

Table I
Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 1996 – 2000

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Immigrant Categories					
Immediate Relatives	147,883	178,774	147,760	156,048	163,610
Special Immigrants ¹	890	853	748	830	816
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	964	835	399	245	1,052
Family-Sponsored Preference	207,734	170,785	165,986	191,393	181,127
Employment-Based Preference	22,769	20,898	15,815	15,455	22,392
Armed Forces Special Immigrants	42	47	21	19	11
DV Diversity Immigrants	43,158	44,727	44,955	49,672	44,513
Total	423,440	416,919	375,684	413,662	413,521
Nonimmigrant Categories					
Visas Issued	6,193,941	5,904,055	5,805,795	6,192,478	7,141,636
Border Crossing Cards ² (B1/B2/BCCs) ³	43,929 (361,379)	38,006 (387,845)	8,358 (289,883)	(676,386)	(1,510,133)
Total	6,237,870	5,942,061	5,814,153	6,192,478	7,141,636

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

¹ Special Immigrant totals include returning residents only.

² Border Crossing Cards were issued at posts in Canada and Mexico; issuance ceased in FY-98.

³ Combination B-1/B-2 visitor visa/Border Crossing Card (B1/B2/BCC) issuance began in FY-84 at posts in Mexico and in FY-92 at posts in Canada; issuance ceased in FY-98 at posts in Canada. Combination B-1/B-2 visitor visa/Border Crossing Cards (B1/B2/BCCs) are included in the "Visas Issued" line.