

Table I
Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2004 - 2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Immigrant Categories					
Immediate Relatives	151,724	180,432	224,187	219,323	238,848
Special Immigrants ¹	675	782	766	1,648	2,559
Vietnam Amerasian immigrants	37	119	96	69	77
Family Sponsored Preference	152,454	146,279	139,753	151,128	169,896
Employment-Based Preference	28,656	21,290	15,744	19,722	13,472
Armed Forces Special Immigrants	7	4	0	2	1
Diversity Immigrants	45,849	46,099	44,349	38,762	45,246
Schedule A Workers ²	-	7,242	24,208	3,757	-
Total	379,402	402,247	449,103	434,411	470,099
Nonimmigrant Categories					
Visas Issued	5,049,099	5,388,951	5,836,730	6,444,285	6,603,073
(B1/B2/Border Crossing Cards) ³	[740,616]	[732,566]	[660,482]	[777,680]	[750,483]
Total	5,049,099	5,388,951	5,836,730	6,444,285	6,603,073

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

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

² Section 502, Title V, Division B of Pub. L. 109-13 enacted May 22, 2005 (the REAL ID Act of 2005) amended Sec. 106(d) of Pub. L. 106-313 to provide for the recapture of 50,000 Employment Preference numbers that were unused in Fiscal Years 2001-2004. The recaptured numbers were to be used for workers with petitions approved under the Department of Labor's Schedule A labor certification regulations. Issuances ceased in Fiscal Year 2007.

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.