

Nonimmigrant Visas Issued by Classification
(Including Crewlist Visas and Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1999 – 2003

Visa Symbol/Class		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
A-1	Ambassador, public minister, career diplomat, consul, and immediate family	10,757	10,698	9,662	10,452	9,152
A-2	Other foreign government official or employee, and immediate family	66,335	69,079	66,398	71,728	73,093
A-3	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A-1 and A-2, and immediate family	2,279	2,486	2,228	1,971	1,259
B-1	Temporary visitor for business	93,019	75,919	84,201	75,642	60,892
B-2	Temporary visitor for pleasure	642,676	509,031	381,431	255,487	271,358
B-1/B-2	Temporary visitor for business and pleasure	3,447,822	3,567,580	3,527,118	2,528,103	2,207,301
B1/B2/BCC	Combination B-1/B-2 and Border Crossing Card ¹	676,386	1,510,133	1,990,402	1,399,819	836,378
C-1	Person in transit	26,494	26,407	27,231	24,207	34,664
C-1/D	Combination transit/crew member (indiv. iss.) ²	161,723	165,556	167,435	175,446	210,648
C-2	Person in transit to United Nations Headquarters	25	37	24	8	15
C-3	Foreign government official, immediate family, attendant, servant, or personal employee in transit	7,805	6,606	5,697	6,024	6,160
D-Indiv.Iss.	Crew Member (sea or air) (individual issuance)	19,175	21,195	21,615	13,671	16,120
D-Crewlist	Crewlist Visas	10,768	9,817	8,480	8,399	4,631
E-1	Treaty trader, spouse and children	9,973	9,539	9,309	7,811	7,590
E-2	Treaty investor, spouse and children	22,975	26,981	27,577	25,633	24,506
F-1	Student (academic or language training program)	262,542	284,053	293,357	234,322	215,694
F-2	Spouse or child of student	22,893	24,981	26,160	22,212	19,885
G-1	Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, staff, and immediate family	5,090	5,166	5,274	4,905	4,555
G-2	Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and immediate family	8,466	11,225	8,825	9,144	7,194
G-3	Representative of nonrecognized or nonmember foreign government to international organization, and immediate family	165	258	134	99	146
G-4	International organization officer or employee, and immediate family	17,142	16,960	16,999	17,374	18,091
G-5	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of G-1 through G-4, and immediate family	1,737	1,737	1,645	1,482	1,117
H-1A	Temporary worker performing services as a registered nurse ³	5	2	-	-	-
H-1B	Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability performing services other than as a registered nurse	116,513	133,290	161,643	118,352	107,196
H-1C	Nurse in health professional shortage area ³	-	-	34	212	191
H-2A	Temporary worker performing agricultural services	28,568	30,201	31,523	31,538	29,882
H-2B	Temporary worker performing other services	30,642	45,037	58,215	62,591	78,955
H-3	Trainee	1,892	1,514	1,613	1,387	1,417
H-4	Spouse or child of H-1A/B/C, H-2A/B, or H-3	69,194	79,518	95,967	79,725	69,289
I	Representative of foreign information media, spouse and children	12,694	13,928	13,799	18,187	12,329
J-1	Exchange visitor	211,349	236,837	261,769	253,841	253,865
J-2	Spouse or child of exchange visitor	34,394	37,122	38,189	32,539	29,796

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K-1	Fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	17,025	21,471	24,973	28,338	25,304
K-2	Child of fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	2,431	3,275	3,735	4,298	3,752
K-3	Spouse of U.S. citizen awaiting availability of immigrant visa ⁴			3	5,078	12,403
K-4	Child of K-3 ⁴			1	1,294	3,174
L-1	Intracompany transferee (executive, managerial, and specialized personnel continuing employment with international firm or corporation)	41,739	54,963	59,384	57,721	57,245
L-2	Spouse or child of intracompany transferee	46,289	57,069	61,154	54,903	53,571
M-1	Vocational and other nonacademic student	6,240	6,107	5,373	4,116	4,157
M-2	Spouse or child of vocational student	337	358	285	161	144
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	22	17	4	24	16
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	4,865	5,031	4,282	5,195	5,364
NATO-3	Official clerical staff accompanying a representative of member state to NATO, and immediate family	-	-	-	-	2
NATO-4	Officials of NATO (other than those classifiable as NATO-1), and immediate family	211	97	95	89	133
NATO-5	Experts, other than NATO-4 officials, employed in missions on behalf of NATO, and their dependents	28	33	121	179	91
NATO-6	Members of a civilian component accompanying a force entering in accordance with the provisions of NATO agreements, and their dependents	256	209	220	192	93
NATO-7	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of NATO-1 through NATO-6, and immediate family	6	3	1	8	3
N-8	Parent of SK-3 special immigrant	10	12	8	8	11
N-9	Child of N-8 or of SK-1, SK-2 or SK-4 special immigrant	9	8	6	4	7
O-1	Person with extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics	5,009	6,466	6,666	6,026	6,126
O-2	Person accompanying and assisting in the artistic or athletic performance by O-1	2,185	1,894	1,918	1,972	2,472
O-3	Spouse or child of O-1 or O-2	1,480	2,101	2,287	1,760	1,552
P-1	Internationally recognized athlete or member of an internationally recognized entertainment group	22,306	23,786	24,378	24,287	25,643
P-2	Artist or entertainer in a reciprocal exchange program	198	238	125	119	93
P-3	Artist or entertainer in a culturally unique program	8,068	10,501	8,495	8,131	7,727
P-4	Spouse or child of P-1, P-2, or P-3	742	868	1,020	938	895
Q-1	Participant in an international cultural exchange program	1,836	2,024	1,432	1,469	1,579

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Q-2	Irish Peace Process trainee ⁵		358	186	329	389
Q-3	Spouse or child of Q-2 ⁵		3	-	1	2
R-1	Person in a religious occupation	6,497	7,418	8,503	8,646	8,636
R-2	Spouse or child of R-1	2,003	2,489	3,009	3,175	3,162
S-5	Informant possessing critical reliable information concerning criminal organization or enterprise ⁶	-	-	-	-	-
S-6	Informant possessing critical reliable information concerning terrorist organization, enterprise, or operation ⁶	-	-	-	-	-
S-7	Spouse, married or unmarried son or daughter, or parent of S-5 or S-6 ⁶	-	-	-	-	-
TN	NAFTA professional	484	906	787	699	423
TD	Spouse or child of TN	704	1,128	1,041	856	796
T-1	Victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons ⁷			-	-	-
T-2	Spouse of T-1 ⁷			-	-	20
T-3	Child of T-1 ⁷			-	-	38
T-4	Parent of T-1 under 21 years of age ⁷			-	-	-
U-1	Victim of criminal activity ⁸			-	-	-
U-2	Spouse of U-1 ⁸			-	-	-
U-3	Child of U-1 ⁸			-	-	-
U-4	Parent of U-1 under 21 years of age ⁸			-	-	-
V-1	Spouse of lawful permanent resident awaiting availability of immigrant visa ⁹			9,127	18,020	13,983
V-2	Child of lawful permanent resident awaiting availability of immigrant visa ⁹			14,805	19,523	12,918
V-3	Derivative child of V-1 or V-2 ⁹			1,400	19,567	16,302
Grand Total		6,192,478	7,141,726	7,588,778	5,769,437	4,881,595

¹ Combination B-1/B-2 and Border Crossing Card (B/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 Combination C-1/D visas (issued in lieu of separate concurrent C-1 and D visas) are counted as one visa, not two.

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 June 11, 2001 (the date the Immigration and Naturalization Service published implementing regulations) through June 11, 2005 only. Section 2(c) of Pub. L. 106-95 repealed the former H-1A category relating to registered nurses.

⁴ Nonimmigrant status for spouses of U.S. citizens (and their children) awaiting the availability of an immigrant visa was provided by Section 1103 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000 (Title XI of Pub. L. 106-553) enacted December 21, 2000.

⁵ 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.

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- ⁶ 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. Section 2 of Pub. L. 106–104 extended this category through September 12, 2001. The category was made permanent by Pub. L. 107–45 enacted October 1, 2001.
- ⁷ Category established by Section 107(e)(1), division A (Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000) of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–386) enacted October 28, 2000.
- ⁸ Category established by Section 1513(b), title V (Battered Immigrant Women Protection Act of 2000), division B (Violence Against Women Act of 2000) of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–386) enacted October 28, 2000.
- ⁹ Nonimmigrant status for spouses and children of lawful permanent residents (and their children) awaiting the availability of an immigrant visa was provided by Section 1102 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000 (Title XI of Pub. L. 106–553) enacted December 21, 2000.