

Table I
Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2016-2020*

*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, as local conditions allowed.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Immigrant Categories					
Immediate Relatives	315,352	254,430	236,526	186,584	108,292
Special Immigrants ¹	16,176	20,034	9,375	11,384	8,722
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	6	36	92	96	95
Family Sponsored Preference	215,498	212,155	211,641	190,938	90,435
Employment-Based Preference	25,056	23,814	27,345	28,538	14,694
Armed Forces Special Immigrants	0	0	0	0	0
Diversity Immigrants	45,664	49,067	48,578	44,882	18,288
Total	617,752	559,536	533,557	462,422	240,526
Nonimmigrant Categories					
Visas Issued	10,381,491	9,681,913	9,028,026	8,742,068	4,013,210
(B1/B2/Border Crossing Cards) ²	[1,106,723]	[1,073,915]	[1,032,467]	[1,106,852]	[662,536]
Total	10,381,491	9,681,913	9,028,026	8,742,068	4,013,210

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

¹ Special Immigrant totals include returning residents, Iraqi and Afghan translators, certain Iraqis or Afghans employed by or on behalf of the U.S. Government, 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.