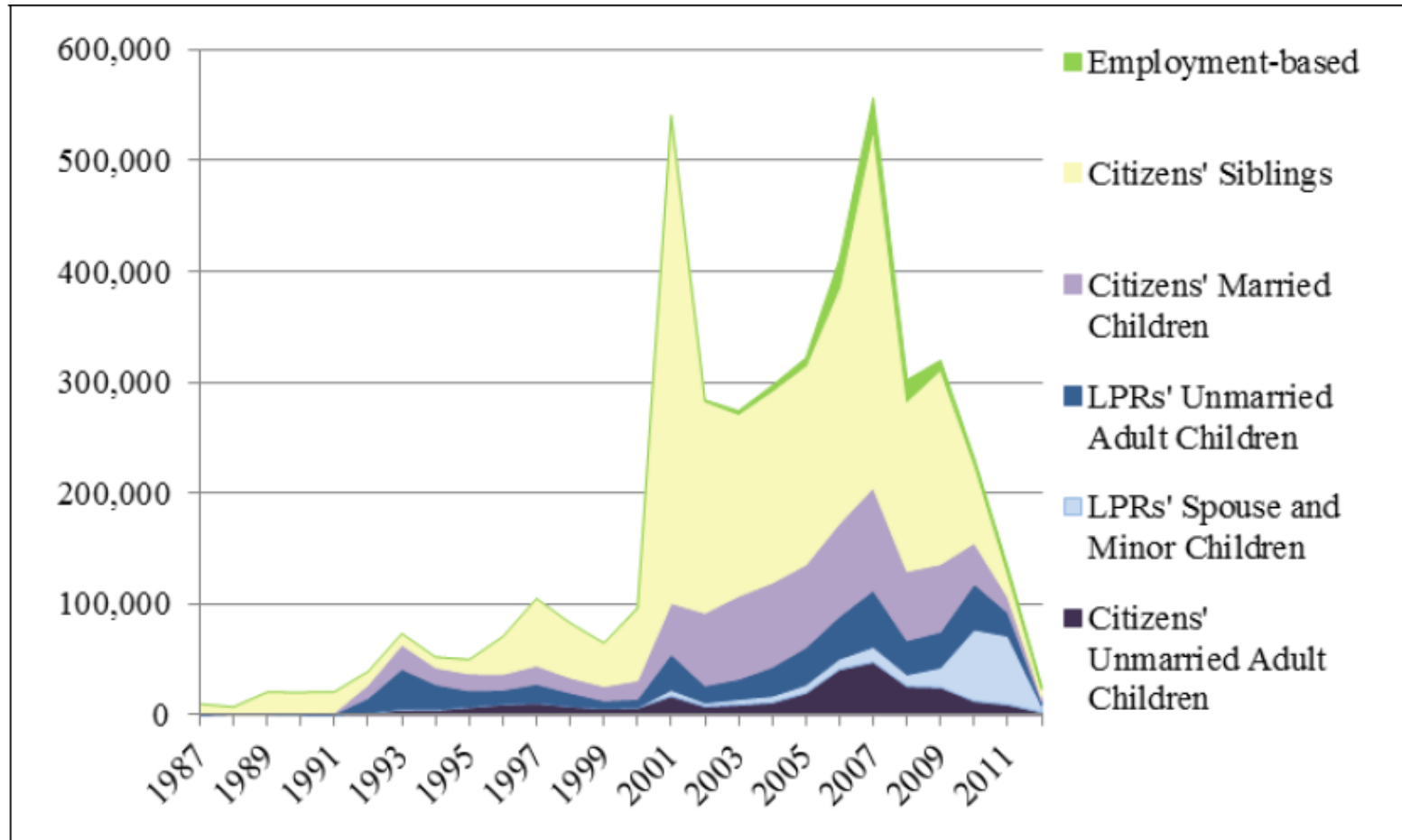
STEM, Health Care Occupations Rely on High-skilled Foreign Workers



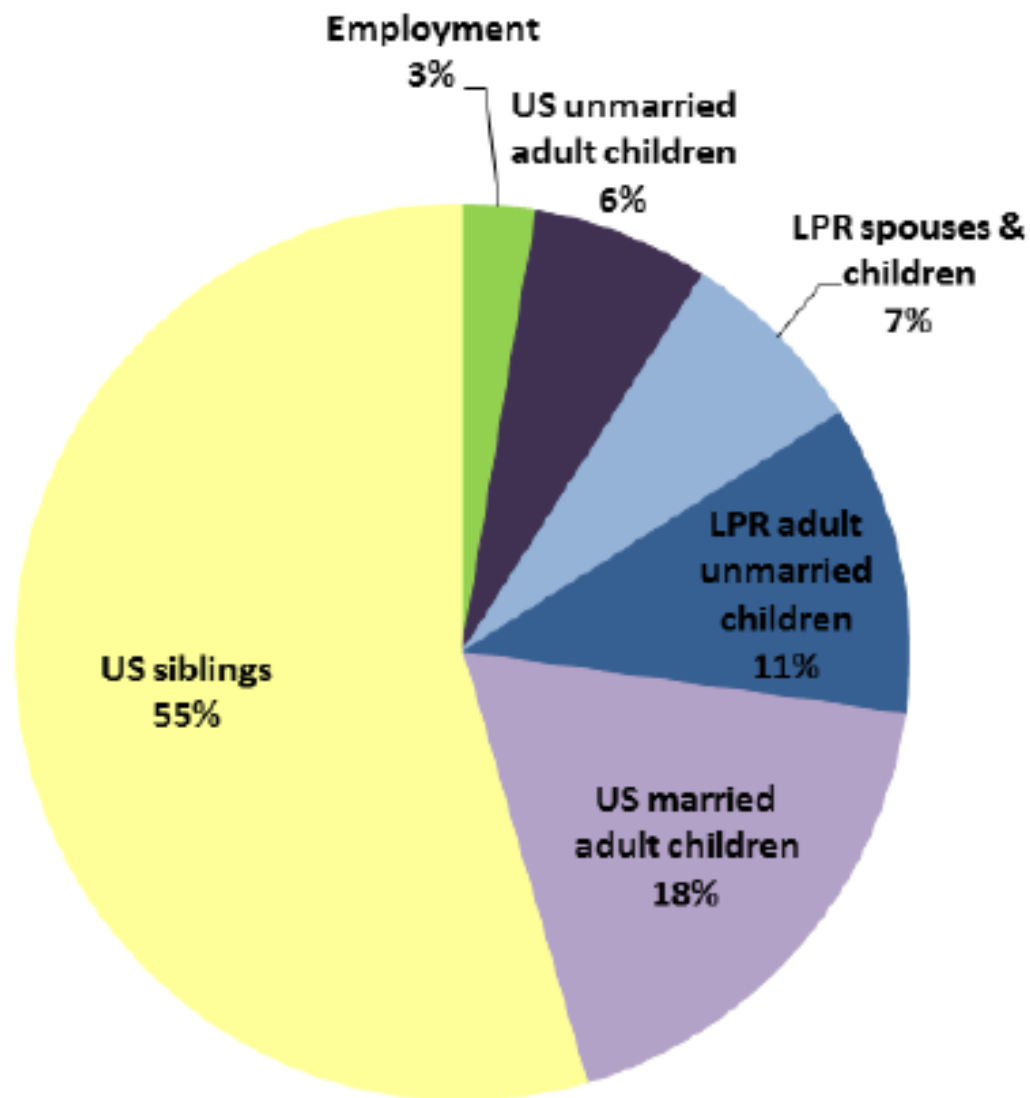
Note: Percent of workers age 25 and over, with bachelor's degree or higher who are foreign born for selected occupations.

Source: 2011 American Community Survey

immigrants approved and waiting in line

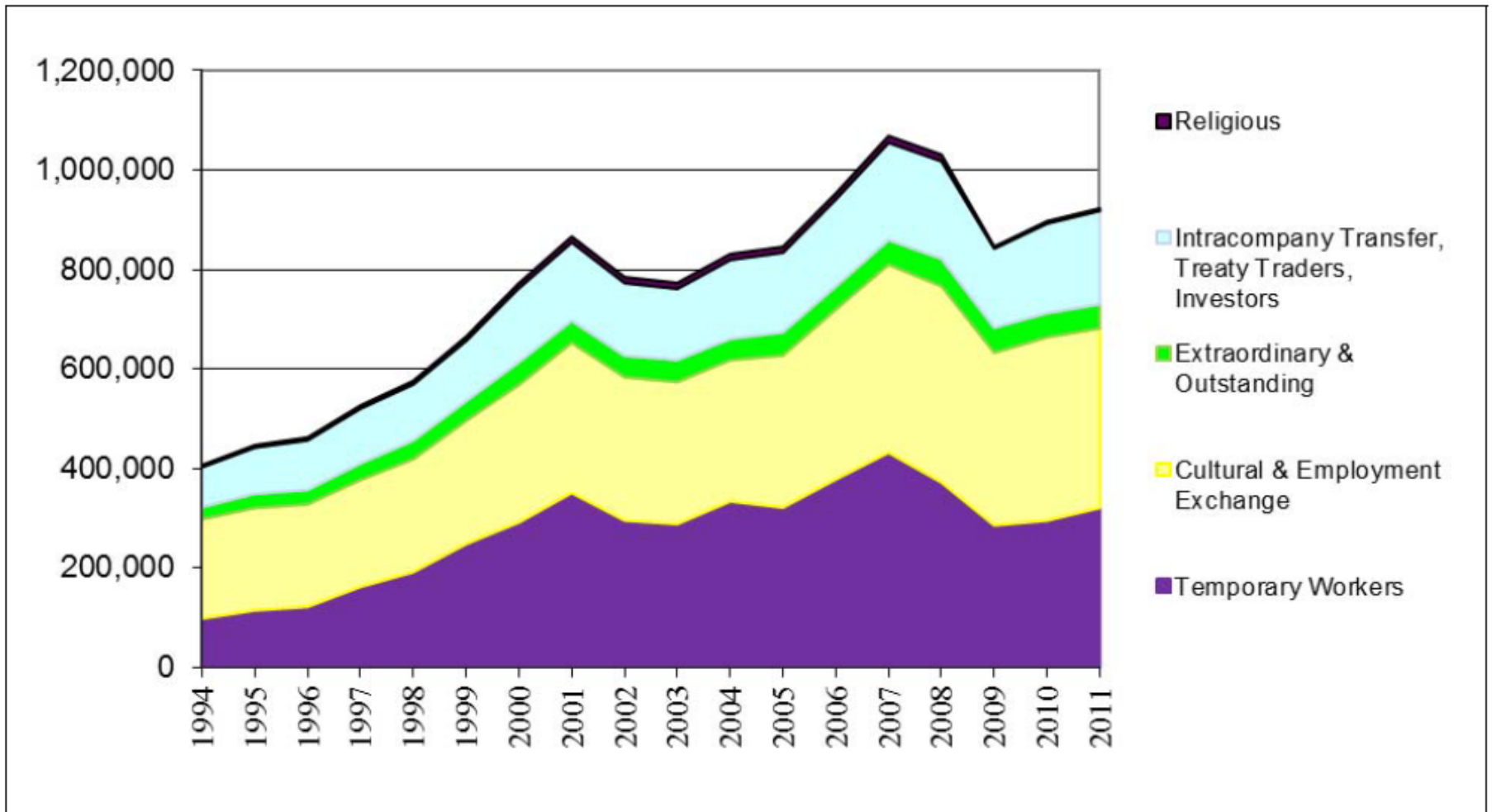


Source: U.S. Department of State, Immigrant Visa Applicants in the Family-Sponsored and Employment-Based Preferences Registered at the National Visa Center, November 1, 2012.



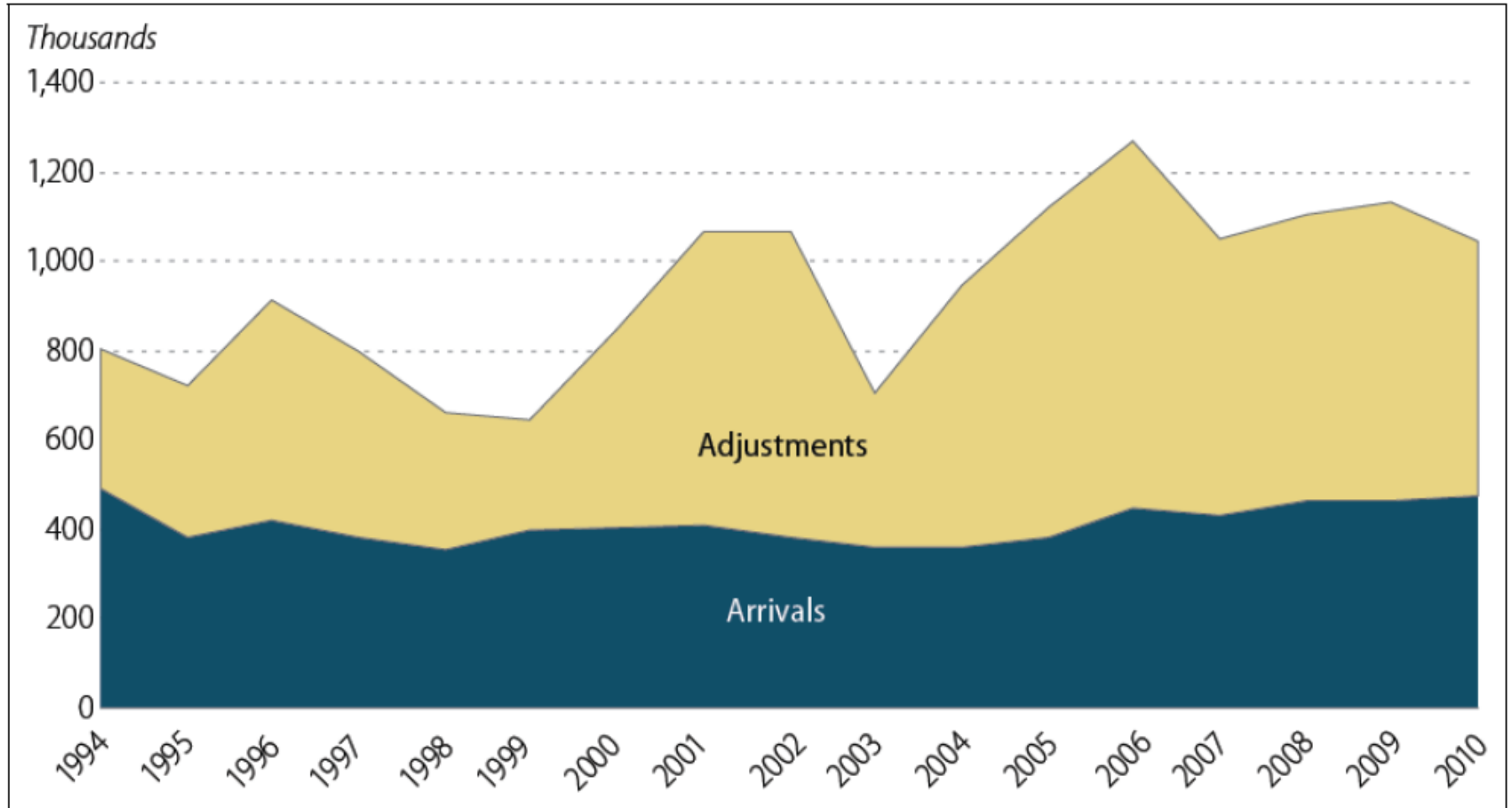
4.4 Million Approved Pending , November 1, 2012

temporary employment-based visas issued



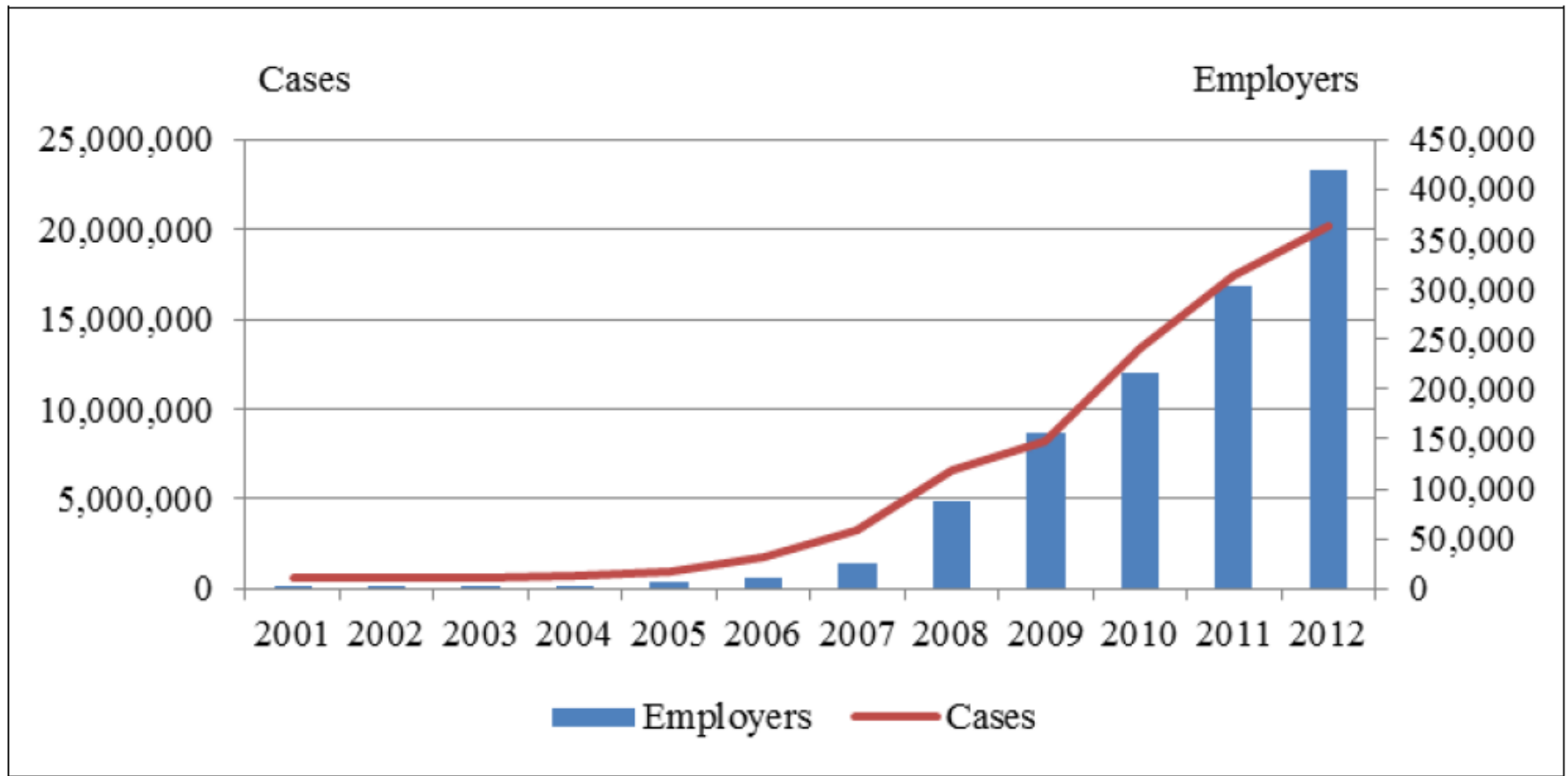
Source: U.S. Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs data.

new permanent residents: adjustments and new arrivals



Source: *Statistical Yearbook of Immigration*, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration Statistics, (multiple years).

employers enrolled in E-Verify and number of cases submitted



Source: CRS presentation of data from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Global Remittances: Formal Remittances as a Share of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by Migrants' Origin Countries*

