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Nationality	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Africa										
Algeria	6,454	6,685	7,069	3,694	3,114	3,727	4,075	4,614	4,855	5,947
Angola	2,843	3,529	3,565	2,545	2,418	2,645	3,240	3,342	3,754	3,798
Benin	1,433	1,481	1,336	855	944	1,123	1,268	1,497	1,582	1,910
Botswana	1,153	1,387	1,322	1,191	1,048	1,218	1,385	1,089	1,322	1,466
Burkina Faso	1,353	1,355	1,952	1,507	1,426	1,617	1,861	2,243	2,499	2,264
Burundi	506	671	901	832	535	705	864	1,074	1,019	972
Cameroon	5,106	5,403	6,891	7,476	7,634	7,085	7,276	7,334	7,698	7,669
Cape Verde	2,909	3,321	5,986	3,295	1,483	1,438	1,733	2,115	2,225	2,294
Central African Republic	232	344	468	434	150	166	234	239	258	240
Chad	591	596	620	628	603	703	779	730	920	609
Comoros	43	71	112	67	63	79	103	111	96	137
Congo, Republic of the	791	866	1,093	736	786	741	847	959	948	934
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the	2,566	3,229	4,312	2,783	2,151	2,412	2,714	2,513	2,728	3,512
Cote d'Ivoire	4,393	3,991	4,702	3,661	2,495	2,803	2,349	2,678	2,828	3,415
Djibouti	569	715	510	184	412	294	279	231	280	385
Egypt	43,486	48,883	50,138	20,397	15,831	18,562	23,911	30,989	31,759	31,197
Equatorial Guinea	234	316	362	428	415	506	598	643	683	687
Eritrea	1,963	1,694	1,704	1,693	1,557	1,721	1,546	1,291	869	739
Ethiopia	6,702	7,185	7,132	5,859	7,051	6,077	5,731	7,768	9,346	9,951
Gabon	1,282	1,323	1,308	1,128	838	888	1,062	1,125	1,086	1,196
Gambia, The	2,012	2,835	2,934	4,119	3,442	2,188	2,042	1,341	1,519	1,544
Ghana	18,690	18,482	19,995	19,061	18,386	20,951	13,552	11,392	13,076	18,722
Guinea	3,456	3,885	5,058	4,362	3,871	3,751	2,661	2,923	2,349	2,255
Guinea-Bissau	153	266	260	157	138	162	141	149	154	149
Kenya	11,483	12,971	20,971	14,204	11,272	13,528	13,947	15,892	17,002	18,939
Lesotho	248	323	221	266	260	243	294	276	259	272
Liberia	2,692	4,885	3,015	1,896	1,224	1,483	966	1,120	1,997	1,529
Libya	436	445	500	289	260	405	797	1,092	2,010	5,375
Madagascar	1,097	1,156	1,136	944	988	1,154	1,198	1,070	1,013	1,403
Malawi	1,101	1,396	1,290	1,142	1,110	1,109	1,267	1,079	1,036	1,295
Mali	3,098	5,433	6,048	4,377	4,310	2,746	2,879	4,487	2,642	3,021

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Mauritania	1,051	1,436	1,588	831	616	700	678	575	503	659
Mauritius	1,818	1,898	1,818	1,369	1,291	1,655	1,752	1,679	1,760	2,179
Morocco	20,991	19,813	18,958	11,484	11,401	12,194	11,760	10,946	10,377	15,125
Mozambique	921	1,116	1,084	1,063	956	856	868	840	862	1,085
Namibia	902	957	875	747	802	901	925	926	1,031	1,059
Niger	1,240	1,510	1,600	1,117	1,006	1,175	1,313	1,209	1,231	977
Nigeria	28,208	27,294	42,222	42,575	47,593	44,653	43,201	37,234	50,251	59,748
Rwanda	1,237	1,424	980	800	679	948	1,024	1,192	1,499	1,582
Sao Tome and Principe	85	97	82	92	78	85	96	71	79	70
Senegal	9,028	12,156	10,265	5,301	5,094	5,199	4,602	4,635	4,212	5,561
Seychelles	266	279	256	229	181	160	187	186	179	188
Sierra Leone	1,301	1,750	1,910	1,415	1,550	1,685	1,462	1,522	1,862	1,965
Somalia	892	995	989	284	191	181	219	205	253	227
South Africa	68,685	71,605	66,541	49,805	51,347	56,634	61,063	57,767	58,357	61,801
Sudan	3,778	4,598	4,930	2,188	1,658	1,555	1,604	1,980	2,421	2,502
Swaziland	298	455	367	304	285	365	446	432	354	379
Tanzania	5,265	5,719	6,414	4,245	4,111	4,120	4,264	4,429	5,239	5,774
Togo	1,140	1,559	2,773	1,955	1,767	1,795	1,229	1,038	1,233	1,395
Tunisia	9,830	11,905	6,759	2,096	2,259	2,874	3,226	3,353	3,454	3,763
Uganda	4,333	4,627	4,239	3,422	3,566	4,085	3,974	4,335	4,852	5,670
Zambia	2,864	3,312	5,012	3,149	2,337	2,564	2,837	2,734	2,235	1,954
Zimbabwe	6,518	7,941	6,362	4,660	4,073	4,298	4,499	4,228	4,562	4,795
Africa Total	299,726	327,568	348,935	249,341	239,056	250,912	252,828	254,922	276,618	312,284
Asia										
Afghanistan	2,217	1,991	1,988	1,121	1,346	1,539	1,912	2,043	2,611	2,454
Bahrain	2,502	2,815	2,826	1,193	1,490	1,610	2,305	2,405	2,816	3,086
Bangladesh	16,119	17,013	18,731	10,407	8,444	8,720	9,466	9,409	8,539	8,627
Bhutan	329	335	407	369	367	438	451	414	544	803
Brunei	142	210	154	178	168	181	189	127	228	324
Burma	4,386	5,431	4,505	2,994	3,232	3,764	4,317	4,366	4,127	4,397
Cambodia	895	2,550	4,439	3,371	4,019	5,080	4,852	4,225	3,814	3,824

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China - mainland born	252,673	315,536	345,748	288,100	216,949	262,963	325,955	382,085	443,802	503,433
China - Taiwan born	269,802	279,153	242,547	184,827	152,577	189,854	196,909	190,634	179,254	171,588
Hong Kong S.A.R.	24,374	25,857	30,764	22,676	20,183	30,365	43,108	47,454	50,815	49,802
India	331,784	396,853	416,559	332,546	336,516	389,398	378,039	437,687	653,060	632,871
Indonesia	50,835	70,299	68,736	36,395	31,836	41,421	55,570	51,825	44,521	40,498
Iran	23,362	24,932	22,749	13,071	7,486	9,125	10,805	11,575	12,442	12,635
Iraq	2,395	2,993	3,546	2,086	1,355	2,366	3,418	3,255	3,132	3,714
Israel	129,303	143,297	147,745	108,892	102,586	104,115	118,331	125,018	163,836	188,440
Japan	112,944	111,140	112,062	101,433	94,329	95,360	89,269	85,119	80,982	76,623
Jordan	19,403	21,811	25,472	13,174	12,185	12,861	14,500	15,165	17,682	17,295
Korea, North	1,643	1,634	1,489	761	296	222	202	148	150	137
Korea, South	402,418	479,205	430,855	353,457	411,445	344,213	386,524	436,028	448,636	389,287
Kuwait	13,923	10,443	9,537	3,776	4,723	5,661	7,990	9,235	11,246	12,737
Laos	1,135	1,454	2,415	2,282	1,953	2,466	2,930	3,294	3,676	3,155
Lebanon	20,523	24,697	28,440	12,169	9,758	14,331	13,581	16,083	21,683	19,888
Macau S.A.R.	0	1,341	1,611	930	613	744	1,077	1,039	1,223	1,251
Malaysia	42,892	52,173	53,191	27,452	24,598	34,750	36,723	38,185	39,649	41,148
Maldives	180	239	203	145	301	256	205	180	216	268
Mongolia	2,922	2,792	3,498	6,371	5,060	4,595	4,242	5,037	4,101	4,109
Nepal	5,969	6,652	7,539	7,708	6,920	6,755	8,097	11,285	12,419	15,751
Oman	2,996	2,949	2,968	1,522	1,060	1,578	1,908	1,734	1,956	2,187
Pakistan	49,769	88,791	75,512	29,613	24,092	24,934	28,025	39,096	39,145	32,666
Palestinian Authority Travel Document	3,398	3,734	4,700	1,737	2,617	2,381	4,170	4,597	2,836	2,864
Philippines	146,603	169,408	195,328	180,844	125,553	127,185	143,364	152,102	202,734	194,286
Qatar	2,550	2,917	2,625	860	852	965	1,507	1,921	2,408	3,302
Saudi Arabia	56,495	60,508	46,636	14,126	10,635	11,985	17,537	25,532	28,450	36,224
Singapore	35,423	7,475	7,991	7,423	6,896	8,723	9,740	10,384	9,761	10,058
Sri Lanka	11,687	12,756	10,499	6,304	8,693	9,761	12,332	14,185	12,691	11,421
Syria	12,416	14,344	13,502	6,679	5,189	6,027	5,558	5,719	6,769	6,421
Thailand	47,041	61,300	59,127	43,415	38,481	48,310	53,694	61,521	68,548	62,199
Timor-Leste	0	16	29	46	56	68	94	96	96	144
United Arab Emirates	11,365	12,000	11,505	1,906	1,490	2,533	3,736	4,517	5,102	6,677
Vietnam	8,839	13,339	20,446	21,409	17,210	20,522	25,479	28,490	38,602	47,956
Yemen	3,665	4,076	3,083	1,177	1,292	1,410	1,784	2,314	1,942	1,573

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Asia Total	2,127,317	2,456,459	2,441,707	1,854,945	1,704,851	1,839,535	2,029,895	2,245,528	2,636,244	2,626,123
Europe										
Albania	4,912	7,245	7,661	6,194	5,996	5,620	7,391	6,337	6,772	8,453
Andorra	25	24	11	32	23	26	35	26	51	29
Armenia	12,271	12,488	11,125	7,144	5,483	5,474	5,483	5,009	4,471	5,162
Austria	8,205	7,772	7,333	6,343	5,840	5,536	6,103	6,177	6,024	6,084
Azerbaijan	2,330	2,582	2,469	2,069	2,514	2,397	2,359	2,881	3,354	4,042
Belarus	8,583	8,867	8,166	8,676	11,051	9,421	9,363	9,749	9,650	9,532
Belgium	6,443	6,958	6,059	6,128	7,589	6,693	5,553	5,418	6,066	6,058
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6,005	8,414	8,805	6,248	6,516	7,577	7,722	7,635	7,757	6,858
Bulgaria	18,558	19,401	22,763	21,730	23,034	25,244	26,816	28,643	28,838	28,681
Croatia	20,165	21,197	20,340	15,359	15,092	15,657	16,496	15,747	17,740	18,730
Cyprus	7,180	7,307	6,383	4,557	4,572	4,727	4,843	4,531	4,761	5,862
Czech Republic	44,457	42,932	40,541	30,252	28,858	30,632	34,024	32,118	31,315	33,483
Denmark	10,111	9,569	8,667	7,468	6,947	8,352	8,334	8,016	8,415	7,903
Estonia	6,278	6,444	6,150	5,653	5,356	5,188	6,183	6,302	7,540	7,954
Finland	6,141	5,776	5,648	5,226	4,347	4,504	5,073	4,961	5,442	5,263
France	41,872	45,188	47,323	38,105	37,463	36,829	38,616	91,454	44,042	45,891
Georgia	7,587	4,149	4,062	4,288	4,991	5,130	4,581	6,185	5,219	5,709
Germany	74,756	74,915	72,567	62,632	59,338	60,150	64,601	63,201	65,809	65,890
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	155,011	163,150	158,112	114,976	105,030	112,101	111,818	98,367	94,336	90,603
Greece	42,281	43,567	40,183	28,851	30,413	32,755	36,508	33,423	36,891	41,238
Hungary	40,975	42,908	32,982	20,378	18,410	18,569	21,499	23,104	25,531	27,001
Iceland	1,944	1,833	1,899	1,506	1,526	1,507	1,491	1,295	1,362	1,259
Ireland	18,811	20,407	21,074	16,561	16,991	13,456	16,763	15,009	15,381	16,583
Italy	22,946	22,648	20,606	18,949	18,929	20,954	22,801	53,947	26,014	24,242
Kazakhstan	4,515	5,161	5,368	5,193	5,264	5,780	7,413	9,481	12,169	14,636
Kosovo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	626
Kyrgyzstan	1,605	1,825	1,704	1,808	1,699	1,662	1,612	1,754	2,357	2,753
Latvia	6,090	7,144	7,556	6,995	7,158	7,283	8,555	7,571	8,416	8,127
Liechtenstein	79	88	71	60	49	38	44	50	69	53

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Lithuania	6,924	14,193	20,466	12,968	9,395	8,150	8,097	8,462	9,427	9,949
Luxembourg	429	393	363	278	256	319	318	356	290	297
Macedonia	5,287	4,966	6,340	5,659	3,995	3,963	3,859	4,592	6,417	6,522
Malta	5,114	5,156	4,348	2,617	2,555	3,194	3,056	2,552	2,826	2,943
Moldova	2,159	2,885	2,365	2,518	2,885	3,114	3,825	5,087	9,591	10,444
Monaco	15	35	20	23	14	32	37	20	24	34
Montenegro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	525
Netherlands	16,829	17,682	16,452	15,389	13,838	15,115	15,151	15,574	15,610	16,227
Norway	8,135	8,311	7,721	7,917	7,697	8,139	9,365	9,921	9,831	10,389
Poland	103,177	110,471	105,365	103,161	92,814	109,986	120,211	113,042	103,183	104,855
Portugal	42,872	5,576	4,685	4,758	4,361	4,374	4,950	5,126	5,566	6,068
Romania	25,298	27,213	33,662	30,033	31,040	38,872	42,038	45,321	43,310	44,273
Russia	106,126	99,051	97,638	91,390	96,097	102,272	121,843	130,220	145,725	171,776
San Marino	30	25	10	24	18	14	23	17	24	20
Serbia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	733
Serbia and Montenegro	12,898	14,167	16,807	17,674	16,862	18,046	18,174	18,665	22,884	20,948
Slovakia	14,604	16,746	19,662	19,314	18,017	17,468	17,342	18,673	17,294	16,332
Slovenia	1,227	1,212	1,270	1,358	1,185	1,195	1,091	1,039	1,062	1,112
Spain	21,326	21,961	21,594	18,619	17,083	18,067	19,208	17,526	19,083	20,607
Sweden	17,607	17,679	15,637	12,701	11,712	12,393	13,185	13,449	13,701	13,750
Switzerland	17,896	16,341	14,707	14,714	8,919	9,016	9,074	9,101	10,225	11,138
Tajikistan	456	469	511	534	730	641	794	855	1,517	2,182
Turkey	65,574	76,539	64,139	46,965	42,794	46,632	53,121	57,878	64,751	76,198
Turkmenistan	457	548	718	504	588	911	902	941	961	839
Ukraine	22,248	27,185	28,776	21,560	26,608	31,675	36,208	40,732	43,673	51,454
Uzbekistan	5,004	6,471	6,097	3,956	3,957	3,563	5,020	4,429	3,071	3,625
Vatican City	76	62	58	63	39	72	47	31	52	83
Europe Total	1,081,904	1,095,296	1,065,039	888,078	853,938	910,485	989,019	1,072,000	1,035,890	1,102,028
North America										
Antigua and Barbuda	4,150	3,462	2,813	2,962	3,795	4,100	2,996	3,390	3,229	3,071
Bahamas, The	24,987	18,010	17,354	14,317	11,609	16,673	23,432	15,743	15,356	13,103

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Barbados	12,447	11,099	10,258	8,979	12,063	13,128	11,950	12,631	11,495	12,671
Belize	9,499	11,125	10,198	6,890	6,413	5,203	5,023	6,314	5,827	5,520
Canada	4,935	5,237	5,475	6,887	5,454	6,037	5,854	5,527	5,800	5,909
Costa Rica	54,387	57,594	47,076	38,530	30,845	31,744	39,546	39,268	39,057	42,882
Cuba	9,197	44,283	27,800	21,822	10,122	11,843	12,939	9,046	12,723	13,108
Dominica	4,226	2,817	2,002	1,419	2,047	2,336	2,222	2,090	1,788	1,976
Dominican Republic	69,371	50,171	52,738	49,038	44,152	35,780	60,422	77,465	70,035	69,051
El Salvador	67,590	73,054	96,748	58,012	36,636	25,146	19,666	20,493	26,966	27,352
Grenada	5,918	4,506	2,954	1,905	3,566	3,831	2,407	2,889	2,451	3,097
Guatemala	64,388	64,733	71,352	41,899	34,283	29,271	36,717	35,320	32,553	44,643
Haiti	26,565	27,609	25,623	22,297	20,114	23,268	22,926	20,332	32,591	35,463
Honduras	31,209	36,776	35,202	30,434	22,999	22,808	28,168	29,815	30,933	30,213
Jamaica	71,331	82,190	71,271	44,991	36,790	44,458	53,564	65,405	71,117	66,541
Mexico	1,108,588	1,762,402	2,220,330	1,582,674	1,022,013	912,892	906,623	910,381	1,015,403	948,829
Nicaragua	15,606	13,017	13,593	12,548	11,162	12,879	13,641	13,576	13,926	15,743
Panama	21,715	23,316	20,719	16,818	18,074	19,574	20,190	22,813	20,736	24,446
Saint Kitts and Nevis	2,770	2,135	1,779	1,344	1,999	2,673	2,306	1,954	1,703	1,757
Saint Lucia	7,919	6,827	3,570	2,856	5,331	4,475	4,439	4,703	3,612	4,260
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	4,695	3,721	2,850	2,415	3,382	3,583	3,086	3,170	2,961	2,871
Trinidad and Tobago	44,863	57,889	53,143	32,353	23,303	41,203	39,206	42,758	36,015	30,816
North America Total	1,666,356	2,361,973	2,794,848	2,001,390	1,366,152	1,272,905	1,317,323	1,345,083	1,456,277	1,403,322
Oceania										
Australia	30,576	31,145	32,472	29,133	28,488	30,387	29,449	31,021	32,126	35,492
Fiji	5,735	4,946	4,340	2,892	3,598	4,255	4,270	4,167	4,168	4,471
Kiribati	757	702	936	748	782	825	629	527	611	666
Marshall Islands	59	57	70	52	25	35	62	52	53	62
Micronesia, Federated States of	8	16	10	11	10	20	12	2	12	12
Nauru	70	272	121	38	21	24	30	37	17	9
New Zealand	9,265	9,895	11,088	9,022	8,995	9,648	8,950	8,816	8,992	9,151
Palau	2	13	19	16	22	17	29	16	18	7
Papua New Guinea	1,063	775	613	543	488	467	559	513	468	611

Table XVIII
Nonimmigrant Visas Issued by Nationality
(Including Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Year 1999-2008

Nationality	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Samoa	1,679	2,030	2,638	2,163	1,575	1,479	1,252	1,113	973	821
Solomon Islands	143	88	108	103	101	94	106	102	153	150
Tonga	2,895	2,548	2,762	1,869	1,187	1,725	1,997	1,903	2047	1312
Tuvalu	227	175	217	283	232	201	266	235	282	246
Vanuatu	86	173	117	72	75	58	63	49	83	79
Oceania Total	52,565	52,835	55,511	46,945	45,599	49,235	47,674	48,553	50,003	53,089
South America										
Argentina	12,636	13,793	15,375	90,474	88,256	82,393	93,847	97,431	112,895	121,909
Bolivia	20,543	34,751	16,387	9,408	8,443	10,581	9,056	9,931	11,579	12,846
Brazil	313,034	261,096	240,609	129,605	108,795	159,103	200,321	283,762	359,735	449,889
Chile	55,311	66,451	64,395	46,144	39,491	39,973	37,036	44,948	49,526	57,011
Colombia	280,238	195,058	197,407	182,721	200,359	194,720	179,759	186,738	196,100	204,256
Ecuador	45,104	38,763	69,906	76,826	60,088	49,504	48,246	54,738	67,215	63,612
Guyana	7,194	5,891	12,508	12,821	8,335	5,761	6,179	4,840	4,339	4,786
Paraguay	7,471	7,500	7,339	5,202	4,357	4,873	4,883	4,824	5,948	6,849
Peru	61,792	81,782	107,768	67,807	63,410	79,348	59,693	55,157	58,677	61,272
Suriname	2,276	2,342	2,109	1,743	1,737	1,727	1,904	1,914	2,514	3,069
Uruguay	16,776	2,395	2,486	3,295	10,712	14,676	12,829	14,054	14,587	15,183
Venezuela	119,232	116,414	128,827	89,022	70,366	79,381	95,358	109,586	103,133	102,154
South America Total	941,607	826,236	865,116	715,068	664,349	722,040	749,111	867,923	986,248	1,102,836
No Nationality	22,851	21,023	17,383	13,478	7,532	3,744	2,890	2,534	2,821	3,169
United Nations Laissez-Passer	152	246	239	192	157	243	211	187	184	225
Grand Totals	6,192,478	7,141,636	7,588,778	5,769,437	4,881,634	5,049,099	5,388,951	5,836,730	6,444,285	6,603,076