

Rejection Rates for U.S. Visa Applications

The Bureau of Consular Affairs at the Department of State has provided data which covers the rejection figures on U.S. visa applications for FY1999 to FY2003. The current visa application is currently \$100, up from a mere \$20 in 1998. The data provided by the Bureau of Consular Affairs indicates a huge drop in the number of applications submitted after the terrorist attacks on 9/11 but yet a staggering increase in the number of rejections for each visa category as a result of additional security measures implemented post 9/11 in the screening of visa applicants.

To view the chart listing the rejection figures for B, F and J visa categories, please click on the link below.

U.S. Department of State Visa Statistics for FY1999 through FY2003

	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003
B1, B2, B1/B2 VISAS					
Issued	4,358,130	4,406,396	4,237,596	2,904,781	2,556,350
Refused*	1,540,336	1,728,570	2,035,428	1,572,478	1,189,870
Total Applications	5,898,466	6,134,966	6,273,024	4,477,259	2,746,211
Refusal Rate**	26.1%	28.1%	32.4%	35.1%	31.7%
FI VISAS					
Issued	262,515	283,471	293,357	234,322	215,694
Refused*	66,681	73,328	87,205	88,484	73,118
Total Applications	329,196	356,799	380,562	322,806	288,812
Refusal Rate**	20.2%	20.5%	22.9%	27.4%	25.3%
J1 VISAS					
Issued	210,979	235,850	261,769	253,841	253,864
Refused*	11,052	10,653	14,391	17,017	21,560
Total Applications	222,031	246,503	276,160	270,858	275,424
Refusal Rate**	4.9%	4.2%	5.1%	6.2%	7.8%

*This figure of refused applications takes into account the refusals overcome (i.e. reversed), which are included in the visa issuance total.

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