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Foreign State	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Africa										
Algeria	78	67	104	110	87	99	190	274	202	200
Angola	3	15	12	8	15	18	13	18	8	12
Benin	12	7	3	3	6	15	22	28	21	20
Botswana	3	4	2	4	1	2	8	13	4	2
Burkina Faso	0	6	5	4	7	8	5	21	14	15
Burundi	3	2	7	0	4	7	9	5	8	14
Cameroon	186	120	92	110	126	113	174	321	283	260
Cape Verde	342	284	234	230	261	208	352	300	567	514
Central African Republic	1	2	2	1	2	1	4	2	0	3
Chad	2	3	4	3	1	0	1	7	5	6
Comoros	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0
Congo (Congo Brazzaville)	2	2	10	7	4	4	12	11	6	6
	26	23	50	37	70	49	57	74	102	74
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the (Congo Kinshasa)										
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	66	83	110	83	131	127	170	238	216	230
Djibouti	3	4	5	1	1	6	7	7	6	8
Egypt	914	870	970	849	678	1,009	1,331	1,476	1,499	1,551
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	2	1	1
Eritrea	110	166	198	261	232	191	255	297	233	234
Ethiopia	1,249	1,053	878	869	1,094	1,046	1,946	2,961	3,674	4,015
Gabon	0	6	5	2	3	0	5	5	4	6
Gambia, The	47	32	40	47	42	36	36	92	102	132
Ghana	836	961	743	800	1,005	1,175	1,297	1,847	2,069	3,192
Guinea	27	39	33	26	41	39	45	98	82	89
Guinea-Bissau	0	2	3	2	2	0	5	9	9	8
Kenya	137	169	145	211	245	216	363	498	550	530
Lesotho	5	2	0	7	6	3	3	6	3	2
Liberia	298	222	210	235	174	296	374	780	739	652
Libya	41	67	53	47	40	42	52	48	63	96
Madagascar	5	11	13	11	11	5	6	8	12	6
Malawi	7	12	4	6	11	5	4	10	12	13
Mali	16	14	18	12	19	25	19	36	59	42
Mauritania	1	2	6	4	1	3	2	13	9	15
Mauritius	10	2	7	11	5	2	6	9	7	5
Morocco	484	498	310	402	393	328	544	865	804	1,055
Mozambique	6	7	8	12	8	10	8	18	9	5
Namibia	1	4	9	3	9	2	9	6	7	6
Niger	4	4	3	36	18	11	11	9	15	19
Nigeria	1,349	1,648	1,589	1,725	1,789	1,788	2,026	2,346	3,688	4,333
Rwanda	1	4	3	2	7	4	3	14	12	37
Sao Tome and Principe	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	6
Senegal	133	143	169	114	179	125	184	314	252	303
Seychelles	1	3	4	3	2	6	3	2	0	1
Sierra Leone	245	468	290	266	254	203	243	353	321	400
Somalia	85	102	148	114	106	115	135	221	356	404

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South Africa	286	291	263	312	265	269	292	331	265	303
Sudan	126	155	194	167	228	153	195	313	512	377
Swaziland	1	1	2	3	9	5	4	2	2	4
Tanzania	61	56	58	62	73	55	90	120	106	86
Togo	8	16	18	24	26	28	50	94	98	125
Tunisia	39	52	59	49	45	59	63	83	102	68
Uganda	36	48	36	72	46	88	99	160	176	173
Zambia	13	21	25	21	32	35	43	71	66	65
Zimbabwe	43	47	31	48	40	41	46	78	76	69
Africa Total	7,352	7,824	7,185	7,439	7,857	8,081	10,822	14,914	17,440	19,792
Asia										
Afghanistan	431	437	395	295	197	216	235	273	317	479
Bahrain	9	14	7	7	8	7	12	9	13	12
Bangladesh	1,561	2,061	1,713	1,738	1,569	2,470	3,776	4,189	3,279	3,328
Bhutan	1	-	1	-	2	1	7	3	5	3
Brunei	1	5	1	5	6	1	1	1	3	0
Burma	189	194	159	176	120	231	242	379	414	347
Cambodia	869	1,358	1,239	1,535	944	1,097	969	2,137	1,531	1,627
China	10,800	13,732	12,668	16,451	16,899	14,723	17,811	20,886	16,527	14,618
Hong Kong S.A.R.	240	296	272	336	218	230	331	291	288	230
India	7,305	7,644	7,644	8,451	8,153	9,821	12,622	12,905	12,069	10,524
Indonesia	335	384	328	329	203	252	414	423	320	296
Iran	2,382	2,659	2,764	2,450	1,859	2,161	2,900	2,844	3,273	2,571
Iraq	656	775	1,034	921	557	448	590	698	659	709
Israel	557	578	637	708	763	609	817	712	527	436
Japan	1,494	1,763	1,966	1,960	2,074	2,121	2,281	2,248	1,521	1,481
Jordan	1,696	1,807	2,115	1,929	1,464	1,311	1,758	2,115	1,572	1,600
Korea, North	45	90	93	96	77	56	69	62	39	18
Korea, South	3,588	3,475	3,359	3,436	3,002	2,917	3,270	3,167	2,740	2,445
Kuwait	252	276	239	211	167	117	180	187	182	173
Laos	119	108	104	145	95	81	105	178	111	68
Lebanon	881	1,032	1,315	1,092	675	721	967	786	1,572	1,037
Malaysia	183	200	177	177	154	165	189	232	210	176
Maldives	-	1	-	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mongolia	6	16	24	44	52	68	73	67	99	79
Nepal	43	66	57	117	136	136	219	240	286	279
Oman	1	1	5	5	4	2	5	8	7	9
Pakistan	4,823	3,830	3,533	3,217	2,551	2,586	2,826	4,139	3,561	5,564
Philippines	11,449	11,324	13,841	14,365	11,527	11,917	13,585	15,757	24,669	15,253
Qatar	8	5	22	7	15	11	15	14	29	23
Saudi Arabia	104	133	122	141	127	87	160	283	236	253
Singapore	92	82	98	87	94	65	85	90	79	87
Sri Lanka	166	138	166	119	116	116	245	230	217	197
Syria	506	674	769	654	420	463	783	772	667	525
Taiwan	676	936	967	887	766	806	1,025	1,021	947	845

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Thailand	815	993	750	714	487	663	1,013	1,289	1,157	838
Timor-Leste ¹	-	-	-	0	1	2	4	2	1	1
United Arab Emirates	32	33	41	46	33	46	65	87	95	87
Vietnam	5,547	6,938	8,638	6,775	4,724	4,155	5,609	7,638	8,674	7,728
Yemen	729	1,376	792	775	957	1,133	2,418	2,557	1,209	1,008
Asia Total	58,591	65,434	68,055	70,403	61,216	62,012	77,676	88,919	89,105	74,955
Europe										
Albania	196	331	484	485	612	790	1,626	1,927	1,475	1,628
Andorra	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Armenia	146	151	217	229	208	292	364	386	380	277
Austria	97	87	89	77	66	92	62	73	57	57
Azerbaijan	58	92	109	140	107	111	115	153	124	95
Belarus	117	149	261	326	302	358	218	204	203	158
Belgium	133	133	97	111	103	102	108	102	93	67
Bosnia and Herzegovina	41	66	104	170	158	259	475	550	400	310
Bulgaria	394	464	610	564	559	576	914	912	602	385
Croatia	84	74	82	89	92	94	120	163	99	82
Cyprus	30	36	35	42	27	21	29	18	18	11
Czech Republic	154	193	184	199	205	193	194	178	118	94
Denmark	145	149	128	131	108	110	108	110	74	60
Greenland	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	145	149	129	133	108	110	108	110	74	60
Estonia	30	48	43	53	51	38	49	44	53	35
Finland	100	96	81	93	73	78	85	87	61	49
France	485	441	431	383	430	408	452	529	486	430
French Guiana	0	2	0	1	1	2	2	2	1	1
French Polynesia	4	1	1	3	0	0	4	10	5	5
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	5	10	20	4	5	8	16	17	2	8
Martinique	5	2	0	0	4	2	3	4	2	6
New Caledonia	0	1	2	4	1	0	1	1	0	0
Reunion	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	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
TOTAL	499	457	454	395	442	421	480	566	496	451
Georgia	39	66	97	226	241	188	173	190	129	150
Germany	1,805	1,694	1,446	1,344	1,205	1,379	1,701	1,563	1,710	1,320
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1,673	1,848	1,777	1,607	1,656	1,658	1,677	2,065	1,862	1,644
Anguilla	4	5	9	3	9	3	9	9	2	5
Bermuda	33	20	27	32	36	44	41	64	40	32
British Virgin Islands	5	5	6	3	5	2	7	9	11	6
Cayman Islands	4	11	1	5	4	4	4	6	4	5
Falkland Islands	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gibraltar	0	3	2	4	1	1	3	4	2	1
Montserrat	7	7	6	7	6	4	1	8	9	3

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Pitcairn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Helena	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	3	3	1	3	1	1	7	0	3	6
TOTAL	1,729	1,902	1,831	1,664	1,718	1,717	1,750	2,165	1,933	1,702
Greece	253	228	247	211	196	158	172	167	150	122
Hungary	212	205	203	197	232	248	238	255	164	151
Iceland	30	35	33	34	37	34	48	42	30	14
Ireland	164	177	144	121	134	147	205	141	143	151
Italy	328	374	350	346	278	251	324	423	323	351
Kazakhstan	194	497	790	962	921	980	943	766	720	535
Kosovo ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Kyrgyzstan	37	47	27	35	41	67	106	170	176	167
Latvia	94	67	84	114	73	89	113	98	104	77
Liechtenstein	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	167	152	140	150	118	197	299	239	213	107
Luxembourg	2	5	9	7	4	0	5	7	5	4
Macedonia ³	205	292	357	326	234	299	366	446	397	344
Malta	20	4	14	14	10	9	7	12	7	7
Moldova	120	150	143	111	94	132	231	154	132	160
Monaco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Montenegro ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	166	116
Netherlands	229	228	233	221	230	230	267	242	196	147
Aruba	4	3	2	2	5	7	2	10	4	1
Netherlands Antilles	15	9	7	7	9	9	15	11	10	15
TOTAL	248	240	242	230	244	246	284	263	210	163
Norway	150	143	130	107	98	107	113	113	60	56
Poland	992	1,041	1,178	1,476	1,192	1,365	1,699	1,469	999	686
Portugal	184	136	127	140	150	140	150	146	120	78
Macau ⁵	13	6	15	30	13	13	15	16	12	7
Macau S.A.R.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	197	142	142	170	163	153	165	162	132	85
Romania	1,745	2,041	1,927	1,214	665	689	1,324	1,194	873	662
Russia	5,346	5,417	5,567	6,342	6,127	7,029	6,169	5,615	4,008	3,277
San Marino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serbia ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	792	585
Serbia and Montenegro ⁴	240	249	321	532	530	624	783	1,192	-	-
Slovakia	109	114	115	119	115	118	120	135	82	47
Slovenia	7	7	8	16	11	17	16	22	16	6
Spain	283	289	272	240	261	190	279	328	262	215
Western Sahara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	283	289	272	240	261	190	279	328	262	215
Sweden	300	286	261	239	248	274	261	249	152	142
Switzerland	179	175	139	141	125	121	115	116	92	63
Tajikistan	8	11	11	23	23	27	30	37	28	27
Turkey	413	494	563	687	651	549	488	619	520	620
Turkmenistan	13	14	11	11	12	16	23	35	15	27
Ukraine	890	1,343	1,973	2,080	1,456	1,607	2,095	1,698	1,673	1,465

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Uzbekistan	65	78	125	142	86	188	308	322	202	227
Vatican City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Europe Total	18,809	20,506	21,879	22,737	20,658	22,750	25,900	25,936	20,872	17,625
North America										
Antigua and Barbuda	55	48	56	49	43	68	74	81	68	68
Bahamas, The	49	54	46	45	45	43	52	47	46	64
Barbados	105	94	85	105	113	96	109	103	85	77
Belize	132	106	99	99	92	93	110	203	127	132
Canada	1,057	978	951	843	757	477	765	1,252	1,027	1,271
Costa Rica	252	297	297	321	341	296	426	488	397	275
Cuba	790	1,273	842	1,351	758	752	1,703	2,187	2,728	2,551
Dominica	135	158	119	156	125	116	161	211	188	188
Dominican Republic	4,273	3,424	5,514	4,522	7,761	7,142	6,568	8,921	6,311	14,671
El Salvador	4,155	4,396	3,115	2,919	1,821	1,417	3,508	3,277	3,482	3,647
Grenada	121	88	94	109	92	112	180	189	117	126
Guatemala	2,235	2,674	2,715	3,602	3,343	4,516	5,325	6,193	6,671	6,446
Haiti	6,130	8,689	4,414	4,942	4,283	3,811	3,635	5,063	10,225	5,972
Honduras	1,534	1,718	1,658	1,572	1,225	1,070	2,309	2,113	2,233	1,994
Jamaica	4,145	3,624	3,339	3,941	3,628	3,239	5,244	6,359	4,496	4,513
Mexico	31,329	28,437	36,593	34,794	25,592	21,971	15,862	34,292	36,450	64,376
Nicaragua	561	528	541	587	604	609	971	1,277	1,086	1,368
Panama	927	420	309	320	207	209	378	448	385	349
Saint Kitts and Nevis	62	56	72	63	52	51	69	74	47	64
Saint Lucia	99	102	104	99	121	100	158	231	174	186
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	99	98	85	94	86	70	122	121	92	99
Trinidad and Tobago	723	970	766	786	592	705	890	1,084	770	775
North America Total	58,968	58,232	61,814	61,319	51,681	46,963	48,619	74,214	77,205	109,212
Oceania										
Australia	496	484	530	492	374	475	447	475	356	400
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
TOTAL	496	484	530	492	374	475	447	475	356	400
Fiji	207	208	224	212	254	354	428	380	305	226
Kiribati	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	3	2	3
Marshall Islands	0	1	0	5	9	11	3	6	8	6
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	186	205	222	208	186	200	232	161	175	153
Cook Islands	0	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	0	0
Niue	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
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Palau	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	3

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Papua New Guinea	3	6	5	8	5	2	9	7	4	3
Samoa	28	30	25	33	61	55	25	37	44	20
Solomon Islands	1	6	0	1	3	0	0	1	2	1
Tonga	32	36	36	43	30	50	50	63	63	51
Tuvalu	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanuatu	1	0	0	2	0	0	5	2	0	1
Oceania Total	954	982	1,044	1,007	927	1,152	1,203	1,139	963	867
South America										
Argentina	216	244	283	445	467	278	346	390	286	274
Bolivia	331	311	282	267	290	325	374	680	403	435
Brazil	654	778	861	940	1,014	1,117	1,461	1,456	1,307	1,317
Chile	290	332	314	263	221	257	349	406	327	279
Colombia	3,132	3,215	3,257	4,621	4,504	3,294	4,834	5,411	3,832	4,344
Ecuador	3,279	2,048	2,847	3,722	2,169	2,305	3,158	4,655	2,774	3,880
Guyana	617	938	1,523	1,604	1,384	1,046	1,986	1,812	1,001	1,656
Paraguay	65	75	68	99	62	94	105	138	106	93
Peru	2,253	2,051	2,134	2,654	1,724	1,549	2,894	3,122	2,678	3,306
Suriname	20	25	18	24	26	20	42	33	28	38
Uruguay	50	49	46	60	73	76	85	71	70	83
Venezuela	467	566	477	538	487	405	578	891	926	692
South America Total	11,374	10,632	12,110	15,237	12,421	10,766	16,212	19,065	13,738	16,397
Grand Totals	156,048	163,610	172,087	178,142	154,760	151,724	180,432	224,187	219,323	238,848

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 Kosovo declared its independence from Serbia on February 17, 2008. On February 18, 2008, the United States Government established diplomatic relations with Kosovo, recognizing it as an independent state. As a result, a separate immigrant visa chargeability was established for Kosovo.

³ The United States formally recognized Macedonia on February 8, 1994 as The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the provisional designation under which it was admitted to the United Nations. In November 2004, the United States Government decided to officially refer to it by its constitutional name, the Republic of Macedonia.

⁴ In March 2002, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia agreed to form a new state, replacing Yugoslavia with a looser state union called Serbia and Montenegro. The new union came into effect on February 4, 2003. 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

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⁵ 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.