

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Immigrant Categories</b>					
Immediate Relatives	238,848	227,517	215,947	216,856	235,616
Special Immigrants <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>470,098</b>	<b>468,770</b>	<b>482,052</b>	<b>476,249</b>	<b>482,300</b>
<b>Nonimmigrant Categories</b>					
Visas Issued	6,603,076	5,804,182	6,422,751	7,507,939	8,927,090
(B1/B2/Border Crossing Cards) <sup>3</sup>	[750,483]	[707,255]	[971,886]	[1,143,100]	[1,493,267]
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,603,076</b>	<b>5,804,182</b>	<b>6,422,751</b>	<b>7,507,939</b>	<b>8,927,090</b>

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.