

Table I
Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2008 - 2012

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Immigrant Categories					
Immediate Relatives	238,848	227,517	215,947	216,856	235,616
Special Immigrants ¹	2,559	4,325	3,043	1,861	5,219
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	77	48	23	35	75
Family Sponsored Preference	169,896	176,273	200,567	192,891	189,128
Employment-Based Preference	13,472	13,846	12,701	15,099	19,137
Armed Forces Special Immigrants	1	0	0	0	0
Diversity Immigrants	45,246	46,761	49,771	49,507	33,125
Schedule A Workers ²	-	-	-	-	-
Total	470,098	468,770	482,052	476,249	482,300
Nonimmigrant Categories					
Visas Issued	6,603,076	5,804,182	6,422,751	7,507,939	8,927,090
(B1/B2/Border Crossing Cards) ³	[750,483]	[707,255]	[971,886]	[1,143,100]	[1,493,267]
Total	6,603,076	5,804,182	6,422,751	7,507,939	8,927,090

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

¹ Special Immigrant totals include returning residents, Iraqi and Afghan translators, and certain Iraqis or Afghans employed by or on behalf of the U.S. Government.

² Section 502, Title V, Division B of Pub. L. 109-13 enacted May 22, 2005 (the REAL ID Act of 2005) amended Sec. 106(d) of Pub. L. 106-313 to provide for the recapture of 50,000 Employment Preference numbers that were unused in Fiscal Years 2001-2004. The recaptured numbers were to be used for workers with petitions approved under the Department of Labor's Schedule A labor certification regulations. Issuances ceased in Fiscal Year 2007.

³ Combination B1/B2 visitor visa/Border Crossing Cards are issued to Mexican nationals. B1/B2/Border Crossing Card issuances are included in the "Visas Issued" line.