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Africa										
Angola, Luanda ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Benin, Cotonou	20	19	14	10	3	121	45	108	194	180
Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou	1	2	11	16	4	18	15	42	94	84
Cameroon, Yaounde	450	931	541	580	697	926	649	1,061	1,407	1,008
Cape Verde, Praia	664	858	783	449	437	530	562	814	850	1,413
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the, Kinshasa	113	0	3	23	21	11	0	26	79	426
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Abidjan	619	588	1,055	1,042	976	250	388	378	481	608
Djibouti, Djibouti	36	25	20	22	11	22	23	28	25	49
Eritrea, Asmara ²	-	-	-	-	264	319	288	322	333	146
Ethiopia, Addis Ababa	3,215	3,809	2,570	4,829	3,916	4,721	4,622	5,663	6,671	7,152
Gabon, Libreville	9	6	14	14	12	19	5	11	22	14
Ghana, Accra	3,279	3,191	3,449	2,201	2,851	2,873	2,397	2,697	3,413	3,664
Kenya, Nairobi	1,084	1,231	1,473	1,576	2,011	2,698	2,587	2,597	2,874	2,615
Liberia, Monrovia	853	718	781	535	756	638	846	690	1,238	1,378
Madagascar, Antananarivo	13	11	11	19	21	14	17	11	15	22
Malawi, Lilongwe	19	16	16	6	12	13	4	9	14	15
Niger, Niamey	2	7	8	2	9	15	12	37	34	44
Nigeria, Lagos	5,259	4,507	5,308	5,059	4,944	5,751	5,907	5,241	6,511	7,598
Senegal, Dakar	335	685	1,015	869	618	708	594	718	1,255	1,159
South Africa, Johannesburg	1,110	1,032	1,229	1,243	971	1,005	740	781	796	594
Tanzania, Dar es Salaam	127	204	172	184	161	215	118	169	221	230
Togo, Lome	264	210	359	474	617	1,508	1,416	1,190	550	558
Uganda, Kampala ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56
Zambia, Lusaka	133	64	78	100	78	104	126	99	99	119
Zimbabwe, Harare	98	90	99	82	128	100	80	101	171	141
Africa Total	17,703	18,204	19,009	19,335	19,518	22,579	21,441	22,793	27,347	29,280
East Asia and Pacific										
Australia, Perth ³	98	129	121	151	58	-	-	-	-	-
Sydney	981	1,081	1,226	1,541	1,315	1,045	1,173	1,269	1,271	984
Burma, Rangoon	982	886	886	793	698	430	631	756	1,088	918
Cambodia, Phnom Penh ⁴	1,048	1,003	1,521	1,399	613	121	-	-	-	1,310
China, Guangzhou	23,825	24,212	26,030	20,052	27,588	28,836	27,183	33,088	35,916	32,457
Fiji, Suva	1,722	1,520	1,285	1,184	1,014	906	1,301	1,065	1,193	1,189
Hong Kong S.A.R., Hong Kong	8,041	7,190	6,554	8,087	6,534	4,167	4,752	3,518	3,396	3,602
Indonesia, Jakarta	639	774	928	665	658	572	479	554	561	503
Japan, Tokyo	2,548	2,590	3,095	4,312	3,829	3,604	3,365	3,514	3,139	2,413
Naha	299	307	298	345	386	463	402	411	452	395
Korea, Seoul	8,150	8,232	6,767	6,134	6,656	5,480	6,029	6,550	6,295	6,077
Laos, Vientiane	212	207	176	143	221	161	174	165	262	191
Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur	402	593	485	462	419	469	422	424	446	456
New Zealand, Auckland	473	491	648	588	587	574	560	556	605	521

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Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby	24	30	35	9	10	32	6	9	4	22
Philippines, Manila	24,972	22,227	29,336	29,738	31,404	31,563	35,784	34,587	44,146	42,664
Singapore, Singapore	300	357	352	555	547	456	386	393	451	301
Thailand, Bangkok	1,335	1,489	1,649	1,316	2,180	1,879	2,685	2,729	4,392	2,206
Orderly Departure Program, Bangkok	9,742	10,804	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vietnam, Hanoi ⁶	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	161	827
Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City ⁷	-	2,302	16,565	17,757	17,793	13,800	17,516	16,557	18,913	20,287
Taipei ⁸	7,471	5,475	6,437	6,249	6,042	4,919	5,032	4,568	4,012	4,863
East Asia and Pacific Total	93,264	91,899	104,394	101,480	108,552	99,477	107,880	110,713	126,703	122,186
Europe										
Albania, Tirana	3,910	22	435	3,976	2,612	2,700	2,957	3,819	3,400	2,638
Armenia, Yerevan ⁹	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	439	1,082
Austria, Vienna	293	327	291	400	302	242	267	229	144	184
Belgium, Brussels	299	342	356	412	369	307	261	288	278	228
Bermuda, Hamilton	61	65	47	63	79	92	75	78	107	70
Bulgaria, Sofia	3,804	4,204	3,488	3,020	2,520	3,290	3,033	3,418	2,565	1,915
Croatia, Zagreb	171	229	211	288	345	306	370	655	722	492
Cyprus, Nicosia	468	392	462	569	485	497	509	320	226	145
Czech Republic, Prague	451	593	609	629	594	719	664	659	549	385
Denmark, Copenhagen	209	234	255	262	264	200	171	182	216	118
Estonia, Tallinn ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Finland, Helsinki	216	270	265	220	251	232	218	252	226	166
France, Paris	1,395	1,412	1,409	1,819	1,533	1,338	1,103	1,232	1,372	1,123
Georgia, Tbilisi ¹⁰	-	-	-	-	-	131	1,397	1,331	1,046	444
Germany, Frankfurt	4,718	4,891	4,492	4,463	3,558	2,897	3,259	3,712	3,526	3,976
Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London	4,191	4,372	5,133	6,975	6,137	5,214	5,255	4,864	6,320	4,730
Greece, Athens	882	4,763	4,052	629	545	457	442	486	524	445
Hungary, Budapest	395	615	953	955	335	417	361	438	353	274
Iceland, Reykjavik	70	49	78	67	66	69	61	73	69	48
Ireland, Dublin	469	481	452	372	328	339	415	529	369	317
Italy, Naples	1,365	1,168	1,149	1,087	1,040	1,063	797	863	1,023	886
Macedonia, Skopje ¹¹	-	-	239	774	676	573	682	844	1,348	1,268
Malta, Valletta ³	94	58	48	47	20	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands, Amsterdam	393	394	474	647	587	465	432	497	492	425
Norway, Oslo	210	237	232	222	162	187	163	164	216	128
Poland, Warsaw	9,553	11,890	13,087	11,011	15,355	14,530	14,669	12,280	9,872	7,530
Portugal, Lisbon	619	449	340	370	306	286	221	263	222	228
Ponta Delgada	318	175	178	111	97	72	67	56	56	61
Romania, Bucharest	4,413	5,178	4,982	4,336	2,631	2,489	2,343	3,258	2,852	2,178
Russia, Moscow	8,124	8,334	9,044	9,216	9,737	9,544	7,912	6,248	5,935	4,329
Serbia, Belgrade	1,497	610	0	0	663	762	810	840	1,009	877

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Spain, Madrid	474	519	490	538	536	497	380	533	636	568
Sweden, Stockholm	578	604	624	708	574	506	533	517	464	312
Switzerland, Bern	713	610	574	548	452	385	317	320	328	244
Turkey, Ankara	1,923	3,532	3,917	3,928	3,760	3,535	4,115	3,701	4,280	5,101
Turkey, Istanbul ¹²	2,802	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukraine, Kyiv ¹³	-	-	-	-	-	-	298	1,515	1,834	1,827
Europe Total	55,078	57,019	58,366	58,662	56,919	54,341	54,557	54,464	53,018	44,749
Near East										
Algeria, Algiers	59	66	55	103	97	66	104	183	284	431
Bahrain, Manama	100	93	122	116	136	143	158	113	156	97
Egypt, Cairo	4,224	4,427	3,697	3,561	2,853	2,680	3,874	6,039	6,287	6,712
Israel, Tel Aviv	1,209	1,469	1,752	1,861	1,942	1,821	1,782	1,559	1,293	977
Jerusalem	719	707	977	1,865	1,598	1,384	1,047	1,726	1,611	854
Jordan, Amman	2,927	4,041	3,879	3,343	2,954	2,451	2,971	2,881	2,822	4,112
Kuwait, Kuwait	279	436	429	525	385	281	574	491	858	571
Lebanon, Beirut ¹⁴	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,285	1,606	2,723
Morocco, Casablanca	1,708	2,795	2,676	3,722	1,565	2,421	2,146	2,819	2,771	2,644
Oman, Muscat	115	225	152	196	171	259	346	294	416	168
Qatar, Doha	119	235	162	178	133	78	129	238	423	224
Saudi Arabia, Riyadh	1,169	1,421	1,368	1,485	881	662	502	830	855	468
Syria, Damascus	3,375	2,659	3,430	3,966	2,865	2,341	2,480	2,119	1,648	1,769
Tunisia, Tunis	550	686	579	486	645	452	393	528	646	303
United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi	2,160	2,506	2,747	3,332	2,825	1,752	2,675	3,728	3,340	3,286
Beirut Files ¹⁵	151	133	95	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yemen, Sanaa	1,469	1,327	2,392	1,273	1,180	1,316	1,519	3,241	3,352	1,494
Near East Total	20,333	23,226	24,512	26,037	20,230	18,107	20,700	28,074	28,368	26,833
South and Central Asia										
Bangladesh, Dhaka	8,208	4,901	6,018	4,955	3,608	3,280	6,379	8,933	10,270	9,517
India, Chennai	4,369	4,280	4,277	5,826	5,503	5,018	5,352	6,806	6,942	5,814
Kolkata ¹⁶	80	121	97	121	78	53	36	15	13	20
Mumbai	12,534	10,912	11,381	12,517	12,021	12,187	11,582	13,451	13,315	13,979
New Delhi	7,487	7,244	7,413	7,688	5,660	7,804	9,320	10,338	10,405	9,591
Kazakhstan, Almaty ¹⁰	-	-	-	-	-	576	2,060	2,224	1,956	972
Nepal, Kathmandu	363	303	240	516	734	1,951	2,002	2,143	2,005	1,782
Pakistan, Islamabad	10,477	13,098	10,428	11,922	6,811	6,542	6,163	5,556	7,746	7,665
Sri Lanka, Colombo	618	543	429	644	640	775	463	649	688	665
Uzbekistan, Tashkent ⁹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	259	1,117
South and Central Asia Total	44,136	41,402	40,283	44,189	35,055	38,186	43,357	50,115	53,599	51,122

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Western Hemisphere										
Argentina, Buenos Aires	563	709	791	962	1,121	950	560	659	687	460
Bahamas, Nassau	126	136	124	110	113	99	177	155	116	134
Barbados, Bridgetown	2,592	2,826	2,269	2,197	1,910	1,928	1,992	2,096	2,234	1,849
Belize, Belmopan	222	315	378	298	256	183	173	202	307	353
Bolivia, La Paz	679	781	699	636	534	620	494	605	992	751
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	1,172	1,177	1,471	1,729	1,612	1,651	1,522	2,077	2,109	1,961
Canada, Montreal	5,582	5,900	5,747	9,073	8,051	6,558	4,831	5,179	5,866	4,788
Chile, Santiago	495	476	609	525	425	347	376	469	512	489
Colombia, Bogota	6,248	5,950	6,089	5,135	6,718	6,344	5,470	6,579	7,749	5,951
Costa Rica, San Jose	560	459	537	481	479	502	434	630	655	590
Cuba, Havana	2,677	4,679	4,523	3,421	2,829	2,568	3,130	3,289	4,054	4,630
Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo	15,556	13,458	11,705	14,607	15,367	22,908	22,770	21,852	21,553	18,241
Ecuador, Guayaquil	4,587	7,158	4,664	5,489	5,997	4,314	4,229	5,583	7,472	5,881
El Salvador, San Salvador	7,325	9,023	8,577	6,393	5,150	4,163	3,019	5,831	6,360	7,871
Guatemala, Guatemala	3,803	4,097	4,144	3,797	4,685	4,424	5,613	6,241	7,344	8,239
Guyana, Georgetown	2,214	2,036	4,326	5,978	8,050	5,674	4,365	6,562	5,429	2,892
Haiti, Port-au-Prince	9,838	14,226	18,434	13,444	11,225	8,537	8,466	7,044	7,169	17,583
Honduras, Tegucigalpa	3,664	2,748	3,044	3,004	2,418	2,196	2,089	3,726	3,009	3,722
Jamaica, Kingston	9,595	11,444	9,748	8,265	8,584	8,924	7,983	9,591	10,861	8,533
Mexico, Ciudad Juarez	57,057	83,968	68,438	63,266	53,257	39,969	44,835	36,396	52,546	53,442
Nicaragua, Managua	854	1,030	976	891	826	920	988	1,329	1,879	1,823
Panama, Panama	1,227	1,383	1,093	733	717	487	478	625	759	624
Paraguay, Asuncion	167	180	181	230	186	96	152	144	185	151
Peru, Lima	5,755	5,158	4,428	4,612	5,252	4,331	4,133	5,953	6,372	5,602
Suriname, Paramaribo	100	77	148	104	88	103	78	99	110	79
Trinidad and Tobago, Port of Spain	2,415	2,281	3,117	2,435	2,116	2,089	2,080	1,908	2,065	1,849
Uruguay, Montevideo	106	87	101	117	111	144	158	126	91	87
Venezuela, Caracas	1,008	1,019	1,389	1,139	1,178	1,094	896	1,139	1,583	1,667
Western Hemisphere Total	146,187	182,781	167,750	159,071	149,255	132,123	131,491	136,089	160,068	160,242
Grand Totals	376,701	414,531	414,314	408,774	389,529	364,813	379,426	402,248	449,103	434,412

¹ Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2007.

² Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2002.

³ Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 2002.

⁴ Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 2003 and resumed in Fiscal Year 2007.

⁵ Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1999.

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⁷ Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 1999.

⁸ The Taipei office of the American Institute in Taiwan, although an unofficial instrumentality, has been authorized to process visa applications for residents of Taiwan.

⁹ Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2006.

¹⁰ Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2003.

¹¹ Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2000.

¹² Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1998.

¹³ Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2004.

¹⁴ Immigrant visa services resumed in Fiscal Year 2005.

¹⁵ Beirut immigrant visa files were transferred to Embassy Abu Dhabi during Fiscal Year 1991. Beirut immigrant visa files were combined with Abu Dhabi's immigrant visa files during Fiscal Year 2001 and subsequently reported as part of Abu Dhabi's immigrant visa workload.

¹⁶ Immigrant visa services are provided only for returning residents and for orphans to be adopted in the United States.