

Table I
Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2017-2021*

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, posts were instructed to suspend routine visa services and provide only mission critical and emergency services in late March 2020. This had a significant impact on the provision of Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visa-related services. Posts were only able to resume limited services on a post-by-post basis beginning in July 2020, as local conditions allowed.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Immigrant Categories					
Immediate Relatives	254,430	236,526	186,584	108,292	170,604
Special Immigrants ¹	20,034	9,375	11,384	8,722	13,421
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	36	92	96	95	63
Family Sponsored Preference	212,155	211,641	190,938	90,435	63,858
Employment-Based Preference	23,814	27,345	28,538	14,694	19,779
Armed Forces Special Immigrants	0	0	0	0	0
Diversity Immigrants	49,067	48,578	44,882	18,288	17,344
Total	559,536	533,557	462,422	240,526	285,069
Nonimmigrant Categories					
Visas Issued	9,681,913	9,028,026	8,742,068	4,013,210	2,792,083
(B1/B2/Border Crossing Cards) ²	[1,073,915]	[1,032,467]	[1,106,852]	[662,536]	[512,889]
Total	9,681,913	9,028,026	8,742,068	4,013,210	2,792,083

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

¹ Special Immigrant totals include returning residents, Iraqi and Afghan translators; Iraqis and Afghans employed by or on behalf of the U.S. government, or by the International Security Assistance Force or its successor, and Iraqi and Afghan SI cases converted under Section 1244; and certain family members of U1 Nonimmigrants.

² 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.