

**Table I**  
**Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts**  
**Fiscal Years 1996 – 2000**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
<b>Immigrant Categories</b>					
Immediate Relatives	147,883	178,774	147,760	156,048	163,610
Special Immigrants <sup>1</sup>	890	853	748	830	816
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	964	835	399	245	1,052
Family-Sponsored Preference	207,734	170,785	165,986	191,393	181,127
Employment-Based Preference	22,769	20,898	15,815	15,455	22,392
Armed Forces Special Immigrants	42	47	21	19	11
DV Diversity Immigrants	43,158	44,727	44,955	49,672	44,513
<b>Total</b>	<b>423,440</b>	<b>416,919</b>	<b>375,684</b>	<b>413,662</b>	<b>413,521</b>
<b>Nonimmigrant Categories</b>					
Visas Issued	6,193,941	5,904,055	5,805,795	6,192,478	7,141,636
Border Crossing Cards <sup>2</sup> (B1/B2/BCCs) <sup>3</sup>	43,929 (361,379)	38,006 (387,845)	8,358 (289,883)	(676,386)	(1,510,133)
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,237,870</b>	<b>5,942,061</b>	<b>5,814,153</b>	<b>6,192,478</b>	<b>7,141,636</b>

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

<sup>1</sup> Special Immigrant totals include returning residents only.

<sup>2</sup> Border Crossing Cards were issued at posts in Canada and Mexico; issuance ceased in FY-98.

<sup>3</sup> Combination B-1/B-2 visitor visa/Border Crossing Card (B1/B2/BCC) issuance began in FY-84 at posts in Mexico and in FY-92 at posts in Canada; issuance ceased in FY-98 at posts in Canada. Combination B-1/B-2 visitor visa/Border Crossing Cards (B1/B2/BCCs) are included in the "Visas Issued" line.