

Appendix table 3-24

Nonimmigrant visas issued in selected classifications: FY 1998–2002

Visa symbol	Class	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
B-1	Temporary visitor for business	192,837	93,019	75,919	84,201	75,642
B-2	Temporary visitor for pleasure	854,738	642,676	509,031	381,431	255,487
B-1/B-2	Temporary visitor for business and pleasure	3,226,799	3,447,822	3,567,580	3,527,118	2,528,105
F-1	Student (academic or language training program).....	251,565	262,542	284,053	293,357	234,322
H-1B	Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability performing services other than as registered nurse.....	91,360	116,513	133,290	161,643	118,351
H-3	Trainee	1,830	1,892	1,514	1,613	1,387
J-1	Exchange visitor	192,451	211,349	236,837	261,769	253,841
L-1	Intracompany transferee (executive, managerial, and specialized personnel continuing employment with international firm or corporation)	38,307	41,739	54,963	59,384	57,721
O-1	Person with extraordinary ability in sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics	4,257	5,009	6,466	6,666	6,026
O-2	Person accompanying and assisting in artistic or athletic performance by O-1	1,778	2,185	1,894	1,918	1,972
TN	NAFTA professional.....	295	484	906	787	699

SOURCE: U.S. Department of State, Immigrant Visa Control and Reporting Division, 1998–2002.