

Table XVI(A)
Classes of Nonimmigrants Issued Visas
(Including Crewlist Visas and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1997 – 2001

Class of Nonimmigrant		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total		5,942,061	5,814,153	6,192,478	7,141,636	7,588,778
A	Foreign Government Official	79,291	79,583	79,371	82,263	78,288
B-1	Temporary Visitor for Business	232,377	192,837	93,019	75,919	84,201
B-2	Temporary Visitor for Pleasure	1,020,402	854,738	642,676	509,031	381,431
B-1/B-2	Temporary Visitor for Business and Pleasure	3,070,539	3,226,799	3,447,822	3,567,580	3,527,118
B1/B2/BCC	Combination B-1/B-2 and Border Crossing Card ¹	387,845	289,883	676,386	1,510,133	1,990,402
C	Transit	46,062	39,879	34,324	33,050	32,952
C-1/D	Combination Transit/Crew Member (Indiv. Iss.) ²	152,215	172,955	161,723	165,556	167,435
D-Indiv.Iss.	Crew Member (Individual Issuance)	20,349	20,174	19,175	21,195	21,615
D-Crewlist	Crewlist Visas	12,718	11,260	10,768	9,817	8,480
E	Treaty Trader or Investor	29,758	30,232	32,948	36,520	36,886
F	Student	288,582	273,410	285,435	308,944	319,517
G	Representative/Staff of International Organization	29,221	30,813	32,600	35,346	32,877
H	Temporary Worker and Trainee	161,278	190,671	246,814	289,562	348,995
I	Representative of Foreign Information Media	12,056	11,627	12,694	13,928	13,799
J	Exchange Visitor	213,687	225,628	245,743	273,959	299,958
K	Fiance(e) of U.S. Citizen/Spouse of U.S. Citizen Awaiting Availability of Immigrant Visa ³	13,455	14,467	19,456	24,746	28,712
L	Intracompany Transferee	80,065	82,483	88,028	112,032	120,538
M	Vocational Student	7,359	6,972	6,577	6,465	5,658
NATO	NATO Official	5,112	4,593	5,388	5,390	4,723
N	Certain Relatives of SK Special Immigrants	21	26	19	20	14
O	Person With Extraordinary Ability in the Sciences, Arts, Education, Business, or Athletics	5,941	7,091	8,674	10,461	10,871
P	Athlete, Artist, or Entertainer	27,548	30,692	31,314	35,393	34,018
Q	International Cultural Exchange Program Participant	1,290	1,312	1,836	2,385	1,618
R	Person in a Religious Occupation	6,373	6,845	8,500	9,907	11,512
S	Informant Possessing Information on Criminal Activity or Terrorism ⁴	-	-	-	-	-
NAFTA	NAFTA Professional	511	825	1,188	2,034	1,828
T	Victim of a Severe Form of Trafficking in Persons ⁵	-	-	-	-	-
U	Victim of Criminal Activity ⁶	-	-	-	-	-
V	Spouse/Child of Lawful Permanent Resident Awaiting Availability of Immigrant Visa ⁷	-	-	-	-	25,332

Other Nonimmigrant Classes

BCC	Border Crossing Cards (BCC) ¹	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 Combination C-1/D visas (issued in lieu of separate concurrent C-1 and D visas) are counted as one visa, not two.

³ Nonimmigrant status for spouses of U.S. citizens (and their children) awaiting the availability of an immigrant visa was provided by Section 1103 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000 (Title XI of Pub. L. 106-553) enacted December 21, 2000.

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- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ Category established by Section 107(e)(1), division A (Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000) of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–386) enacted October 28, 2000.
- ⁶ Category established by Section 1513(b), title V (Battered Immigrant Women Protection Act of 2000), division B (Violence Against Women Act of 2000) of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–386) enacted October 28, 2000.
- ⁷ Nonimmigrant status for spouses and children of lawful permanent residents (and their children) awaiting the availability of an immigrant visa was provided by Section 1102 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000 (Title XI of Pub. L. 106–553) enacted December 21, 2000.

Table XVI(B)
Nonimmigrant Visas Issued by Classification
(Including Crewlist Visas and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1997 – 2001

Visa Symbol/Class	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
A-1	Ambassador, public minister, career diplomat, consul, and immediate family	10,869	10,437	10,757	10,698	9,662
A-2	Other foreign government official or employee, and immediate family	66,152	66,998	66,335	69,079	66,398
A-3	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A-1 and A-2, and immediate family	2,270	2,148	2,279	2,486	2,228
B-1	Temporary visitor for business	232,377	192,837	93,019	75,919	84,201
B-2	Temporary visitor for pleasure	1,020,402	854,738	642,676	509,031	381,431
B-1/B-2	Temporary visitor for business and pleasure	3,070,539	3,226,799	3,447,822	3,567,580	3,527,118
B1/B2/BCC	Combination B-1/B-2 and Border Crossing Card ¹	387,845	289,883	676,386	1,510,133	1,990,402
C-1	Person in transit	37,423	31,457	26,494	26,407	27,231
C-1/D	Combination transit/crew member (indiv. iss.) ²	152,215	172,955	161,723	165,556	167,435
C-2	Person in transit to United Nations Headquarters	44	34	25	37	24
C-3	Foreign government official, immediate family, attendant, servant, or personal employee in transit	8,595	8,388	7,805	6,606	5,697
D-Indiv.Iss.	Crew member (sea or air) (individual issuance)	20,349	20,174	19,175	21,195	21,615
D-Crewlist	Crewlist visas	12,718	11,260	10,768	9,817	8,480
E-1	Treaty trader, spouse and children	9,497	9,457	9,973	9,539	9,309
E-2	Treaty investor, spouse and children	20,261	20,775	22,975	26,981	27,577
F-1	Student (academic or language training program)	266,483	251,565	262,542	284,053	293,357
F-2	Spouse or child of student	22,099	21,845	22,893	24,981	26,160
G-1	Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, staff, and immediate family	4,800	4,957	5,090	5,166	5,274
G-2	Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and immediate family	8,564	8,847	8,466	11,225	8,825
G-3	Representative of nonrecognized or nonmember foreign government to international organization, and immediate family	202	150	165	258	134
G-4	International organization officer or employee, and immediate family	14,109	15,245	17,142	16,960	16,999
G-5	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of G-1 through G-4, and immediate family	1,546	1,614	1,737	1,737	1,645
H-1A	Temporary worker performing services as a registered nurse ³	61	18	5	2	
H-1B	Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability performing services other than as a registered nurse	80,547	91,360	116,513	133,290	161,643
H-1C	Nurse in health professional shortage area ³				-	34
H-2A	Temporary worker performing agricultural services	16,011	22,676	28,568	30,201	31,523
H-2B	Temporary worker performing other services	15,706	20,192	30,642	45,037	58,215
H-3	Trainee	1,747	1,830	1,892	1,514	1,613
H-4	Spouse or child of H-1A/B/C, H-2A/B, or H-3	47,206	54,595	69,194	79,518	95,967
I	Representative of foreign information media, spouse and children	12,056	11,627	12,694	13,928	13,799
J-1	Exchange visitor	179,598	192,451	211,349	236,837	261,769
J-2	Spouse or child of exchange visitor	34,089	33,177	34,394	37,122	38,189

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Visa Symbol/Class	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
K-1	Fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	12,088	12,968	17,025	21,471	24,973
K-2	Child of fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	1,367	1,499	2,431	3,275	3,735
K-3	Spouse of U.S. citizen awaiting availability of immigrant visa ⁴					3
K-4	Child of K-3 ⁴					1
L-1	Intracompany transferee (executive, managerial, and specialized personnel continuing employment with international firm or corporation)	36,589	38,307	41,739	54,963	59,384
L-2	Spouse or child of intracompany transferee	43,476	44,176	46,289	57,069	61,154
M-1	Vocational and other nonacademic student	7,075	6,515	6,240	6,107	5,373
M-2	Spouse or child of vocational student	284	457	337	358	285
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	6	4	22	17	4
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	4,485	4,339	4,865	5,031	4,282
NATO-3	Official clerical staff accompanying a representative of member state to NATO, and immediate family	3	-	-	-	-
NATO-4	Officials of NATO (other than those classifiable as NATO-1), and immediate family	313	80	211	97	95
NATO-5	Experts, other than NATO-4 officials, employed in missions on behalf of NATO, and their dependents	135	18	28	33	121
NATO-6	Members of a civilian component accompanying a force entering in accordance with the provisions of NATO agreements, and their dependents	163	150	256	209	220
NATO-7	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of NATO-1 through NATO-6, and immediate family	7	2	6	3	1
N-8	Parent of SK-3 special immigrant	19	15	10	12	8
N-9	Child of N-8 or of SK-1, SK-2 or SK-4 special immigrant	2	11	9	8	6
O-1	Person with extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics	3,345	4,257	5,009	6,466	6,666
O-2	Person accompanying and assisting in the artistic or athletic performance by O-1	1,848	1,778	2,185	1,894	1,918
O-3	Spouse or child of O-1 or O-2	748	1,056	1,480	2,101	2,287
P-1	Internationally recognized athlete or member of an internationally recognized entertainment group	18,991	20,598	22,306	23,786	24,378
P-2	Artist or entertainer in a reciprocal exchange program	194	175	198	238	125
P-3	Artist or entertainer in a culturally unique program	7,756	9,291	8,068	10,501	8,495
P-4	Spouse or child of P-1, P-2, or P-3	607	628	742	868	1,020

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Visa Symbol/Class	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
Q-1	Participant in an international cultural exchange program	1,290	1,312	1,836	2,024	1,432
Q-2	Irish Peace Process trainee ⁵			358	186	
Q-3	Spouse or child of Q-2 ⁵			3	-	
R-1	Person in a religious occupation	5,082	5,450	6,497	7,418	8,503
R-2	Spouse or child of R-1	1,291	1,395	2,003	2,489	3,009
S-5	Informant possessing critical reliable information concerning criminal organization or enterprise ⁶	-	-	-	-	-
S-6	Informant possessing critical reliable information concerning terrorist organization, enterprise, or operation ⁶	-	-	-	-	-
S-7	Spouse, married or unmarried son or daughter, or parent of S-5 or S-6 ⁶	-	-	-	-	-
TN	NAFTA professional	171	295	484	906	787
TD	Spouse or child of TN	340	530	704	1,128	1,041
T-1	Victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons ⁷					-
T-2	Spouse of T-1 ⁷					-
T-3	Child of T-1 ⁷					-
T-4	Parent of T-1 under 21 years of age ⁷					-
U-1	Victim of criminal activity ⁸					-
U-2	Spouse of U-1 ⁸					-
U-3	Child of U-1 ⁸					-
U-4	Parent of U-1 under 21 years of age ⁸					-
V-1	Spouse of lawful permanent resident awaiting availability of immigrant visa ⁹					9,127
V-2	Child of lawful permanent resident awaiting availability of immigrant visa ⁹					14,805
V-3	Derivative child of V-1 or V-2 ⁹					1,400
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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 June 11, 2001 (the date the Immigration and Naturalization Service published implementing regulations) through June 11, 2005 only. Section 2(c) of Pub. L. 106-95 repealed the former H-1A category relating to registered nurses.

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