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Foreign State	Immediate Relatives	Special Immigrants <sup>1</sup>	Family Preference	Employment Preference	Diversity Immigrants	Total
<b>Africa</b>						
Algeria	200	0	23	4	821	1,048
Angola	12	0	25	3	4	44
Benin	20	0	2	15	176	213
Botswana	2	0	0	0	7	9
Burkina Faso	15	0	0	13	111	139
Burundi	14	0	3	0	9	26
Cameroon	260	3	80	12	1,164	1,519
Cape Verde	514	3	860	5	0	1,382
Central African Republic	3	0	0	0	0	3
Chad	6	0	0	0	6	12
Comoros	0	0	0	0	1	1
Congo, Republic of the	6	0	3	3	43	55
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the	74	0	14	5	502	595
Cote d'Ivoire	230	0	50	11	191	482
Djibouti	8	0	3	0	15	26
Egypt	1,551	19	717	105	3,279	5,671
Equatorial Guinea	1	0	0	0	1	2
Eritrea	234	0	40	16	301	591
Ethiopia	4,015	1	570	53	3,542	8,181
Gabon	6	0	0	0	14	20
Gambia, The	132	0	26	8	6	172
Ghana	3,192	10	632	67	1,822	5,723
Guinea	89	0	9	4	107	209
Guinea-Bissau	8	0	1	0	0	9
Kenya	530	0	172	37	2,123	2,862
Lesotho	2	0	0	0	0	2
Liberia	652	0	130	9	567	1,358
Libya	96	3	21	1	20	141
Madagascar	6	0	6	15	11	38
Malawi	13	1	5	2	16	37
Mali	42	0	6	21	22	91
Mauritania	15	0	5	0	3	23
Mauritius	5	0	0	0	18	23
Morocco	1,055	3	198	46	2,115	3,417
Mozambique	5	0	10	0	0	15
Namibia	6	0	0	1	0	7
Niger	19	0	0	3	39	61
Nigeria	4,333	1	1,304	181	3,393	9,212
Rwanda	37	1	3	2	43	86
Sao Tome and Principe	6	0	0	0	0	6
Senegal	303	1	49	28	94	475
Seychelles	1	0	5	0	0	6
Sierra Leone	400	0	66	9	430	905
Somalia	404	4	54	8	40	510

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South Africa	303	3	61	24	210	601
Sudan	377	2	42	3	495	919
Swaziland	4	0	1	0	0	5
Tanzania	86	0	104	3	63	256
Togo	125	1	42	19	464	651
Tunisia	68	1	20	5	37	131
Uganda	173	1	101	18	141	434
Zambia	65	2	19	2	55	143
Zimbabwe	69	1	23	9	44	146
<b>Region Total For Africa</b>	<b>19,792</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>5,505</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>22,565</b>	<b>48,693</b>
<b>Asia</b>						
Afghanistan	479	817	314	12	32	1,654
Bahrain	12	0	12	2	0	26
Bangladesh	3,328	4	3,609	200	2,268	9,409
Bhutan	3	0	0	0	7	10
Brunei	0	0	2	0	1	3
Burma	347	0	473	13	111	944
Cambodia	1,627	0	404	8	92	2,131
China - mainland born	14,618	44	14,635	1,251	0	30,548
- Taiwan born	845	7	2,346	159	242	3,599
Hong Kong S.A.R	230	4	1,760	46	44	2,084
India	10,524	101	14,162	937	0	25,724
Indonesia	296	1	117	27	128	569
Iran	2,571	9	2,767	240	827	6,414
Iraq	709	969	742	9	86	2,515
Israel	436	8	98	86	38	666
Japan	1,481	9	90	350	259	2,189
Jordan	1,600	2	1,414	30	24	3,070
Korea, North	18	0	4	3	0	25
Korea, South	2,445	20	1,230	1,341	0	5,036
Kuwait	173	5	262	6	22	468
Laos	68	0	90	4	0	162
Lebanon	1,037	9	1,194	96	75	2,411
Malaysia	176	1	103	53	35	368
Maldives	1	0	0	1	0	2
Mongolia	79	0	3	6	195	283
Nepal	279	1	72	146	2,040	2,538
Oman	9	0	0	0	5	14
Pakistan	5,564	40	7,595	598	0	13,797
Philippines	15,253	148	12,783	2,608	0	30,792
Qatar	23	0	14	1	1	39
Saudi Arabia	253	1	121	9	21	405
Singapore	87	0	49	12	18	166
Sri Lanka	197	0	171	91	445	904

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Syria	525	11	620	66	38	1,260
Thailand	838	3	242	65	37	1,185
Timor-Leste	1	0	0	0	0	1
United Arab Emirates	87	1	129	7	3	227
Vietnam <sup>2</sup>	7,728	9	15,714	31	0	23,559
Yemen	1,008	1	220	19	22	1,270
<b>Region Total For Asia<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>74,955</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>83,561</b>	<b>8,533</b>	<b>7,116</b>	<b>176,467</b>
<b>Europe</b>						
Albania	1,628	5	118	9	2,049	3,809
Andorra	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armenia	277	1	112	15	813	1,218
Austria	57	0	9	9	25	100
Azerbaijan	95	1	19	4	160	279
Belarus	158	1	50	14	753	976
Belgium	67	0	9	15	31	122
Bosnia and Herzegovina	310	0	11	6	27	354
Bulgaria	385	10	52	13	1,051	1,511
Croatia	82	1	13	2	15	113
Cyprus	11	0	9	2	5	27
Czech Republic	94	0	15	15	73	197
Denmark	60	0	4	23	17	104
Greenland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estonia	35	0	2	2	18	57
Finland	49	0	1	10	8	68
France	430	3	92	93	262	880
French Guiana	1	0	2	0	0	3
French Polynesia	5	0	0	0	0	5
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	8	0	8	0	2	18
Martinique	6	0	0	1	3	10
New Caledonia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reunion	1	0	0	0	0	1
St. Pierre and Miquelon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	150	1	3	11	270	435
Germany	1,320	9	164	118	752	2,363
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1,644	9	593	413	0	2,659
Anguilla	5	0	4	0	0	9
Bermuda	32	0	7	1	0	40
British Virgin Islands	6	0	11	0	0	17
Cayman Islands	5	1	2	0	0	8
Falkland Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gibraltar	1	0	0	0	0	1



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<b>Region Total For Europe</b>	<b>17,625</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>4,356</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>14,183</b>	<b>37,757</b>
<b>North America</b>						
Antigua and Barbuda	68	0	144	0	0	212
Bahamas	64	0	42	2	5	113
Barbados	77	0	65	6	2	150
Belize	132	0	166	7	7	312
Canada	1,271	1	634	406	0	2,312
Costa Rica	275	0	79	14	3	371
Cuba	2,551	9	2,592	0	256	5,408
Dominica	188	1	252	6	2	449
Dominican Republic	14,671	23	8,649	21	0	23,364
El Salvador	3,647	0	5,180	345	0	9,172
Grenada	126	1	116	1	0	244
Guatemala	6,446	0	1,975	138	16	8,575
Haiti	5,972	5	9,004	16	0	14,997
Honduras	1,994	4	1,332	123	14	3,467
Jamaica	4,513	1	5,014	117	0	9,645
Mexico	64,376	0	26,854	245	0	91,475
Nicaragua	1,368	9	801	14	14	2,206
Panama	349	1	215	4	5	574
Saint Kitts and Nevis	64	1	145	3	0	213
Saint Lucia	186	0	110	5	2	303
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	99	0	115	5	0	219
Trinidad and Tobago	775	7	773	34	46	1,635
<b>Region Total For North America</b>	<b>109,212</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64,257</b>	<b>1,512</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>175,416</b>
<b>Oceania</b>						
Australia	400	6	40	33	205	684
Christmas Island	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocos Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiji	226	3	248	6	309	792
Kiribati	3	0	0	0	2	5
Marshall Islands	6	0	0	0	0	6
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	153	0	34	13	103	303
Cook Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palau	3	0	0	0	0	3
Papua New Guinea	3	0	2	0	2	7
Samoa	20	0	5	1	9	35
Solomon Islands	1	0	4	0	0	5
Tonga	51	0	98	0	26	175

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Tuvalu	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanuatu	1	0	1	0	0	2
<b>Region Total for Oceania</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>2,017</b>
<b>South America</b>						
Argentina	274	3	62	43	40	422
Bolivia	435	0	245	198	79	957
Brazil	1,317	3	162	158	0	1,640
Chile	279	1	83	13	10	386
Colombia	4,344	19	2,592	117	0	7,072
Ecuador	3,880	27	2,532	371	89	6,899
Guyana	1,656	0	3,539	15	4	5,214
Paraguay	93	1	19	6	3	122
Peru	3,306	14	2,270	171	0	5,761
Suriname	38	0	43	2	2	85
Uruguay	83	0	12	2	6	103
Venezuela	692	6	226	43	121	1,088
<b>Region Total For South America</b>	<b>16,397</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>11,785</b>	<b>1,139</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>29,749</b>
<b>Worldwide Grand Totals<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>238,848</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>169,896</b>	<b>13,472</b>	<b>45,246</b>	<b>470,099</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes returning residents, Armed Forces special immigrants, and Iraqi and Afghan translators.

<sup>2</sup> Includes visas issued under the Vietnam Amerasian category. During FY-2008, 77 such visas were issued; the foreign state breakdown is: Vietnam 77.