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EB Wait Time Comparison 2004, 2007, 2013, 2015

<u>Employment-Based Preference Category</u>	<u>January 2015</u>	<u>March 2013</u>	<u>June 2007</u>	<u>June 2004</u>
EB3 – Third Preference professionals	4½ year wait – ROW	6 year wait – ROW	2 year wait – ROW	Current – ROW
	11 year wait – India	10 year wait – India	4 year wait – India	Current – India
	4 year wait – China	6¼ year wait – China	4 year wait – China	Current – China
EB2 – Second Preference advanced degree holders	Current – ROW	Current – ROW	Current – ROW	Current – ROW
	10 year wait – India	8½ year wait – India	3 year wait – India	Current – India
	5 year wait – China	5 year wait – China	18 months – China	Current – China

Current = no wait once agency processing is completed (agency processing takes more than a year)

EB = Employment-Based preferences for green cards (lawful permanent resident status) in the Immigration and Nationality Act

ROW = Rest of World, other than countries that are oversubscribed (in employment-based immigration, India, China and the Philippines are oversubscribed).

2015 – beginning of the 114th Congress

2013 – when Senate was drafting S. 744 in 113th Congress

2007 – Senate’s prior vote on comprehensive reform legislation

2004 – when STEM grads earned degrees that were subject of latest (2012) study on stay rates for foreign STEM Masters and Doctorates (and also when McCain-Kennedy immigration reform legislation was being drafted)