

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.