

Table XVI(A)
Classes of Nonimmigrants Issued Visas
(Including Crewlist Visas and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1996 – 2000

Class of Nonimmigrant		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total		6,237,870	5,942,061	5,814,153	6,192,478	7,141,636
A	Foreign Government Official	78,078	79,291	79,583	79,371	82,263
B-1	Temporary Visitor for Business	204,374	232,377	192,837	93,019	75,919
B-2	Temporary Visitor for Pleasure	1,012,511	1,020,402	854,738	642,676	509,031
B-1/B-2	Temporary Visitor for Business and Pleasure	3,369,635	3,070,539	3,226,799	3,447,822	3,567,580
B1/B2/BCC	Combination B-1/B-2 and Border Crossing Card ¹	361,379	387,845	289,883	676,386	1,510,133
C	Transit ²	186,556	46,062	39,879	34,324	33,050
C-1/D	Combination Transit/Crew Member (Indiv. Iss.) ²		152,215	172,955	161,723	165,556
D-Indiv.Iss.	Crew Member (Individual Issuance) ²	168,192	20,349	20,174	19,175	21,195
D-Crewlist	Crewlist Visas	13,363	12,718	11,260	10,768	9,817
E	Treaty Trader or Investor	29,909	29,758	30,232	32,948	36,520
F	Student	262,197	288,582	273,410	285,435	308,944
G	Representative/Staff of International Organization	30,258	29,221	30,813	32,600	35,346
H	Temporary Worker and Trainee	121,340	161,278	190,671	246,814	289,562
I	Representative of Foreign Information Media	21,494	12,056	11,627	12,694	13,928
J	Exchange Visitor	204,232	213,687	225,628	245,743	273,959
K	Fiance(e) of U.S. Citizen	11,597	13,455	14,467	19,456	24,746
L	Intracompany Transferee	69,715	80,065	82,483	88,028	112,032
M	Vocational Student	6,753	7,359	6,972	6,577	6,465
NATO	NATO Official	5,490	5,112	4,593	5,388	5,390
N	Certain Relatives of SK Special Immigrants	23	21	26	19	20
O	Person With Extraordinary Ability in the Sciences, Arts, Education, Business, or Athletics	4,874	5,941	7,091	8,674	10,461
P	Athlete, Artist, or Entertainer	24,453	27,548	30,692	31,314	35,393
Q	International Cultural Exchange Program Participant	1,661	1,290	1,312	1,836	2,385
R	Person in a Religious Occupation	5,511	6,373	6,845	8,500	9,907
S	Informant Possessing Information on Criminal Activity or Terrorism ³	-	-	-	-	-
NAFTA	NAFTA Professional	346	511	825	1,188	2,034

Other Nonimmigrant Classes

BCC	Border Crossing Cards (BCC) ¹	43,929	38,006	8,358		
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¹ Border Crossing Cards (BCC) were issued at posts in Canada and Mexico; issuance ceased in Fiscal Year 1998. Combination B-1/B-2 and Border Crossing Card (B1/B2/BCC) issuances began in Fiscal Year 1984 at posts in Mexico and in Fiscal Year 1992 at posts in Canada; issuance ceased in Fiscal Year 1998 at posts in Canada.

² Beginning with Fiscal Year 1997, combination C-1/D visas (issued in lieu of separate concurrent C-1 and D visas) are counted as one visa, not two.

³ Category established by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322) and effective September 13, 1994 through September 12, 1999 only. Section 2 of Pub. L. 106-104 extended this category through September 12, 2001.

Table XVI(B)
Nonimmigrant Visas Issued by Classification
(Including Crewlist Visas and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1996 – 2000

Visa Symbol/Class	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	
A-1	Ambassador, public minister, career diplomat, consul, and immediate family	9,940	10,869	10,437	10,757	10,698
A-2	Other foreign government official or employee, and immediate family	65,998	66,152	66,998	66,335	69,079
A-3	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A-1 and A-2, and immediate family	2,140	2,270	2,148	2,279	2,486
B-1	Temporary visitor for business	204,374	232,377	192,837	93,019	75,919
B-2	Temporary visitor for pleasure	1,012,511	1,020,402	854,738	642,676	509,031
B-1/B-2	Temporary visitor for business and pleasure	3,369,635	3,070,539	3,226,799	3,447,822	3,567,580
B1/B2/BCC	Combination B-1/B-2 and Border Crossing Card ¹	361,379	387,845	289,883	676,386	1,510,133
C-1	Person in transit ²	178,403	37,423	31,457	26,494	26,407
C-1/D	Combination transit/crew member (indiv. iss.) ²		152,215	172,955	161,723	165,556
C-2	Person in transit to United Nations Headquarters	66	44	34	25	37
C-3	Foreign government official, immediate family, attendant, servant, or personal employee in transit	8,087	8,595	8,388	7,805	6,606
D-Indiv.Iss.	Crew Member (sea or air) (individual issuance) ²	168,192	20,349	20,174	19,175	21,195
D-Crewlist	Crewlist Visas	13,363	12,718	11,260	10,768	9,817
E-1	Treaty trader, spouse and children	10,471	9,497	9,457	9,973	9,539
E-2	Treaty investor, spouse and children	19,438	20,261	20,775	22,975	26,981
F-1	Student (academic or language training program)	241,003	266,483	251,565	262,542	284,053
F-2	Spouse or child of student	21,194	22,099	21,845	22,893	24,981
G-1	Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, staff, and immediate family	4,382	4,800	4,957	5,090	5,166
G-2	Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and immediate family	10,457	8,564	8,847	8,466	11,225
G-3	Representative of nonrecognized or nonmember foreign government to international organization, and immediate family	248	202	150	165	258
G-4	International organization officer or employee, and immediate family	13,662	14,109	15,245	17,142	16,960
G-5	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of G-1 through G-4, and immediate family	1,509	1,546	1,614	1,737	1,737
H-1A	Temporary worker performing services as a registered nurse ³	1,745	61	18	5	2
H-1B	Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability performing services other than as a registered nurse	58,327	80,547	91,360	116,513	133,290
H-1C	Nurse in health professional shortage area ³					-
H-2A	Temporary worker performing agricultural services	11,004	16,011	22,676	28,568	30,201
H-2B	Temporary worker performing other services	12,200	15,706	20,192	30,642	45,037
H-3	Trainee	1,877	1,747	1,830	1,892	1,514
H-4	Spouse or child of H-1A/B, H-2A/B, or H-3	36,187	47,206	54,595	69,194	79,518
I	Representative of foreign information media, spouse and children	21,494	12,056	11,627	12,694	13,928
J-1	Exchange visitor	171,164	179,598	192,451	211,349	236,837
J-2	Spouse or child of exchange visitor	33,068	34,089	33,177	34,394	37,122

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Visa Symbol/Class	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	
K-1	Fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	10,502	12,088	12,968	17,025	21,471
K-2	Child of fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	1,095	1,367	1,499	2,431	3,275
L-1	Intracompany transferee (executive, managerial, and specialized personnel continuing employment with international firm or corporation)	32,098	36,589	38,307	41,739	54,963
L-2	Spouse or child of intracompany transferee	37,617	43,476	44,176	46,289	57,069
M-1	Vocational and other nonacademic student	6,429	7,075	6,515	6,240	6,107
M-2	Spouse or child of vocational student	324	284	457	337	358
NATO-1	Principal permanent representative of member state to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies) resident in the U.S., and resident members of official staff; principal NATO officers; and immediate family	12	6	4	22	17
NATO-2	Other representatives of member states to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies), and immediate family; dependents of member of a force entering in accordance with provisions of NATO agreements; members of such force if issued visas	4,980	4,485	4,339	4,865	5,031
NATO-3	Official clerical staff accompanying a representative of member state to NATO, and immediate family	2	3	-	-	-
NATO-4	Officials of NATO (other than those classifiable as NATO-1), and immediate family	108	313	80	211	97
NATO-5	Experts, other than NATO-4 officials, employed in missions on behalf of NATO, and their dependents	218	135	18	28	33
NATO-6	Members of a civilian component accompanying a force entering in accordance with the provisions of NATO agreements, and their dependents	164	163	150	256	209
NATO-7	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of NATO-1 through NATO-6, and immediate family	6	7	2	6	3
N-8	Parent of SK-3 special immigrant	14	19	15	10	12
N-9	Child of N-8 or of SK-1, SK-2 or SK-4 special immigrant	9	2	11	9	8
O-1	Person with extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics	2,765	3,345	4,257	5,009	6,466
O-2	Person accompanying and assisting in the artistic or athletic performance by O-1	1,594	1,848	1,778	2,185	1,894
O-3	Spouse or child of O-1 or O-2	515	748	1,056	1,480	2,101
P-1	Internationally recognized athlete or member of an internationally recognized entertainment group	17,457	18,991	20,598	22,306	23,786
P-2	Artist or entertainer in a reciprocal exchange program	143	194	175	198	238
P-3	Artist or entertainer in a culturally unique program	6,285	7,756	9,291	8,068	10,501
P-4	Spouse or child of P-1, P-2, or P-3	568	607	628	742	868
Q-1	Participant in an International Cultural Exchange Program	1,661	1,290	1,312	1,836	2,024
Q-2	Irish Peace Process trainee ⁴					358
Q-3	Spouse or child of Q-2 ⁴					3

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R-1 Person in a religious occupation	4,285	5,082	5,450	6,497	7,418
R-2 Spouse or child of R-1	1,226	1,291	1,395	2,003	2,489
S-5 Informant possessing critical reliable information concerning criminal organization or enterprise ⁵	-	-	-	-	-
S-6 Informant possessing critical reliable information concerning terrorist organization, enterprise, or operation ⁵	-	-	-	-	-
S-7 Spouse, married or unmarried son or daughter, or parent of S-5 or S-6 ⁵	-	-	-	-	-
TN NAFTA professional	115	171	295	484	906
TD Spouse or child of TN	231	340	530	704	1,128
Other Nonimmigrant Classes					
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³ The H-1C category was established by Section 2(a) of the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-95) enacted November 12, 1999. It is effective from the date of enactment, but will require the promulgation of regulations in order to be implemented. The H-1C category will remain in effect for 4 years beginning on the date that regulations are first promulgated. Section 2(c) of Pub. L. 106-95 repealed the former H-1A category relating to registered nurses.

⁴ Category established by the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-319), and effective October 30, 1998 through September 30, 2005 only.

⁵ Category established by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322), and effective September 13, 1994 through September 12, 1999 only. Section 2 of Pub. L. 106-104 extended this category through September 12, 2001.