

Table XII
Immediate Relative Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts
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Foreign State	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Africa										
Algeria	32	57	50	65	80	66	62	71	78	67
Angola	9	10	6	13	4	6	15	4	3	15
Benin	2	-	4	4	3	4	17	19	12	7
Botswana	3	4	6	3	4	11	6	4	3	4
Burkina Faso	2	3	3	5	3	6	2	-	-	6
Burundi	3	1	-	1	5	3	10	5	3	2
Cameroon	18	26	35	50	70	86	119	114	186	120
Cape Verde	103	144	190	233	242	263	430	287	342	284
Central African Republic	1	-	5	-	1	4	-	1	1	2
Chad	4	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	2	3
Comoros	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	1
Congo, Republic of the	4	2	1	4	3	8	2	2	2	2
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	22	22	23	32	47	48	70	52	26	23
Cote d'Ivoire	11	15	34	36	31	51	65	45	66	83
Djibouti	7	9	2	1	2	5	12	4	3	4
Egypt	825	896	974	882	966	1,219	1,375	986	914	870
Equatorial Guinea	3	2	1	1	1	-	2	2	-	-
Eritrea ¹			68	167	237	216	189	126	110	166
Ethiopia	232	355	541	472	753	885	1,296	991	1,249	1,053
Gabon ⁴	3	3	-	1	5	6	7	-	6	
Gambia	4	7	7	7	25	19	26	21	47	32
Ghana	470	381	407	410	433	766	1,074	945	836	961
Guinea	2	14	11	13	11	19	21	24	27	39
Guinea-Bissau	-	1	2	-	-	5	-	6	-	2
Kenya	104	77	106	101	104	144	146	99	137	169
Lesotho	1	3	2	1	4	7	2	2	5	2
Liberia	91	229	210	311	284	324	458	354	298	222
Libya	23	20	37	37	45	47	55	64	41	67
Madagascar	2	9	9	7	4	10	8	6	5	11
Malawi	6	5	10	4	10	7	6	7	7	12
Mali	4	5	7	2	9	12	6	8	16	14
Mauritania	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	2
Mauritius	18	12	11	10	7	7	9	3	10	2
Morocco	197	176	256	269	330	413	507	478	484	498
Mozambique	7	4	11	7	8	5	8	7	6	7
Namibia	6	6	6	1	8	5	1	5	1	4
Niger	3	3	9	-	6	8	4	3	4	4
Nigeria	510	830	759	800	1,462	1,856	2,374	1,888	1,349	1,648
Rwanda	5	1	2	1	6	4	7	6	1	4
Sao Tome and Principe	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	3
Senegal	17	25	29	51	52	69	137	77	133	143
Seychelles	15	8	7	8	10	7	1	3	1	3
Sierra Leone	95	93	105	212	192	307	363	153	245	468
Somalia	38	68	101	104	104	114	134	91	85	102
South Africa	208	224	320	337	226	269	254	212	286	291
Sudan	44	51	42	28	80	113	127	85	126	155
Swaziland	3	2	-	3	5	4	5	3	1	1
Tanzania	63	46	51	60	60	55	64	38	61	56
Togo	7	8	7	6	6	6	14	7	8	16
Tunisia	35	35	29	36	32	42	36	56	39	52
Uganda	26	22	26	51	32	32	46	36	36	48
Zambia	17	20	13	13	25	22	25	18	13	21
Zimbabwe	33	29	39	40	29	36	38	25	43	47

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Africa—Continued										
Africa Total	3,339	3,963	4,578	4,899	6,064	7,626	9,637	7,454	7,352	7,824
Asia										
Afghanistan	269	209	350	391	341	462	424	387	431	437
Bahrain	7	6	8	8	8	8	9	3	9	14
Bangladesh	585	707	849	602	675	1,017	3,373	2,915	1,561	2,061
Bhutan	-	1	1	-	1	-	3	1	1	-
Brunei	2	1	1	2	1	5	1	1	1	5
Burma	118	122	137	147	138	202	213	180	189	194
Cambodia	267	379	335	486	806	820	1,025	918	869	1,358
China—mainland born	8,953	8,175	8,867	7,501	8,611	11,067	13,232	10,597	10,800	13,732
—Taiwan born	1,289	1,141	1,053	752	906	1,576	1,362	830	675	936
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ²	597	500	452	391	448	535	515	306	241	296
India	7,029	6,501	7,672	6,791	6,580	8,424	12,202	8,686	7,305	7,644
Indonesia	143	120	175	166	206	212	237	299	335	384
Iran	2,140	2,145	2,541	2,974	2,843	3,689	3,829	2,876	2,382	2,659
Iraq	28	1,147	962	580	661	660	668	507	656	775
Israel	618	528	588	574	497	596	697	475	557	578
Japan	1,111	1,049	1,112	1,194	1,383	1,305	1,377	1,468	1,494	1,763
Jordan ^{1,065}	1,253	1,578	1,280	1,511	1,831	2,003	1,231	1,696	1,807	
Korea	6,068	5,457	4,607	3,982						
Korea, North					58	78	41	21	45	90
Korea, South					3,520	3,252	3,316	3,267	3,588	3,475
Kuwait	91	109	174	164	172	227	210	187	252	276
Laos	141	141	202	141	181	192	221	162	119	108
Lebanon	1,123	1,178	1,257	1,254	1,120	1,154	1,283	1,111	881	1,032
Malaysia	159	173	166	162	157	137	177	147	183	200
Maldives	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Mongolia	-	-	3	1	5	3	12	4	6	16
Nepal	38	28	55	55	49	72	67	61	43	66
Oman	-	-	1	5	2	1	1	2	1	1
Pakistan	1,826	1,832	1,919	1,617	1,721	2,238	3,865	4,325	4,823	3,830
Philippines	24,081	21,823	23,413	20,149	16,134	20,824	19,971	11,572	11,449	11,324
Qatar	5	1	9	3	12	6	12	11	8	5
Saudi Arabia	58	46	62	55	83	99	90	92	104	133
Singapore	91	92	99	95	87	77	83	77	92	82
Sri Lanka	119	137	108	155	147	162	181	180	166	138
Syria	491	631	597	627	672	715	814	713	506	674
Thailand	848	703	763	666	613	648	741	644	815	993
United Arab Emirates	12	21	6	13	19	31	42	34	32	33
Vietnam	7,299	10,850	5,764	4,105	4,534	4,629	6,145	4,201	5,547	6,938
Yemen	961	1,288	985	537	931	1,110	1,548	1,028	729	1,376
Asia Total	67,893	68,494	66,871	57,625	55,833	68,064	79,992	59,519	58,591	65,434
Europe										
Albania	45	88	119	350	277	212	308	248	196	331
Andorra	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Armenia ³		33	40	80	82	76	110	108	146	151
Austria	99	94	97	91	93	82	106	93	97	87
Azerbaijan ³		16	18	18	30	33	38	48	58	92

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Europe—Continued										
Belarus ³		112	122	57	62	124	137	95	117	149
Belgium	106	111	123	87	101	118	140	117	133	133
Bosnia and Herzegovina ⁴		10	73	49	52	46	81	47	41	66
Bulgaria	91	177	237	224	241	348	374	271	394	464
Croatia ⁴		31	105	101	97	90	83	66	84	74
Cyprus	46	45	50	46	51	33	47	43	30	36
Czechoslovakia ⁵	147	161								
Czech Republic ⁵			157	147	155	124	166	135	154	193
Denmark	170	186	183	169	159	178	145	138	145	149
Greenland	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Estonia	4	4	5	18	14	30	31	42	30	48
Finland	73	86	90	82	80	90	103	78	100	96
France	381	415	518	538	497	503	479	448	485	441
French Guiana	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
French Polynesia	2	6	4	3	2	1	1	1	4	1
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guadeloupe	3	5	5	10	5	11	12	10	5	10
Martinique	2	3	4	-	4	2	5	6	5	2
New Caledonia	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1
Reunion	1	-	1	-	1	2	1	-	-	-
St. Pierre and Miquelon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wallis and Futuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia ³		6	19	35	88	105	48	26	39	66
Germany	3,253	4,929	2,762	2,998	2,274	1,746	1,917	1,959	1,805	1,694
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2,751	2,713	2,544	2,177	1,907	1,713	1,776	1,476	1,673	1,848
Anguilla	8	6	6	3	4	5	4	4	4	5
Bermuda	43	43	53	36	41	39	41	26	33	20
British Virgin Islands	4	4	11	5	2	3	10	7	5	5
Cayman Islands	2	4	1	1	1	4	7	1	4	11
Falkland Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Gibraltar	-	2	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	3
Hong Kong ²		8								
Montserrat	12	9	16	10	8	8	19	9	7	7
Pitcairn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Helena	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turks and Caicos Islands	2	1	2	1	4	6	3	4	3	3
Greece	472	417	474	368	362	313	328	293	253	228
Hungary	182	169	202	182	224	216	277	221	212	205
Iceland	37	36	37	38	48	45	36	24	30	35
Ireland	260	218	215	214	182	149	137	130	164	177
Italy	384	366	427	428	378	370	398	405	328	374
Kazakhstan ³		17	31	68	47	43	75	112	194	497
Kyrgyzstan ³		2	6	6	9	18	21	23	37	47
Latvia	18	22	39	55	80	119	143	107	94	67
Liechtenstein	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Lithuania	20	45	70	155	151	148	149	163	167	152
Luxembourg	3	6	4	6	2	7	8	4	2	5
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of ⁶				96	198	206	306	241	205	292
Malta	27	25	20	39	22	20	18	29	20	4
Moldova ³		34	21	24	64	79	77	84	120	150
Monaco	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-

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Europe—Continued										
Netherlands	280	218	249	319	263	232	231	196	229	228
Aruba	4	2	7	2	5	5	3	3	4	3
Netherlands Antilles	16	11	22	10	7	11	18	9	15	9
Norway	142	111	153	122	115	124	144	138	150	143
Poland	1,363	1,419	1,539	1,425	1,263	1,563	1,468	991	992	1,041
Portugal	371	309	297	246	233	226	231	200	184	136
Macau ⁷	37	30	34	22	22	33	33	14	13	6
Romania ³	3,003	442	586	800	907	1,286	1,443	1,094	1,745	2,041
Russia ³		606	1,173	2,102	2,588	3,219	4,625	5,233	5,346	5,417
San Marino	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Serbia-Montenegro ⁸				596	440	460	534	372	240	249
Slovakia ⁵			44	48	62	72	87	59	109	114
Slovenia ⁴		1	9	11	12	5	7	7	7	7
Spain	445	409	332	357	315	370	353	280	283	289
Western Sahara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweden	242	181	283	183	255	249	278	251	300	286
Switzerland	137	183	178	211	221	206	218	180	179	175
Tajikistan ³		2	3	3	5	9	5	4	8	11
Turkey	601	605	658	569	558	617	661	549	413	494
Turkmenistan ³		3	3	4	6	10	5	9	13	14
Ukraine ³		352	634	470	317	394	449	664	890	1,343
U.S.S.R. ³	1,175	311								
Uzbekistan ³		21	53	71	70	48	44	49	65	78
Vatican City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yugoslavia	743	570	647							
Europe Total	17,207	16,443	15,817	16,592	15,766	16,610	19,005	17,648	18,809	20,506
North America										
Antigua and Barbuda	70	54	79	53	61	67	80	50	55	48
Bahamas	109	91	84	47	66	59	58	54	49	54
Barbados	142	102	167	100	92	137	125	150	105	94
Belize	206	160	201	189	133	121	162	96	132	106
Canada	2,725	2,934	2,648	2,573	1,783	1,392	1,152	842	1,057	978
Costa Rica	457	450	386	352	346	403	425	324	252	297
Cuba	425	424	676	936	1,659	768	882	730	790	1,273
Dominica	107	144	131	81	88	106	188	183	135	158
Dominican Republic	10,313	9,678	13,140	24,355	13,633	12,147	9,210	6,255	4,273	3,424
El Salvador	2,946	2,160	3,329	2,275	1,296	2,633	5,225	4,514	4,155	4,396
Grenada	91	100	131	123	123	131	162	166	121	88
Guatemala	1,507	1,557	1,793	1,666	1,087	1,273	2,088	2,326	2,235	2,674
Haiti	1,922	211	2,679	2,612	1,980	2,370	3,227	4,283	6,130	8,689
Honduras	1,845	1,797	2,479	1,990	1,591	1,206	2,713	2,093	1,534	1,718
Jamaica	2,440	2,693	3,436	3,107	3,292	4,050	5,078	3,914	4,145	3,624
Mexico	23,635	17,694	25,290	23,229	6,808	11,710	20,339	22,273	31,329	28,437
Nicaragua	1,327	1,024	1,202	1,460	569	630	932	518	561	528
Panama	1,107	911	1,067	1,191	1,179	1,120	950	768	927	420
Saint Kitts and Nevis	90	72	91	71	50	64	82	66	62	56
Saint Lucia	108	83	104	98	75	134	158	116	99	102
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	71	82	93	77	41	110	127	104	99	98
Trinidad and Tobago	641	794	1,051	1,039	992	1,313	1,258	780	723	970

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North America—Continued										
North America Total	52,284	43,215	60,257	67,624	36,944	41,944	54,621	50,605	58,968	58,232
Oceania										
Australia	592	546	498	424	421	477	500	513	496	484
Christmas Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cocos Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Fiji	239	168	163	206	273	228	247	194	207	208
Kiribati	11	4	2	4	1	4	2	2	-	1
Marshall Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Micronesia, Federated States of	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Nauru	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	221	157	176	157	147	157	199	176	186	205
Cook Islands	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Niue	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific Islands, Trust Territory of the ⁹	6	1	2	1	-	-	4	1	-	1
Palau ⁹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	7	5	4	-	4	12	7	3	3	6
Samoa	47	44	36	34	40	37	17	36	28	30
Solomon Islands	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	2	1	6
Tonga	39	27	29	41	48	39	41	27	32	36
Tuvalu	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	1
Vanuatu	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Oceania Total	1,164	954	913	869	939	955	1,019	955	954	982
South America										
Argentina	500	339	285	275	245	268	217	170	216	244
Bolivia	243	315	333	297	220	267	382	354	331	311
Brazil	720	684	736	757	810	687	674	653	654	778
Chile	598	429	344	364	352	306	334	277	290	332
Colombia	2,948	3,028	3,843	3,578	2,872	3,364	4,314	3,826	3,132	3,215
Ecuador	1,294	1,330	1,526	1,592	1,582	1,836	2,473	2,002	3,279	2,048
Guyana	1,675	1,733	1,802	1,505	1,337	2,090	1,674	676	617	938
Paraguay	244	308	484	546	412	318	91	73	65	75
Peru	3,207	2,650	3,430	3,178	1,916	2,882	3,620	3,026	2,253	2,051
Suriname	7	17	21	27	24	31	27	27	20	25
Uruguay	132	109	122	114	67	65	87	61	50	49
Venezuela	403	334	415	432	439	570	607	434	467	566
South America Total	11,971	11,276	13,341	12,665	10,276	12,684	14,500	11,579	11,374	10,632
Grand Total	153,858	144,345	161,777	160,274	125,822	147,883	178,774	147,760	156,048	163,610

¹ On April 27, 1993, the United States recognized the independence of Eritrea.

² Section 103 of Pub. L. 101–649 (Immigration Act of 1990) provides that effective with Fiscal Year 1991, Hong Kong shall be treated for immigrant visa purposes as a separate foreign state, and not as a colony or other component or dependent area of another foreign state.

³ On December 25, 1991, the United States recognized the independence of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan, the 12 republics that had constituted the U.S.S.R.

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- ⁴ On April 7, 1992, the United States recognized the independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Slovenia, three of the republics that had previously formed constituent parts of Yugoslavia.
- ⁵ On January 1, 1993, the United States recognized the independence of the Czech Republic and Slovakia, separate states that had previously comprised Czechoslovakia.
- ⁶ On February 8, 1994, the United States recognized the independence of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
- ⁷ The Government of Portugal signed an agreement with China on April 13, 1987 returning Macau to Chinese administration effective December 20, 1999. As of December 20, 1999, Macau was designated as the Special Administrative Region of Macau, and the China–mainland chargeability became applicable to Macau.
- ⁸ Serbia and Montenegro have proclaimed the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized by the United States.
- ⁹ On October 1, 1994, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Palau) ended its status as a United Nations Trust Territory administered by the United States and became an independent state, in free association with the United States.