

"High Tech" Visa Glut

Year	L1 Visa	H-1B Visa	TN Visa	F1/M1 Visa	J1 Visa	Ann. Totals (Millions)	Est. Total Since 1985 (Millions)
1985	65,349	47,322		257,069	110,942	0.481	0.481
1990	63,180	100,446		326,264	174,247	0.664	2.862
1995	112,124	117,574	23,904	364,220	201,095	0.819	7.389
1996	140,457	144,458	26,987	426,903	215,475	0.954	8.343
1997	140,457	144,458	26,987	426,903	215,475	0.954	9.297
1998	203,255	240,947	59,061	564,683	250,959	1.319	10.616
1999	234,443	302,326	68,354	567,146	275,519	1.448	12.064
2000	294,658	355,605	91,279	659,081	304,225	1.705	13.769
2001	328,480	384,191	95,479	698,595	339,848	1.847	15.615
2002	294,658	355,605	91,279	659,081	304,225	1.705	17.320
Est. Totals 1985-2002	2,508,115	2,959,634	543,090	7,551,155	3,758,149	17.320	
Grand Estimated Total	17,320,142						

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Source: 2000, 2001 Statistical Yearbook of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Dept. of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service, Pages 152 and 153. (Washington, DC; September, 2002)
<http://www.immigration.gov/graphics/shared/aboutus/statistics/temp01yrbk/temp2001list.htm>

See: TABLE 37. Nonimmigrants admitted by class of admission - Selected fiscal years 1985 - 2001
<http://www.immigration.gov/graphics/shared/aboutus/statistics/TEMP01yrbk/TEMPExcel/Table37.xls>
 6. Prior to October 1, 1991 (fiscal year 1992), H1B admissions were termed "Distinguished merit or ability."
 Estimated totals determined by summing yearly details from FY 1995 to 2002. Average annual admissions determined for each of the two five - year spans shown.

FY 1997 makes the conservative assumption of duplicating the FY 1996 values
 FY 2002 makes the conservative assumption of duplicating the FY2000 values.

Note that for the H-1B visa tabulation, admissions are substantially above statutory limits from FY 1990 to Present

