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Foreign State	Immediate Relatives	Special Immigrants ¹	Family Preference	Employment Preference	Diversity Immigrants	Total
Africa						
Algeria	250	3	31	8	797	1,089
Angola	18	0	16	1	12	47
Benin	42	0	1	3	192	238
Botswana	8	0	0	0	0	8
Burkina Faso	23	0	1	0	90	114
Burundi	11	0	0	0	21	32
Cameroon	328	3	37	33	1,496	1,897
Cape Verde	613	0	858	17	8	1,496
Central African Republic	3	0	0	0	2	5
Chad	4	0	0	2	10	16
Comoros	0	0	0	0	2	2
Congo, Republic of the	123	1	27	13	596	760
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the	13	0	0	0	20	33
Cote d'Ivoire	211	0	38	3	206	458
Djibouti	19	0	2	0	11	32
Egypt	1,718	8	593	105	3,638	6,062
Equatorial Guinea	3	0	0	0	0	3
Eritrea	323	0	59	36	382	800
Ethiopia	5,004	4	510	30	3,675	9,223
Gabon	12	0	0	0	3	15
Gambia, The	151	1	17	16	25	210
Ghana	1,601	3	279	33	1,864	3,780
Guinea	126	0	8	8	86	228
Guinea-Bissau	4	0	0	1	0	5
Kenya	665	4	126	38	2,301	3,134
Lesotho	3	0	0	0	0	3
Liberia	494	1	152	12	814	1,473
Libya	88	0	10	2	55	155
Madagascar	14	0	5	0	27	46
Malawi	23	0	2	0	10	35
Mali	40	0	2	5	39	86
Mauritania	22	0	1	1	8	32
Mauritius	7	0	10	4	19	40
Morocco	1,308	1	224	70	1,991	3,594
Mozambique	8	0	1	0	1	10
Namibia	3	0	0	0	10	13
Niger	9	0	6	8	17	40
Nigeria	4,467	8	1,144	68	3,240	8,927
Rwanda	30	0	0	0	31	61
Sao Tome and Principe	1	0	3	0	0	4
Senegal	361	1	55	30	158	605
Seychelles	4	0	0	0	3	7
Sierra Leone	411	2	68	8	543	1,032
Somalia	519	2	28	0	70	619

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South Africa	309	3	56	78	277	723
Sudan	533	0	36	0	585	1,154
Swaziland	19	0	0	2	1	22
Tanzania	92	1	48	9	128	278
Togo	249	1	70	5	476	801
Tunisia	110	0	13	4	47	174
Uganda	239	0	61	3	165	468
Zambia	83	0	12	3	28	126
Zimbabwe	111	0	10	15	79	215
Region Total For Africa	20,830	47	4,620	674	24,259	50,430
Asia						
Afghanistan	581	680	343	18	46	1,668
Bahrain	9	0	6	4	4	23
Bangladesh	4,630	2	7,990	215	2,657	15,494
Bhutan	5	0	0	0	5	10
Brunei	0	0	2	0	0	2
Burma	423	2	369	20	368	1,182
Cambodia	1,481	0	332	12	119	1,944
China - mainland born	10,534	27	10,873	2,338	0	23,772
China - Taiwan born	960	3	1,673	284	213	3,133
Hong Kong S.A.R	220	0	1,023	24	23	1,290
India	13,019	142	12,443	644	0	26,248
Indonesia	364	4	177	33	101	679
Iran	2,626	17	2,276	294	1,103	6,316
Iraq	800	2,828	467	23	48	4,166
Israel	318	3	95	82	38	536
Japan	1,504	14	62	369	194	2,143
Jordan	1,869	6	1,162	47	90	3,174
Korea, North	14	0	1	3	0	18
Korea, South	2,363	20	1,059	1,593	0	5,035
Kuwait	199	2	225	11	9	446
Laos	101	0	79	5	1	186
Lebanon	997	8	896	67	81	2,049
Malaysia	150	1	77	52	27	307
Maldives	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mongolia	91	0	0	7	119	217
Nepal	408	1	166	84	1,592	2,251
Oman	8	0	1	0	1	10
Pakistan	5,914	47	8,459	515	0	14,935
Philippines	19,100	128	14,686	2,134	0	36,048
Qatar	32	0	4	6	0	42
Saudi Arabia	352	4	136	14	34	540
Singapore	62	2	35	8	12	119
Sri Lanka	233	2	122	57	530	944

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Syria	649	5	666	63	53	1,436
Thailand ²	1,042	3	210	47	43	1,347
Timor-Leste	2	0	0	0	1	3
United Arab Emirates	115	6	123	18	11	273
Vietnam ²	7,563	11	12,435	24	0	20,079
Yemen	2,553	1	434	15	49	3,052
Region Total For Asia²	81,292	3,969	79,107	9,130	7,572	181,118
Europe						
Albania	1,434	0	159	24	2,021	3,638
Andorra	2	0	0	0	0	2
Armenia	449	2	95	21	936	1,503
Austria	61	2	5	4	43	115
Azerbaijan	122	5	46	1	215	389
Belarus	202	2	44	11	772	1,031
Belgium	62	1	3	14	38	118
Bosnia and Herzegovina	343	1	22	0	57	423
Bulgaria	463	8	57	20	728	1,276
Croatia	78	0	11	5	33	127
Cyprus	9	0	3	5	8	25
Czech Republic	93	1	14	10	33	151
Denmark	58	0	6	18	5	87
Greenland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estonia	33	1	8	2	10	54
Finland	62	0	1	5	22	90
France	362	6	25	55	194	642
French Guiana	4	0	6	0	0	10
French Polynesia	4	0	0	0	0	4
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	12	0	5	0	0	17
Martinique	3	0	6	0	1	10
New Caledonia	2	0	0	0	0	2
Reunion	0	0	0	0	1	1
St. Pierre and Miquelon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	227	1	16	24	354	622
Germany	1,240	7	136	116	854	2,353
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1,703	7	362	503	0	2,575
Anguilla	1	0	6	0	0	7
Bermuda	29	0	3	2	0	34
British Virgin Islands	4	0	19	0	0	23
Cayman Islands	6	0	4	0	0	10
Falkland Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gibraltar	2	0	0	0	0	2

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Montserrat	4	0	9	0	0	13
Pitcairn	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	4	0	6	0	0	10
Greece	140	2	26	7	72	247
Hungary	148	3	18	16	119	304
Iceland	30	0	2	1	9	42
Ireland	144	1	6	27	37	215
Italy	346	7	66	58	136	613
Kazakhstan	479	0	23	8	185	695
Kosovo	434	0	27	0	50	511
Kyrgyzstan	108	1	0	1	120	230
Latvia	77	0	4	2	39	122
Liechtenstein	3	0	0	0	0	3
Lithuania	141	7	30	8	95	281
Luxembourg	6	0	2	0	0	8
Macedonia	387	0	130	7	203	727
Malta	14	0	0	4	0	18
Moldova	138	1	28	5	264	436
Monaco	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montenegro	143	0	51	0	3	197
Netherlands	150	1	24	17	86	278
Aruba	4	0	0	0	4	8
Netherlands Antilles	21	0	19	0	12	52
Northern Ireland (DV only)	0	0	0	0	13	13
Norway	55	0	5	2	10	72
Poland	746	25	1,135	122	0	2,028
Portugal	100	1	39	18	11	169
Macau	13	0	50	0	1	64
Romania	733	10	241	50	310	1,344
Russia	3,158	21	194	134	0	3,507
San Marino	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serbia	259	1	43	4	196	503
Slovakia	67	0	10	12	41	130
Slovenia	15	0	0	0	6	21
Spain	229	9	15	35	65	353
Western Sahara	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	127	5	24	21	43	220
Switzerland	93	0	5	14	88	200
Tajikistan	28	0	6	1	73	108
Turkey	578	7	126	198	931	1,840
Turkmenistan	29	0	2	4	56	91
Ukraine	1,690	12	238	47	1,685	3,672
Uzbekistan	225	3	45	15	2,365	2,653
Vatican City	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region Total For Europe	18,136	161	3,711	1,678	13,653	37,339

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North America						
Antigua and Barbuda	99	0	102	0	1	202
Bahamas	50	0	36	0	0	86
Barbados	86	1	117	1	2	207
Belize	148	1	115	0	5	269
Canada	1,036	10	461	365	0	1,872
Costa Rica	289	0	52	11	1	353
Cuba	3,085	15	777	0	190	4,067
Dominica	198	0	236	0	18	452
Dominican Republic	17,294	17	23,478	35	0	40,824
El Salvador	4,984	2	4,969	223	0	10,178
Grenada	125	0	93	0	0	218
Guatemala	3,083	1	1,940	107	0	5,131
Haiti	7,389	11	6,641	19	0	14,060
Honduras	1,528	4	1,044	72	8	2,656
Jamaica	6,805	3	4,251	82	0	11,141
Mexico	42,042	1	32,351	375	0	74,769
Nicaragua	1,409	4	730	3	19	2,165
Panama	387	3	166	5	6	567
Saint Kitts and Nevis	74	0	105	0	2	181
Saint Lucia	152	0	144	4	4	304
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	107	0	95	0	1	203
Trinidad and Tobago	762	7	707	24	69	1,569
Region Total For North America	91,132	80	78,610	1,326	326	171,474
Oceania						
Australia	366	2	35	26	173	602
Christmas Island	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cocos Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiji	357	2	255	2	290	906
Kiribati	1	0	0	0	2	3
Marshall Islands	25	0	0	0	0	25
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	150	3	12	12	66	243
Cook Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palau	2	0	2	0	0	4
Papua New Guinea	2	0	0	0	12	14
Samoa	37	0	5	1	2	45
Solomon Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tonga	44	1	49	0	27	121
Tuvalu	1	0	0	0	0	1
Vanuatu	4	0	0	0	0	4

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Region Total for Oceania	990	8	358	41	572	1,969
South America						
Argentina	233	1	58	40	53	385
Bolivia	421	0	177	178	50	826
Brazil	1,373	3	128	192	0	1,696
Chile	259	3	65	8	23	358
Colombia	3,840	24	2,014	132	0	6,010
Ecuador	3,325	9	2,551	218	0	6,103
Guyana	1,659	0	2,677	4	17	4,357
Paraguay	88	0	7	1	1	97
Peru	2,945	16	1,915	134	0	5,010
Suriname	16	0	40	0	1	57
Uruguay	70	1	15	11	7	104
Venezuela	908	3	220	79	227	1,437
Region Total For South America	15,137	60	9,867	997	379	26,440
Worldwide Grand Totals³	227,517	4,325	176,273	13,846	46,761	468,770

¹ Includes returning residents, Armed Forces special immigrants, and Iraqi and Afghan translators.

² Includes visas issued under the Vietnam Amerasian category. During FY-2009, 48 such visas were issued; the foreign state breakdown is: Thailand 2, Vietnam 46.