

Table I
Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2020-2024*

*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.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Immigrant Categories					
Immediate Relatives	108,292	170,604	212,185	245,696	265,467
Special Immigrants ^{1, 2}	8,722	13,421	14,903	21,040	37,769
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	95	63	168	237	155
Family Sponsored Preference	90,435	63,858	156,800	194,419	205,762
Employment-Based Preference	14,694	19,779	55,058	46,508	49,766
Armed Forces Special Immigrants	0	0	0	0	0
Diversity Immigrants	18,288	17,344	54,334	55,076	53,339
Total	240,526	285,069	493,448	562,976	612,258
Nonimmigrant Categories					
Visas Issued	4,013,210	2,792,083	6,815,120	10,438,327	10,969,936
(B1/B2/Border Crossing Cards) ³	[662,536]	[512,889]	[1,244,482]	[1,821,030]	[1,911,752]
Total	4,013,210	2,792,083	6,815,120	10,438,327	10,969,936

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.

²Section 5104 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2024 (formerly known as the “GRATEFUL Act”) authorized up to 3,500 visas to be issued in FY 2024 and up to 3,000 visas to be issued in FY 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter to special immigrant employees of the U.S. government abroad and family members, and the surviving spouses and children of certain deceased employees, under INA 101(a)(27)(D), for whom an employment-based fourth preference (EB-4) visa is not immediately available.

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.