

Table I
Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 1998 – 2002

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Immigrant Categories					
Immediate Relatives	147,760	156,048	163,610	172,087	178,142
Special Immigrants ¹	748	830	816	856	735
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	399	245	1,052	426	374
Family-Sponsored Preference	165,986	191,393	181,127	146,204	129,414
Employment-Based Preference	15,815	15,455	22,392	43,129	39,289
Armed Forces Special Immigrants	21	19	11	7	6
DV Diversity Immigrants	44,955	49,672	44,513	43,371	41,197
Total	375,684	413,662	413,521	406,080	389,157
Nonimmigrant Categories					
Visas Issued	5,805,795	6,192,478	7,141,636	7,588,778	5,769,437
Border Crossing Cards ² (B1/B2/BCCs) ³	8,358 (289,883)	(676,386)	(1,510,133)	(1,990,402)	(1,399,819)
Total	5,814,153	6,192,478	7,141,636	7,588,778	5,769,437

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-1998.

³ Combination B-1/B-2 visitor visa/Border Crossing Card (B1/B2/BCC) issuance began in FY-1984 at posts in Mexico and in FY-1992 at posts in Canada; issuance ceased in FY-1998 at posts in Canada. Combination B-1/B-2 visitor visa/Border Crossing Cards (B1/B2/BCCs) are included in the "Visas Issued" line.