Table I
Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2019-2023*

*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.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Immigrant Categories					
Immediate Relatives	186,584	108,292	170,604	212,185	245,696
Special Immigrants[1]	11,384	8,722	13,421	14,903	21,040
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	96	95	63	168	237
Family Sponsored Preference	190,938	90,435	63,858	156,800	194,419
Employment-Based Preference	28,538	14,694	19,779	55,058	46,508
Armed Forces Special Immigrants	0	0	0	0	0
Diversity Immigrants	44,882	18,288	17,344	54,334	55,076
Total	**462,422**	**240,526**	**285,069**	**493,448**	**562,976**
Nonimmigrant Categories					
Visas Issued	8,742,068	4,013,210	2,792,083	6,815,120	10,438,327
(B1/B2/Border Crossing Cards)[2]	[1,106,852]	[662,536]	[512,889]	[1,244,482]	[1,821,030]
Total	**8,742,068**	**4,013,210**	**2,792,083**	**6,815,120**	**10,438,327**

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.

[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.