

**Table I**  
**Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts**  
**Fiscal Years 2018-2022\***

\*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.

|  | 2018             | 2019             | 2020             | 2021             | 2022             |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Immigrant Categories</b>                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Immediate Relatives                        | 236,526          | 186,584          | 108,292          | 170,604          | 212,185          |
| Special Immigrants <sup>1</sup>            | 9,375            | 11,384           | 8,722            | 13,421           | 14,903           |
| Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants               | 92               | 96               | 95               | 63               | 168              |
| Family Sponsored Preference                | 211,641          | 190,938          | 90,435           | 63,858           | 156,800          |
| Employment-Based Preference                | 27,345           | 28,538           | 14,694           | 19,779           | 55,058           |
| Armed Forces Special Immigrants            | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                |
| Diversity Immigrants                       | 48,578           | 44,882           | 18,288           | 17,344           | 54,334           |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>533,557</b>   | <b>462,422</b>   | <b>240,526</b>   | <b>285,069</b>   | <b>493,448</b>   |
| <b>Nonimmigrant Categories</b>             |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Visas Issued                               | 9,028,026        | 8,742,068        | 4,013,210        | 2,792,083        | 6,815,120        |
| (B1/B2/Border Crossing Cards) <sup>2</sup> | [1,032,467]      | [1,106,852]      | [662,536]        | [512,889]        | [1,244,482]      |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>9,028,026</b> | <b>8,742,068</b> | <b>4,013,210</b> | <b>2,792,083</b> | <b>6,815,120</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; 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.

<sup>2</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.