

**Self-petitions filed by battered spouses and children on¹
Form I-360 (Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant)**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Initial Receipt</u>	<u>Approved</u>
1996	86	26
1997	755	246
1998	2,704	1,549
1999	2,721	2,050
2000	3,509	2,653
2001	5,671	3,756
2002	5,804	3,487
2003	6,485	3,442
2004	6,889	4,692
2005	7,547	8,370 ²
2006	8,838	6,190
2007	8,202	5,860
2008	<u>9,272</u>	<u>4,252</u>
TOTAL	68,483	46,573

¹ Self-petitions filed by battered spouses (block “i” on Form I-360) and children (block “j” on Form I-360).

² Approvals exceed receipts because there were carry-overs from the previous year. Also, VAWA legislation passed in 2005 (signed by the President on Jan. 5, 2006) which reauthorized existing programs and created new provisions to combat domestic violence and sexual assault. The passage of the legislation allowed the agency to adjudicate many more pending applications.