

Table XVI(A)
Classes of Nonimmigrants Issued Visas
(Including Crewlist Visas and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1996 – 2000

Class of Nonimmigrant		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total		6,237,870	5,942,061	5,814,153	6,192,478	7,141,636
A	Foreign Government Official	78,078	79,291	79,583	79,371	82,263
B-1	Temporary Visitor for Business	204,374	232,377	192,837	93,019	75,919
B-2	Temporary Visitor for Pleasure	1,012,511	1,020,402	854,738	642,676	509,031
B-1/B-2	Temporary Visitor for Business and Pleasure	3,369,635	3,070,539	3,226,799	3,447,822	3,567,580
B1/B2/BCC	Combination B-1/B-2 and Border Crossing Card ¹	361,379	387,845	289,883	676,386	1,510,133
C	Transit ²	186,556	46,062	39,879	34,324	33,050
C-1/D	Combination Transit/Crew Member (Indiv. Iss.) ²		152,215	172,955	161,723	165,556
D-Indiv.Iss.	Crew Member (Individual Issuance) ²	168,192	20,349	20,174	19,175	21,195
D-Crewlist	Crewlist Visas	13,363	12,718	11,260	10,768	9,817
E	Treaty Trader or Investor	29,909	29,758	30,232	32,948	36,520
F	Student	262,197	288,582	273,410	285,435	308,944
G	Representative/Staff of International Organization	30,258	29,221	30,813	32,600	35,346
H	Temporary Worker and Trainee	121,340	161,278	190,671	246,814	289,562
I	Representative of Foreign Information Media	21,494	12,056	11,627	12,694	13,928
J	Exchange Visitor	204,232	213,687	225,628	245,743	273,959
K	Fiance(e) of U.S. Citizen	11,597	13,455	14,467	19,456	24,746
L	Intracompany Transferee	69,715	80,065	82,483	88,028	112,032
M	Vocational Student	6,753	7,359	6,972	6,577	6,465
NATO	NATO Official	5,490	5,112	4,593	5,388	5,390
N	Certain Relatives of SK Special Immigrants	23	21	26	19	20
O	Person With Extraordinary Ability in the Sciences, Arts, Education, Business, or Athletics	4,874	5,941	7,091	8,674	10,461
P	Athlete, Artist, or Entertainer	24,453	27,548	30,692	31,314	35,393
Q	International Cultural Exchange Program Participant	1,661	1,290	1,312	1,836	2,385
R	Person in a Religious Occupation	5,511	6,373	6,845	8,500	9,907
S	Informant Possessing Information on Criminal Activity or Terrorism ³	-	-	-	-	-
NAFTA	NAFTA Professional	346	511	825	1,188	2,034

Other Nonimmigrant Classes

BCC	Border Crossing Cards (BCC) ¹	43,929	38,006	8,358
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¹ Border Crossing Cards (BCC) were issued at posts in Canada and Mexico; issuance ceased in Fiscal Year 1998. Combination B-1/B-2 and Border Crossing Card (B1/B2/BCC) issuances began in Fiscal Year 1984 at posts in Mexico and in Fiscal Year 1992 at posts in Canada; issuance ceased in Fiscal Year 1998 at posts in Canada.

² Beginning with Fiscal Year 1997, combination C-1/D visas (issued in lieu of separate concurrent C-1 and D visas) are counted as one visa, not two.

³ Category established by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322) and effective September 13, 1994 through September 12, 1999 only. Section 2 of Pub. L. 106-104 extended this category through September 12, 2001.

Table XVI(B)
Nonimmigrant Visas Issued by Classification
(Including Crewlist Visas and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1996 – 2000

Visa Symbol/Class		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
A-1	Ambassador, public minister, career diplomat, consul, and immediate family	9,940	10,869	10,437	10,757	10,698
A-2	Other foreign government official or employee, and immediate family	65,998	66,152	66,998	66,335	69,079
A-3	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A-1 and A-2, and immediate family	2,140	2,270	2,148	2,279	2,486
B-1	Temporary visitor for business	204,374	232,377	192,837	93,019	75,919
B-2	Temporary visitor for pleasure	1,012,511	1,020,402	854,738	642,676	509,031
B-1/B-2	Temporary visitor for business and pleasure	3,369,635	3,070,539	3,226,799	3,447,822	3,567,580
B1/B2/BCC	Combination B-1/B-2 and Border Crossing Card ¹	361,379	387,845	289,883	676,386	1,510,133
C-1	Person in transit ²	178,403	37,423	31,457	26,494	26,407
C-1/D	Combination transit/crew member (indiv. iss.) ²		152,215	172,955	161,723	165,556
C-2	Person in transit to United Nations Headquarters	66	44	34	25	37
C-3	Foreign government official, immediate family, attendant, servant, or personal employee in transit	8,087	8,595	8,388	7,805	6,606
D-Indiv.Iss.	Crew Member (sea or air) (individual issuance) ²	168,192	20,349	20,174	19,175	21,195
D-Crewlist	Crewlist Visas	13,363	12,718	11,260	10,768	9,817
E-1	Treaty trader, spouse and children	10,471	9,497	9,457	9,973	9,539
E-2	Treaty investor, spouse and children	19,438	20,261	20,775	22,975	26,981
F-1	Student (academic or language training program)	241,003	266,483	251,565	262,542	284,053
F-2	Spouse or child of student	21,194	22,099	21,845	22,893	24,981
G-1	Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, staff, and immediate family	4,382	4,800	4,957	5,090	5,166
G-2	Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and immediate family	10,457	8,564	8,847	8,466	11,225
G-3	Representative of nonrecognized or nonmember foreign government to international organization, and immediate family	248	202	150	165	258
G-4	International organization officer or employee, and immediate family	13,662	14,109	15,245	17,142	16,960
G-5	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of G-1 through G-4, and immediate family	1,509	1,546	1,614	1,737	1,737
H-1A	Temporary worker performing services as a registered nurse ³	1,745	61	18	5	2
H-1B	Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability performing services other than as a registered nurse	58,327	80,547	91,360	116,513	133,290
H-1C	Nurse in health professional shortage area ³					-
H-2A	Temporary worker performing agricultural services	11,004	16,011	22,676	28,568	30,201
H-2B	Temporary worker performing other services	12,200	15,706	20,192	30,642	45,037
H-3	Trainee	1,877	1,747	1,830	1,892	1,514
H-4	Spouse or child of H-1A/B, H-2A/B, or H-3	36,187	47,206	54,595	69,194	79,518
I	Representative of foreign information media, spouse and children	21,494	12,056	11,627	12,694	13,928
J-1	Exchange visitor	171,164	179,598	192,451	211,349	236,837
J-2	Spouse or child of exchange visitor	33,068	34,089	33,177	34,394	37,122

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Visa Symbol/Class		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
K–1	Fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	10,502	12,088	12,968	17,025	21,471
K–2	Child of fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	1,095	1,367	1,499	2,431	3,275
L–1	Intracompany transferee (executive, managerial, and specialized personnel continuing employment with international firm or corporation)	32,098	36,589	38,307	41,739	54,963
L–2	Spouse or child of intracompany transferee	37,617	43,476	44,176	46,289	57,069
M–1	Vocational and other nonacademic student	6,429	7,075	6,515	6,240	6,107
M–2	Spouse or child of vocational student	324	284	457	337	358
NATO–1	Principal permanent representative of member state to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies) resident in the U.S., and resident members of official staff; principal NATO officers; and immediate family	12	6	4	22	17
NATO–2	Other representatives of member states to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies), and immediate family; dependents of member of a force entering in accordance with provisions of NATO agreements; members of such force if issued visas	4,980	4,485	4,339	4,865	5,031
NATO–3	Official clerical staff accompanying a representative of member state to NATO, and immediate family	2	3	-	-	-
NATO–4	Officials of NATO (other than those classifiable as NATO–1), and immediate family	108	313	80	211	97
NATO–5	Experts, other than NATO–4 officials, employed in missions on behalf of NATO, and their dependents	218	135	18	28	33
NATO–6	Members of a civilian component accompanying a force entering in accordance with the provisions of NATO agreements, and their dependents	164	163	150	256	209
NATO–7	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of NATO–1 through NATO–6, and immediate family	6	7	2	6	3
N–8	Parent of SK–3 special immigrant	14	19	15	10	12
N–9	Child of N–8 or of SK–1, SK–2 or SK–4 special immigrant	9	2	11	9	8
O–1	Person with extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics	2,765	3,345	4,257	5,009	6,466
O–2	Person accompanying and assisting in the artistic or athletic performance by O–1	1,594	1,848	1,778	2,185	1,894
O–3	Spouse or child of O–1 or O–2	515	748	1,056	1,480	2,101
P–1	Internationally recognized athlete or member of an internationally recognized entertainment group	17,457	18,991	20,598	22,306	23,786
P–2	Artist or entertainer in a reciprocal exchange program	143	194	175	198	238
P–3	Artist or entertainer in a culturally unique program	6,285	7,756	9,291	8,068	10,501
P–4	Spouse or child of P–1, P–2, or P–3	568	607	628	742	868
Q–1	Participant in an International Cultural Exchange Program	1,661	1,290	1,312	1,836	2,024
Q–2	Irish Peace Process trainee ⁴					358
Q–3	Spouse or child of Q–2 ⁴					3

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R-1	Person in a religious occupation	4,285	5,082	5,450	6,497	7,418
R-2	Spouse or child of R-1	1,226	1,291	1,395	2,003	2,489
S-5	Informant possessing critical reliable information concerning criminal organization or enterprise ⁵	-	-	-	-	-
S-6	Informant possessing critical reliable information concerning terrorist organization, enterprise, or operation ⁵	-	-	-	-	-
S-7	Spouse, married or unmarried son or daughter, or parent of S-5 or S-6 ⁵	-	-	-	-	-
TN	NAFTA professional	115	171	295	484	906
TD	Spouse or child of TN	231	340	530	704	1,128
Other Nonimmigrant Classes						
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³ The H-1C category was established by Section 2(a) of the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-95) enacted November 12, 1999. It is effective from the date of enactment, but will require the promulgation of regulations in order to be implemented. The H-1C category will remain in effect for 4 years beginning on the date that regulations are first promulgated. Section 2(c) of Pub. L. 106-95 repealed the former H-1A category relating to registered nurses.

⁴ Category established by the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-319), and effective October 30, 1998 through September 30, 2005 only.

⁵ Category established by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322), and effective September 13, 1994 through September 12, 1999 only. Section 2 of Pub. L. 106-104 extended this category through September 12, 2001.