

**Table I**  
**Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts**  
**Fiscal Years 2002 - 2006**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Immigrant Categories</b>					
Immediate Relatives	178,142	154,760	151,724	180,432	224,187
Special Immigrants <sup>1</sup>	735	701	675	782	766
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	374	102	37	119	96
Family Sponsored Preference	129,414	131,407	152,454	146,279	139,753
Employment-Based Preference	39,289	29,712	28,656	21,290	15,744
Armed Forces Special Immigrants	6	1	7	4	0
Diversity Immigrants	41,197	48,085	45,849	46,099	44,349
Schedule A Workers <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	7,242	24,208
<b>Total</b>	<b>389,157</b>	<b>364,768</b>	<b>379,402</b>	<b>402,247</b>	<b>449,103</b>
<b>Nonimmigrant Categories</b>					
Visas Issued	5,769,437	4,881,634	5,049,099	5,388,951	5,836,730
(B1/B2/Border Crossing Cards) <sup>3</sup>	(1,399,819)	(836,407)	(740,616)	(732,566)	(660,482)
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,769,437</b>	<b>4,881,634</b>	<b>5,049,099</b>	<b>5,388,951</b>	<b>5,836,730</b>

Note: The totals on this table do not include replaced immigrant visas.

<sup>1</sup> Special Immigrant totals include returning residents only.

<sup>2</sup> Section 502, Title V, Division B of Pub. L. 109-13 enacted May 22, 2005 (the REAL ID Act of 2005) amended Sec. 106(d) of Pub. L. 106-313 to provide for the recapture of 50,000 Employment Preference numbers that were unused in Fiscal Years 2001-2004. The recaptured numbers were to be used for workers with petitions approved under the Department of Labor's Schedule A labor certification regulations.

<sup>3</sup> Combination B1/B2 visitor visa/Border Crossing Cards are issued to Mexican nationals. B1/B2/Border Crossing Card issuances are included in the "Visas Issued" line.