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Foreign State	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Africa										
Algeria	732	559	565	693	431	421	630	798	562	1,048
Angola	21	44	27	16	28	30	30	38	27	44
Benin	37	35	35	28	64	67	120	164	166	213
Botswana	3	9	5	9	4	6	19	17	5	9
Burkina Faso	1	17	16	6	17	16	28	73	59	139
Burundi	7	2	9	1	7	24	13	18	11	26
Cameroon	883	467	478	601	682	622	806	1,155	1,064	1,519
Cape Verde	883	813	467	454	541	565	832	879	1,429	1,382
Central African Republic	5	2	4	3	4	2	6	5	0	3
Chad	5	6	21	9	3	4	8	11	11	12
Comoros	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	3	3	1
Congo, Rep. of the	13	4	19	15	10	6	31	39	37	55
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the	139	170	219	232	370	138	364	442	445	595
Cote d'Ivoire	154	176	216	144	254	236	293	365	421	482
Djibouti	7	12	9	3	10	9	18	12	14	26
Egypt	4,005	3,323	3,166	2,440	2,181	3,635	5,725	5,857	6,054	5,671
Equatorial Guinea	3	1	1	1	1	6	1	4	1	2
Eritrea	273	320	571	406	411	338	466	520	476	591
Ethiopia	4,229	2,844	4,661	4,176	4,969	4,849	5,761	6,838	7,360	8,181
Gabon	0	8	5	6	22	2	9	14	8	20
Gambia, The	68	67	65	64	56	66	66	125	139	172
Ghana	3,101	3,495	2,306	2,938	2,945	2,484	2,828	3,516	3,723	5,723
Guinea	68	66	72	48	61	74	65	158	153	209
Guinea-Bissau	2	2	9	3	3	3	9	11	10	9
Kenya	1,216	1,346	1,397	1,841	2,595	2,373	2,409	2,541	2,072	2,862
Lesotho	5	5	0	7	7	3	3	6	3	2
Liberia	928	882	637	826	699	943	771	1,314	1,472	1,358
Libya	83	108	102	69	112	61	87	83	93	141
Madagascar	10	21	20	19	23	19	11	19	18	38
Malawi	47	38	23	26	28	31	29	31	23	37
Mali	32	48	36	23	32	35	30	64	86	91
Mauritania	4	13	19	12	2	9	7	22	13	23
Mauritius	35	22	33	25	26	19	14	17	16	23
Morocco	2,864	2,774	3,802	1,648	2,532	2,217	2,902	2,885	2,710	3,417
Mozambique	33	18	26	21	19	19	12	23	19	15
Namibia	4	12	20	5	11	6	16	10	7	7
Niger	11	10	13	49	30	36	34	36	40	61
Nigeria	4,658	5,476	5,260	5,127	5,984	6,099	5,515	6,767	7,868	9,212
Rwanda	46	9	50	13	14	13	17	42	32	86
Sao Tome and Principe	2	3	1	0	2	2	0	0	5	6
Senegal	264	227	287	174	237	177	292	457	400	475
Seychelles	7	4	4	11	7	7	8	5	2	6

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Sierra Leone	660	1,485	1,209	1,145	487	411	423	622	628	905
Somalia	470	783	536	337	217	169	213	280	403	510
South Africa	882	1,084	1,200	981	951	699	706	707	554	601
Sudan	1,536	1,289	1,082	782	762	382	598	709	864	919
Swaziland	2	3	3	3	11	6	5	2	3	5
Tanzania	342	309	241	264	319	195	263	302	282	256
Togo	210	354	468	598	1,458	1,346	1,154	561	598	651
Tunisia	114	132	113	123	90	110	118	146	169	131
Uganda	252	231	206	256	190	247	261	321	384	434
Zambia	114	111	132	105	122	121	93	128	161	143
Zimbabwe	109	124	122	148	120	105	138	199	170	146
Africa Total	29,579	29,364	29,988	26,936	30,163	29,463	34,258	39,361	41,273	48,693
Asia										
Afghanistan	855	741	722	427	339	420	376	449	677	1,654
Bahrain	34	53	47	38	39	62	61	57	46	26
Bangladesh	5,101	6,213	5,123	3,753	3,425	6,524	9,065	10,425	9,653	9,409
Bhutan	1	0	2	0	6	3	9	5	7	10
Brunei	9	7	8	8	11	10	5	10	8	3
Burma	1,099	1,160	1,031	888	583	806	933	1,229	1,076	944
Cambodia	1,158	1,668	1,575	1,740	1,299	1,795	1,482	2,856	2,057	2,131
China - mainland born	26,901	28,993	23,147	30,218	30,680	29,467	34,834	37,408	34,153	30,548
- Taiwan born	4,793	5,634	5,565	5,545	4,523	4,506	4,131	3,721	4,550	3,599
Hong Kong S.A.R.	3,817	3,261	3,416	3,917	2,689	2,939	2,097	2,048	2,246	2,084
India	23,606	24,201	28,041	24,974	26,672	27,647	32,182	33,564	30,930	25,724
Indonesia	849	1,050	779	773	694	574	658	652	615	569
Iran	4,898	5,485	5,982	5,128	3,556	4,605	5,320	5,361	6,741	6,414
Iraq	1,415	1,349	1,497	1,284	1,019	1,330	1,468	1,259	2,265	2,515
Israel	891	970	1,279	1,359	1,185	937	1,202	1,050	781	666
Japan	2,272	2,852	4,141	3,666	3,486	3,132	3,245	3,074	2,359	2,189
Jordan	2,925	3,062	3,489	2,982	2,397	2,378	2,841	3,072	2,945	3,070
Korea, North	97	116	123	113	91	83	80	71	52	25
Korea, South	8,518	6,905	6,412	6,802	5,340	5,613	6,078	5,720	5,459	5,036
Kuwait	555	607	561	380	317	401	392	453	479	468
Laos	264	227	192	247	190	208	194	288	228	162
Lebanon	2,151	2,520	2,860	2,133	1,887	1,999	2,148	1,842	2,729	2,411
Malaysia	606	520	526	475	485	446	455	465	491	368
Maldives	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2
Mongolia	15	20	39	90	86	91	123	190	175	283
Nepal	295	230	506	731	1,972	2,014	2,161	2,026	1,794	2,538
Oman	6	18	20	9	15	4	17	28	18	14
Pakistan	12,830	10,256	11,835	6,617	6,421	6,350	5,867	7,675	7,453	13,797
Philippines	23,293	30,280	31,077	32,949	33,066	37,899	36,472	46,788	44,193	30,792
Qatar	29	27	45	17	21	53	84	33	46	39

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Saudi Arabia	211	419	279	238	268	287	362	539	386	405
Singapore	202	168	297	272	208	188	205	204	162	166
Sri Lanka	661	540	784	756	863	544	745	757	777	904
Syria	1,303	1,622	1,932	1,312	1,065	1,172	1,560	1,569	1,523	1,260
Thailand	1,447	1,681	1,345	1,215	833	1,036	1,381	1,700	1,604	1,185
Timor-Leste ¹				0	1	2	4	2	1	1
United Arab Emirates	198	264	269	239	232	375	468	495	324	227
Vietnam	14,454	17,813	18,634	18,722	14,467	18,312	17,470	19,901	21,739	23,559
Yemen	1,060	1,839	1,034	1,076	1,245	1,513	3,230	3,323	1,499	1,270
Asia Total	148,819	162,772	164,614	161,095	151,676	165,725	179,405	200,309	192,242	176,467
Europe										
Albania	4,285	3,998	4,120	2,711	2,817	3,092	3,998	3,623	2,820	3,809
Andorra	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Armenia	637	476	616	595	689	860	962	961	1,062	1,218
Austria	205	190	227	196	139	171	136	131	113	100
Azerbaijan	233	265	260	294	278	325	270	282	236	279
Belarus	515	657	787	805	931	942	760	714	752	976
Belgium	237	247	280	251	215	198	187	148	140	122
Bosnia and Herzegovina	92	123	173	216	199	302	534	608	459	354
Bulgaria	4,039	3,238	3,094	2,578	3,364	3,085	3,502	2,659	1,988	1,511
Croatia	208	154	174	163	170	138	181	212	142	113
Cyprus	63	75	61	64	42	44	48	33	33	27
Czech Republic	238	321	288	275	333	302	292	245	163	197
Denmark	218	225	256	222	166	166	167	165	107	104
Greenland	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estonia	69	93	67	74	87	62	68	59	75	57
Finland	188	169	166	164	116	150	170	145	93	68
France	1,087	1,040	1,457	1,146	981	836	935	991	854	880
French Guiana	3	3	1	6	1	2	6	9	7	3
French Polynesia	4	3	1	3	4	0	5	11	5	5
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	33	18	32	16	11	24	22	29	8	18
Martinique	12	12	2	3	10	4	7	5	9	10
New Caledonia	0	1	3	4	1	0	1	2	3	0
Reunion	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	3	1	1
St. Pierre and Miquelon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	196	170	224	336	437	512	345	413	403	435
Germany	3,607	3,330	3,256	2,591	2,092	2,259	2,669	2,497	2,693	2,363
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	3,180	3,934	5,563	4,837	3,694	3,484	3,325	3,879	3,020	2,659
Anguilla	20	15	50	10	13	11	17	18	6	9
Bermuda	42	27	39	50	58	49	52	75	48	40

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British Virgin Islands	18	22	21	15	19	12	19	14	16	17
Cayman Islands	10	13	6	8	14	12	11	8	9	8
Falkland Islands	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gibraltar	2	4	2	4	3	1	3	5	2	1
Montserrat	28	21	17	14	20	13	7	18	23	16
Pitcairn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Helena	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Turks and Caicos Islands	4	4	3	4	2	5	12	3	6	8
Greece	423	407	418	361	310	273	296	275	240	242
Hungary	354	347	369	342	412	352	400	363	263	260
Iceland	47	71	57	52	51	51	60	54	44	25
Ireland	498	441	380	321	361	339	403	248	226	224
Italy	721	716	804	661	587	461	552	665	524	595
Kazakhstan	420	740	1,036	1,222	1,155	1,234	1,100	907	840	727
Kosovo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Kyrgyzstan	115	99	95	101	172	187	203	266	265	308
Latvia	191	180	193	225	168	184	178	154	143	94
Liechtenstein	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	957	1,053	1,065	1,266	2,096	1,566	946	593	422	244
Luxembourg	7	10	12	15	8	0	7	8	5	8
Macedonia	511	602	660	584	486	525	621	743	778	709
Malta	39	13	26	24	24	16	15	17	18	7
Moldova	313	368	319	292	347	474	435	319	301	453
Monaco	1	2	1	7	2	3	1	0	1	1
Montenegro ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	234	158
Netherlands	341	415	542	458	390	309	366	380	315	260
Aruba	7	10	5	4	14	8	5	14	13	9
Netherlands Antilles	38	35	39	38	23	29	32	28	25	25
Norway	187	205	188	137	141	126	136	164	87	81
Poland	6,302	6,529	4,724	7,602	7,335	7,613	7,008	5,822	3,278	2,300
Portugal	631	475	460	381	340	283	292	240	246	144
Macau ³	250	57	124	265	170	172	91	136	137	151
Romania	5,136	4,826	4,208	2,557	2,411	2,108	3,111	2,744	2,098	1,735
Russia	7,229	7,769	7,233	7,630	7,669	8,428	6,362	5,930	4,283	3,587
San Marino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serbia ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	1,103	965
Serbia and Montenegro	679	691	787	826	879	942	1,064	1,528	-	-
Slovakia	391	316	375	337	412	347	377	293	215	140
Slovenia	20	16	14	25	15	27	18	25	21	15
Spain	421	413	444	414	368	286	390	425	361	308
Western Sahara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	494	487	551	448	412	408	391	347	256	236
Switzerland	452	428	430	340	289	245	220	230	165	154
Tajikistan	60	93	36	90	63	78	66	73	75	100
Turkey	1,423	1,409	1,604	1,741	1,969	1,869	1,530	1,601	1,629	1,722
Turkmenistan	37	38	33	28	48	65	67	81	57	107

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Ukraine	4,224	4,910	4,570	5,567	4,471	4,963	5,508	5,015	5,237	3,685
Uzbekistan	376	513	579	739	879	1,151	1,242	1,308	1,304	2,531
Vatican City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Europe Total	52,769	53,533	53,631	52,758	51,386	52,186	52,208	49,029	40,505	37,757
North America										
Antigua and Barbuda	318	203	212	173	177	235	242	197	185	212
Bahamas, The	99	101	84	92	76	123	85	77	85	113
Barbados	346	293	229	275	258	263	246	265	236	150
Belize	310	355	276	242	156	161	187	289	313	312
Canada	2,643	2,850	4,937	4,394	3,311	2,131	2,253	2,839	2,121	2,312
Costa Rica	388	447	391	419	436	376	537	585	515	371
Cuba	4,710	4,675	3,554	2,911	2,662	3,256	3,417	4,164	4,788	5,408
Dominica	568	501	466	391	441	434	415	464	387	449
Dominican Republic	13,505	11,685	14,606	15,394	22,894	22,741	21,839	21,586	18,267	23,364
El Salvador	9,032	8,611	6,424	5,193	4,210	3,049	5,862	6,397	7,905	9,172
Grenada	407	286	257	256	268	260	328	311	226	244
Guatemala	4,098	4,146	3,786	4,661	4,412	5,619	6,238	7,351	8,240	8,575
Haiti	14,327	18,495	13,487	11,331	8,600	8,529	7,126	7,305	17,698	14,997
Honduras	2,762	3,049	3,007	2,420	2,208	2,095	3,725	3,035	3,749	3,467
Jamaica	11,654	9,923	8,404	8,789	9,063	8,169	9,757	11,115	8,732	9,645
Mexico	83,900	68,412	63,028	53,119	39,930	44,821	36,381	52,485	53,327	91,475
Nicaragua	1,083	1,006	928	878	955	1,013	1,350	1,918	1,849	2,206
Panama	1,275	1,036	697	664	451	442	605	686	584	574
Saint Kitts and Nevis	342	295	278	219	190	215	196	216	211	213
Saint Lucia	324	282	359	293	288	275	336	393	340	303
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	342	253	243	211	194	198	250	260	180	219
Trinidad and Tobago	2,329	3,177	2,498	2,136	2,117	2,112	1,935	2,076	1,836	1,635
North America Total	154,762	140,081	128,151	114,461	103,297	106,517	103,310	124,014	131,774	175,416
Oceania										
Australia	817	906	1,171	952	750	807	926	924	624	684
Christmas Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiji	1,371	1,189	1,092	943	867	1,245	1,006	1,052	1,018	792
Kiribati	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	3	3	5
Marshall Islands	0	1	0	5	9	11	3	6	8	6
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	2	1	0	2	2	2	1	0	0
Nauru	0	1	0	2	2	1	1	0	1	0
New Zealand	355	456	500	414	411	359	439	361	302	303
Cook Islands	0	2	0	1	3	3	1	1	0	0
Niue	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

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Palau	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	1	4	3
Papua New Guinea	6	14	8	14	15	3	12	10	9	7
Samoa	54	44	46	45	70	67	35	53	61	35
Solomon Islands	1	6	0	1	3	2	0	1	5	5
Tonga	197	144	107	88	60	115	110	182	202	175
Tuvalu	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Vanuatu	1	1	0	2	0	0	6	3	0	2
Oceania Total	2,802	2,771	2,927	2,469	2,194	2,615	2,543	2,600	2,237	2,017
South America										
Argentina	511	643	797	927	867	556	639	696	461	422
Bolivia	772	694	636	536	623	512	616	1,008	761	957
Brazil	1,188	1,452	1,721	1,605	1,641	1,515	2,076	2,107	1,971	1,640
Chile	489	603	543	441	355	366	472	506	482	386
Colombia	6,049	6,216	5,364	6,859	6,477	5,593	6,753	7,960	6,153	7,072
Ecuador	7,128	4,680	5,471	5,987	4,319	4,270	5,631	7,533	5,930	6,899
Guyana	2,493	4,721	6,259	8,396	5,968	4,729	6,887	5,806	3,197	5,214
Paraguay	133	145	128	149	84	146	145	172	149	122
Peru	5,237	4,534	4,711	5,292	4,437	4,209	6,034	6,472	5,693	5,761
Suriname	38	110	102	88	103	64	101	76	69	85
Uruguay	92	108	127	119	139	149	110	95	97	103
Venezuela	801	1,094	910	1,039	1,039	787	1,059	1,359	1,417	1,088
South America Total	24,931	25,000	26,769	31,438	26,052	22,896	30,523	33,790	26,380	29,749
Grand Totals	413,662	413,521	406,080	389,157	364,768	379,402	402,247	449,103	434,411	470,099

¹ East Timor voted for independence from Indonesia in an August 30, 1999 referendum and was under the authority of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) until May 20, 2002. On May 20, 2002, East Timor became an independent nation; on that date, the United States Government established diplomatic relations with East Timor. As a result, a separate immigrant visa chargeability was established for East Timor. On July 10, 2007, the Foreign Names Committee of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names approved Timor-Leste as the short name, replacing East Timor.

² On May 21, 2006, citizens of Montenegro voted in favor of independence, resulting in the dissolution of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro. On June 13, 2006, the United States formally recognized the Republic of Montenegro as a sovereign and independent state. As a result, separate immigrant visa chargeabilities were established for the republics of Montenegro and Serbia.

³ Effective December 20, 1999, Macau was returned to Chinese administration and was designated as the Special Administrative Region of Macau. Title II (United States-Macau Policy Act of 2000) of Pub. L. 106-570 (Assistance for International Malaria Control Act) enacted December 27, 2000 provides that, notwithstanding any change in the exercise of sovereignty over Macau, the laws of the United States shall continue to apply with respect to Macau in the same manner as before December 20, 1999.