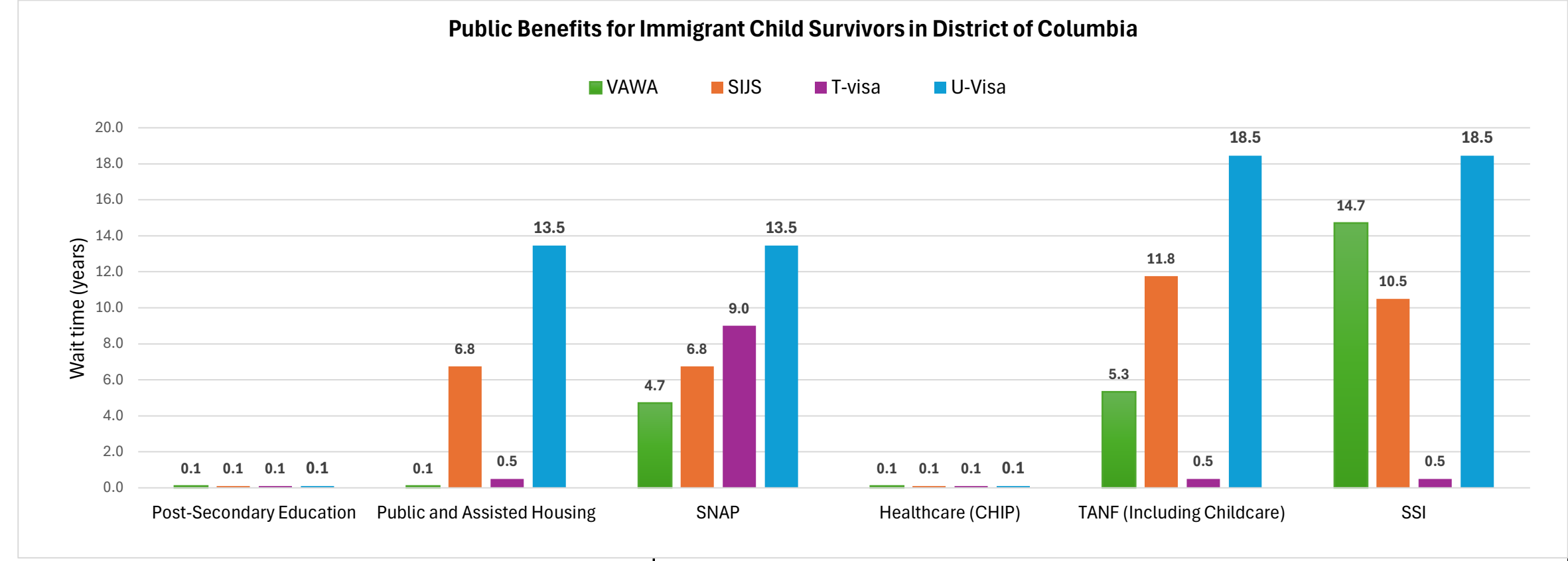
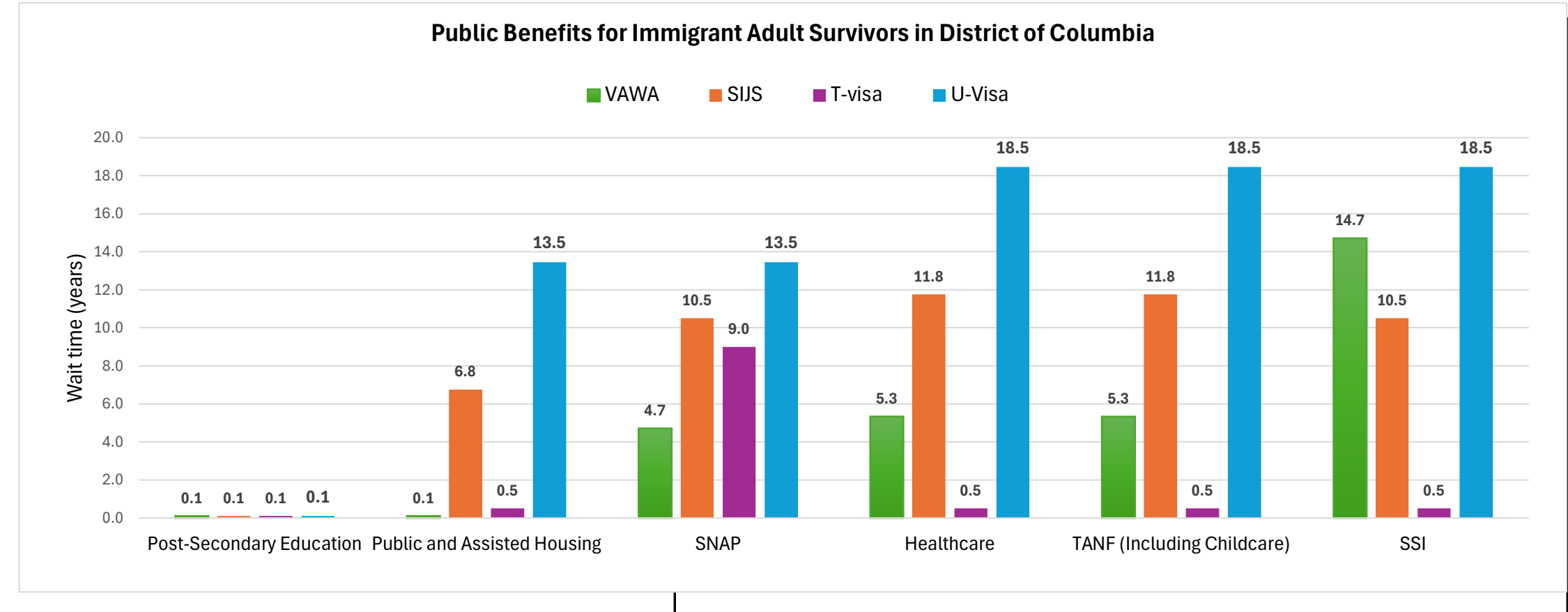


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|                                                                         | VAWA | SIJS | T-visa | U-Visa | Governing Law | Conditions Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Post-Secondary Education                                                | 0.1  | 0.1  | 0.1    | 0.1    | State/Federal | At Washington D.C.'s public postsecondary institutions, students are eligible for in-state tuition and state financial aid <b>regardless of immigration status</b> . In-state tuition requires three years of D.C. high school attendance or a D.C. high school equivalent. <b>Must be qualified immigrants</b> for federal student aid.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Public and Assisted Housing                                             | 0.1  | 6.8  | 0.5    | 13.5   | Federal       | VAWAs eligible upon filing, T visas, U visas and SIJS <b>must be qualified immigrants</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| SNAP                                                                    | 4.7  | 6.8  | 9.0    | 13.5   | Federal       | <b>Must be lawful permanent residents</b> . Must also be under 18 , disabled, elderly who was lawfully residing in the U.S. on 8/22/96, have been a qualified immigrant for 5 years or a lawful permanent resident with 40 quarters (5-10 years) of work credit measured from the date they receive work authorization. The 5 year bar and 40 quarters can be earned simultaneously. T visa victims are exempt from the 5 year bar and 40 quarter requirement. SIJS (age 18+) and U visa victims who work become eligible 10 years after receiving work authorization and those who do not have 40 quarters of work credit when they become lawful permanent residents would need to wait to complete the 5 year bar. SIJS or U child who can use the work credit for themselves and a parent, could be up to 5 years less. |
| Healthcare (CHIP)                                                       | 0.1  | 0.1  | 0.1    | 0.1    | Federal/State | In Washington D.C., children under age 21, <b>regardless of immigration status</b> , who are ineligible for Medicaid may be eligible for the Immigrant Children's Program.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| TANF (Including Childcare)                                              | 5.3  | 11.8 | 0.5    | 18.5   | Federal       | <b>Must be qualified immigrants</b> . If entered the U.S. before 8/22/96 subtract 5 years. (T visa exempt from 5-year bar).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| SSI                                                                     | 14.7 | 10.5 | 0.5    | 18.5   | Federal       | Federal laws apply no state funded SSI.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                         |      |      |        |        |               | 0.1 = immediately eligible at filing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



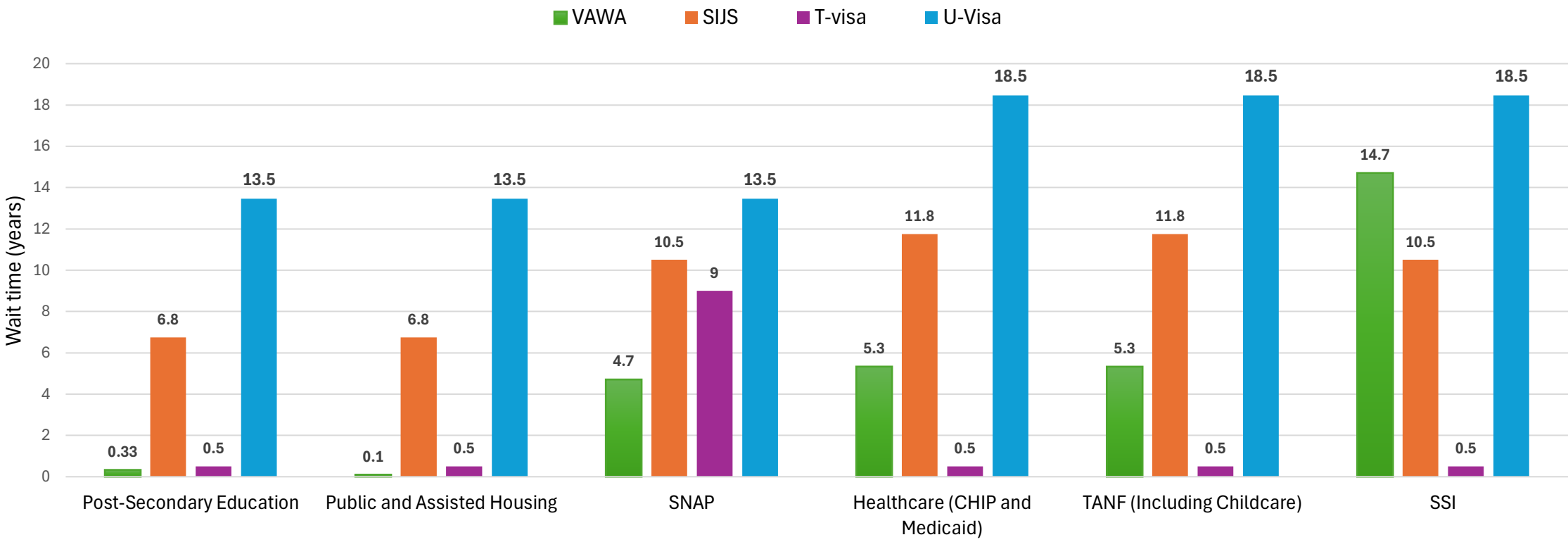
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| Post-Secondary Education                                               | 0.1  | 0.1  | 0.1    | 0.1    | State/Federal | At Washington D.C.'s public postsecondary institutions, students are eligible for in-state tuition and state financial aid <b>regardless of immigration status</b> . In-state tuition requires three years of D.C. high school attendance or a D.C. high school equivalent. <b>Must be qualified immigrants</b> for federal student aid.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Public and Assisted Housing                                            | 0.1  | 6.8  | 0.5    | 13.5   | Federal       | VAWAs eligible upon filing, T visas, U visas and SIJS <b>must be qualified immigrants</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| SNAP                                                                   | 4.7  | 10.5 | 9.0    | 13.5   | Federal       | <b>Must be lawful permanent residents</b> . Must also be under 18 , disabled, elderly who was lawfully residing in the U.S. on 8/22/96, have been a qualified immigrant for 5 years or a lawful permanent resident with 40 quarters (5-10 years) of work credit measured from the date they receive work authorization. The 5 year bar and 40 quarters can be earned simultaneously. T visa victims are exempt from the 5 year bar and 40 quarter requirement. SIJS adults and U visa victims who work become eligible 10 years after receiving work authorization and those who do not have 40 quarters of work credit when they become lawful permanent residents would need to wait to complete the 5 year bar. SIJS or U child who can use the work credit for themselves and a parent, could be up to 5 years less. |
| Healthcare                                                             | 5.3  | 11.8 | 0.5    | 18.5   | Federal/State | <b>Must be qualified immigrants</b> . If entered the U.S. before 8/22/96 subtract 5 years. (T visa exempt from 5-year bar). In Washington, D.C., income eligible adults 21-25, <b>regardless of immigration status</b> , who are ineligible for Medicaid, may be eligible for coverage through DC Health Care Alliance. Adults income eligible adults ages 26+ may continue to be eligible for DC Health Care Alliance if enrolled prior to 10/1/25.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| TANF (Including Childcare)                                             | 5.3  | 11.8 | 0.5    | 18.5   | Federal       | <b>Must be qualified immigrants</b> . If entered the U.S. before 8/22/96 subtract 5 years. (T visa exempt from 5-year bar).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| SSI                                                                    | 14.7 | 10.5 | 0.5    | 18.5   | Federal       | Federal laws apply no state funded SSI.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                        |      |      |        |        |               | 0.1 = immediately eligible at filing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |



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|                             | VAWA | SIJS | T-visa | U-Visa | Governing Law | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------|------|------|--------|--------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Post-Secondary Education    | 0.33 | 6.8  | 0.5    | 13.5   | Federal       | <b>Must be qualified immigrants.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Public and Assisted Housing | 0.1  | 6.8  | 0.5    | 13.5   | Federal       | VAWA self-petition eligible upon filing; T visa, U visa and SIJS <b>must be qualified immigrants.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| SNAP                        | 4.7  | 10.5 | 9      | 13.5   | Federal       | <b>Must be lawful permanent residents.</b> Must also be under 18 , disabled, elderly who was lawfully residing in the U.S. on 8/22/96, have been a qualified immigrant for 5 years or a lawful permanent resident with 40 quarters (5-10 years) of work credit measured from the date they receive work authorization. The 5 year bar and 40 quarters can be earned simultaneously. <b>T visa</b> victims are exempt from the 5 year bar and 40 quarter requirement. <b>SIJS and U visa</b> victims who work become eligible 10 years after receiving work authorization and those who do not have 40 quarters of work credit when they become lawful permanent residents would need to wait to complete the 5 year bar. SIJS or U child who can use the work credit for themselves and a parent, could be up to 5 years less. |
| Medicaid)                   | 5.3  | 11.8 | 0.5    | 18.5   | Federal       | <b>Must be qualified immigrants.</b> If entered the U.S. before 8/22/96 subtract 5 years. (T visa exempt from 5-year bar)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| TANF (Including Childcare)  | 5.3  | 11.8 | 0.5    | 18.5   | Federal       | <b>Must be qualified immigrants.</b> If entered the U.S. before 8/22/96 subtract 5 years. (T visa exempt from 5-year bar)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| SSI                         | 14.7 | 10.5 | 0.5    | 18.5   | Federal       | <b>Must be a lawful permanent resident and have 40 quarters (5-10 years) of work credit, and subject to 5 year bar if arrived after 8/22/96.</b> The 5 year bar and 40 quarters can be earned simultaneously. T visas exempt from 40 quarter and 5 year bar and are eligible for 7 years after becoming a qualified immigrant. Children can use credit from themselves and that their parents earned when they were under the age of 18. Children who use the work credit for themselves and a parent, could be up to 5 years less. U visa victims eligibe 5 years after lawful permanent residence if have earned 40 quarters work credit. VAWAs calculated as 10 years after attaining work authorization. Spouses of citizens will be eligible 3.4 years faster.                                                            |

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SIJS - Immigration and Public Benefits Timeline Calculations - District of Columbia

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|                              |        |        |                           | Year calculation | Total years | Notes                                                                                                                                | Benefits Eligibility Category |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Judicial Findings            |        |        |                           |                  |             | Must obtain judicial findings before the child turns the age of majority in the state.                                               | None                          |
| Filing for SIJS              | 0      |        |                           |                  | 0.1         | Must file before child turns age 21.                                                                                                 | Lawfully Present              |
| SIJS Adjudication - Approval | 6      | Months |                           | 0.50             | 0.5         |                                                                                                                                      | Lawfully Present              |
| Apply for Green Card         | 40     | Months |                           | 3.33             | 3.8         | The SIJS applicant's priority date is date USCIS accepts the SIJS application for processing.                                        | Lawfully Present              |
| Green Card Approval          | 35.0   | Months |                           | 2.92             | 6.8         | When SIJS applicants are granted lawful permanent residence they are <b>work authorized</b> and receive protection from deportation. | Qualified Immigrant           |
| Apply for Naturalization     | 5      | Years  |                           | 5.00             | 11.8        |                                                                                                                                      | Qualified Immigrant           |
| Naturalization approval      | 10.50  | Months |                           | 0.88             | 12.6        | Naturalized Citizen                                                                                                                  | Citizen                       |
|                              |        |        |                           |                  |             |                                                                                                                                      |                               |
| Naturalization (N-400)       | Months |        |                           |                  |             |                                                                                                                                      |                               |
| Washington, DC               | 10.5   |        |                           |                  |             |                                                                                                                                      |                               |
|                              |        |        |                           |                  |             |                                                                                                                                      |                               |
| Green Card (I-485)           | Months |        | *SIJS is employment based |                  |             |                                                                                                                                      |                               |
| SCOPS                        | 35     |        |                           |                  |             |                                                                                                                                      |                               |
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