

Table XVI(A)
Classes of Nonimmigrants Issued Visas
(Including Crewlist Visas and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1998 – 2002

Class of Nonimmigrant		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total		5,814,153	6,192,478	7,141,636	7,588,778	5,769,437
A	Foreign Government Official	79,583	79,371	82,263	78,288	84,151
B-1	Temporary Visitor for Business	192,837	93,019	75,919	84,201	75,642
B-2	Temporary Visitor for Pleasure	854,738	642,676	509,031	381,431	255,487
B-1/B-2	Temporary Visitor for Business and Pleasure	3,226,799	3,447,822	3,567,580	3,527,118	2,528,103
B1/B2/BCC	Combination B-1/B-2 and Border Crossing Card ¹	289,883	676,386	1,510,133	1,990,402	1,399,819
C	Transit	39,879	34,324	33,050	32,952	30,239
C-1/D	Combination Transit/Crew Member (Indiv. Iss.) ²	172,955	161,723	165,556	167,435	175,446
D-Indiv.Iss.	Crew Member (Individual Issuance)	20,174	19,175	21,195	21,615	13,671
D-Crewlist	Crewlist Visas	11,260	10,768	9,817	8,480	8,399
E	Treaty Trader or Investor	30,232	32,948	36,520	36,886	33,444
F	Student	273,410	285,435	308,944	319,517	256,534
G	Representative/Staff of International Organization	30,813	32,600	35,346	32,877	33,004
H	Temporary Worker and Trainee	190,671	246,814	289,562	348,995	293,805
I	Representative of Foreign Information Media	11,627	12,694	13,928	13,799	18,187
J	Exchange Visitor	225,628	245,743	273,959	299,958	286,380
K	Fiance(e) of U.S. Citizen/Spouse of U.S. Citizen Awaiting Availability of Immigrant Visa ³	14,467	19,456	24,746	28,712	39,008
L	Intracompany Transferee	82,483	88,028	112,032	120,538	112,624
M	Vocational Student	6,972	6,577	6,465	5,658	4,277
NATO	NATO Official	4,593	5,388	5,390	4,723	5,687
N	Certain Relatives of SK Special Immigrants	26	19	20	14	12
O	Person With Extraordinary Ability in the Sciences, Arts, Education, Business, or Athletics	7,091	8,674	10,461	10,871	9,758
P	Athlete, Artist, or Entertainer	30,692	31,314	35,393	34,018	33,475
Q	International Cultural Exchange Program Participant	1,312	1,836	2,385	1,618	1,799
R	Person in a Religious Occupation	6,845	8,500	9,907	11,512	11,821
S	Informant Possessing Information on Criminal Activity or Terrorism ⁴	-	-	-	-	-
NAFTA	NAFTA Professional	825	1,188	2,034	1,828	1,555
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	57,110
Other Nonimmigrant Classes						
BCC	Border Crossing Cards (BCC) ¹	8,358				

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. Section 2 of Pub. L. 106–104 extended this category through September 12, 2001. The category was made permanent by Pub. L. 107–45 enacted October 1, 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 1998 – 2002

Visa Symbol/Class	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	
A-1	Ambassador, public minister, career diplomat, consul, and immediate family	10,437	10,757	10,698	9,662	10,452
A-2	Other foreign government official or employee, and immediate family	66,998	66,335	69,079	66,398	71,728
A-3	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A-1 and A-2, and immediate family	2,148	2,279	2,486	2,228	1,971
B-1	Temporary visitor for business	192,837	93,019	75,919	84,201	75,642
B-2	Temporary visitor for pleasure	854,738	642,676	509,031	381,431	255,487
B-1/B-2	Temporary visitor for business and pleasure	3,226,799	3,447,822	3,567,580	3,527,118	2,528,103
B1/B2/BCC	Combination B-1/B-2 and Border Crossing Card ¹	289,883	676,386	1,510,133	1,990,402	1,399,819
C-1	Person in transit	31,457	26,494	26,407	27,231	24,207
C-1/D	Combination transit/crew member (indiv. iss.) ²	172,955	161,723	165,556	167,435	175,446
C-2	Person in transit to United Nations Headquarters	34	25	37	24	8
C-3	Foreign government official, immediate family, attendant, servant, or personal employee in transit	8,388	7,805	6,606	5,697	6,024
D-Indiv.Iss.	Crew Member (sea or air) (individual issuance)	20,174	19,175	21,195	21,615	13,671
D-Crewlist	Crewlist Visas	11,260	10,768	9,817	8,480	8,399
E-1	Treaty trader, spouse and children	9,457	9,973	9,539	9,309	7,811
E-2	Treaty investor, spouse and children	20,775	22,975	26,981	27,577	25,633
F-1	Student (academic or language training program)	251,565	262,542	284,053	293,357	234,322
F-2	Spouse or child of student	21,845	22,893	24,981	26,160	22,212
G-1	Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, staff, and immediate family	4,957	5,090	5,166	5,274	4,905
G-2	Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and immediate family	8,847	8,466	11,225	8,825	9,144
G-3	Representative of nonrecognized or nonmember foreign government to international organization, and immediate family	150	165	258	134	99
G-4	International organization officer or employee, and immediate family	15,245	17,142	16,960	16,999	17,374
G-5	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of G-1 through G-4, and immediate family	1,614	1,737	1,737	1,645	1,482
H-1A	Temporary worker performing services as a registered nurse ³	18	5	2		
H-1B	Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability performing services other than as a registered nurse	91,360	116,513	133,290	161,643	118,352
H-1C	Nurse in health professional shortage area ³			-	34	212
H-2A	Temporary worker performing agricultural services	22,676	28,568	30,201	31,523	31,538
H-2B	Temporary worker performing other services	20,192	30,642	45,037	58,215	62,591
H-3	Trainee	1,830	1,892	1,514	1,613	1,387
H-4	Spouse or child of H-1A/B/C, H-2A/B, or H-3	54,595	69,194	79,518	95,967	79,725
I	Representative of foreign information media, spouse and children	11,627	12,694	13,928	13,799	18,187
J-1	Exchange visitor	192,451	211,349	236,837	261,769	253,841
J-2	Spouse or child of exchange visitor	33,177	34,394	37,122	38,189	32,539

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Visa Symbol/Class	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	
K-1	Fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	12,968	17,025	21,471	24,973	28,338
K-2	Child of fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	1,499	2,431	3,275	3,735	4,298
K-3	Spouse of U.S. citizen awaiting availability of immigrant visa ⁴				3	5,078
K-4	Child of K-3 ⁴				1	1,294
L-1	Intracompany transferee (executive, managerial, and specialized personnel continuing employment with international firm or corporation)	38,307	41,739	54,963	59,384	57,721
L-2	Spouse or child of intracompany transferee	44,176	46,289	57,069	61,154	54,903
M-1	Vocational and other nonacademic student	6,515	6,240	6,107	5,373	4,116
M-2	Spouse or child of vocational student	457	337	358	285	161
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	4	22	17	4	24
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	4,339	4,865	5,031	4,282	5,195
NATO-3	Official clerical staff accompanying a representative of member state to NATO, and immediate family	-	-	-	-	-
NATO-4	Officials of NATO (other than those classifiable as NATO-1), and immediate family	80	211	97	95	89
NATO-5	Experts, other than NATO-4 officials, employed in missions on behalf of NATO, and their dependents	18	28	33	121	179
NATO-6	Members of a civilian component accompanying a force entering in accordance with the provisions of NATO agreements, and their dependents	150	256	209	220	192
NATO-7	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of NATO-1 through NATO-6, and immediate family	2	6	3	1	8
N-8	Parent of SK-3 special immigrant	15	10	12	8	8
N-9	Child of N-8 or of SK-1, SK-2 or SK-4 special immigrant	11	9	8	6	4
O-1	Person with extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics	4,257	5,009	6,466	6,666	6,026
O-2	Person accompanying and assisting in the artistic or athletic performance by O-1	1,778	2,185	1,894	1,918	1,972
O-3	Spouse or child of O-1 or O-2	1,056	1,480	2,101	2,287	1,760
P-1	Internationally recognized athlete or member of an internationally recognized entertainment group	20,598	22,306	23,786	24,378	24,287
P-2	Artist or entertainer in a reciprocal exchange program	175	198	238	125	119
P-3	Artist or entertainer in a culturally unique program	9,291	8,068	10,501	8,495	8,131
P-4	Spouse or child of P-1, P-2, or P-3	628	742	868	1,020	938
Q-1	Participant in an international cultural exchange program	1,312	1,836	2,024	1,432	1,469

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Visa Symbol/Class	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Q-2			358	186	329
Q-3			3	-	1
R-1	5,450	6,497	7,418	8,503	8,646
R-2	1,395	2,003	2,489	3,009	3,175
S-5			-	-	-
S-6			-	-	-
S-7			-	-	-
TN	295	484	906	787	699
TD	530	704	1,128	1,041	856
T-1				-	-
T-2				-	-
T-3				-	-
T-4				-	-
U-1				-	-
U-2				-	-
U-3				-	-
U-4				-	-
V-1				9,127	18,020
V-2				14,805	19,523
V-3				1,400	19,567
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BCC	8,358				
Grand Total	5,814,153	6,192,478	7,141,636	7,588,778	5,769,437

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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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⁵ 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.

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