

Table I
Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 1997 – 2001

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Immigrant Categories					
Immediate Relatives	178,774	147,760	156,048	163,610	172,087
Special Immigrants ¹	853	748	830	816	856
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	835	399	245	1,052	426
Family-Sponsored Preference	170,785	165,986	191,393	181,127	146,204
Employment-Based Preference	20,898	15,815	15,455	22,392	43,129
Armed Forces Special Immigrants	47	21	19	11	7
DV Diversity Immigrants	44,727	44,955	49,672	44,513	43,371
Total	416,919	375,684	413,662	413,521	406,080
Nonimmigrant Categories					
Visas Issued	5,904,055	5,805,795	6,192,478	7,141,636	7,588,778
Border Crossing Cards ² (B1/B2/BCCs) ³	38,006 (387,845)	8,358 (289,883)	(676,386)	(1,510,133)	(1,990,402)
Total	5,942,061	5,814,153	6,192,478	7,141,636	7,588,778

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-98.

³ Combination B-1/B-2 visitor visa/Border Crossing Card (B1/B2/BCC) issuance began in FY-84 at posts in Mexico and in FY-92 at posts in Canada; issuance ceased in FY-98 at posts in Canada. Combination B-1/B-2 visitor visa/Border Crossing Cards (B1/B2/BCCs) are included in the "Visas Issued" line.