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Nationality	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Africa										
Algeria	5,193	5,895	5,855	6,897	6,176	6,081	6,878	6,597	6,454	6,685
Angola	745	820	927	1,148	1,292	2,119	2,401	2,222	2,843	3,529
Benin	746	890	960	1,003	1,104	1,046	1,115	1,100	1,433	1,481
Botswana	757	930	844	955	828	887	850	1,238	1,153	1,387
Burkina Faso	659	647	736	789	868	1,185	1,196	1,379	1,353	1,355
Burundi	383	513	528	592	540	498	461	431	506	671
Cameroon	2,871	2,768	2,950	3,278	2,408	2,876	2,970	3,303	5,106	5,403
Cape Verde	1,632	982	1,563	2,423	2,131	2,084	4,262	2,885	2,909	3,321
Central African Republic	223	245	256	266	265	266	210	210	232	344
Chad	274	351	403	414	292	327	499	716	591	596
Comoros	89	88	88	40	74	74	51	47	43	71
Congo, Republic of the	594	788	720	725	908	1,222	611	652	791	866
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	2,894	2,649	2,330	2,700	2,970	4,124	3,175	2,804	2,566	3,229
Cote d'Ivoire	3,198	3,659	3,957	4,619	5,109	4,831	4,756	4,627	4,393	3,991
Djibouti	1,087	438	339	512	325	434	398	908	569	715
Egypt	30,784	30,348	32,759	33,271	33,850	37,898	40,696	41,717	43,486	48,883
Equatorial Guinea	55	82	86	93	74	162	164	160	234	316
Eritrea ¹			113	697	1,202	1,354	1,343	1,227	1,963	1,694
Ethiopia	8,996	9,322	8,000	6,026	7,841	5,979	5,297	5,912	6,702	7,185
Gabon	798	919	1,006	913	1,174	1,231	1,161	1,155	1,282	1,323
Gambia	1,623	2,113	2,117	2,018	2,790	2,055	1,586	1,646	2,012	2,835
Ghana	7,316	7,175	6,840	7,713	9,166	13,680	11,593	13,291	18,690	18,482
Guinea	2,129	2,027	2,533	2,521	3,194	3,170	3,834	5,992	3,456	3,885
Guinea-Bissau	218	193	200	222	228	288	251	185	153	266
Kenya	5,450	6,158	5,609	6,429	7,957	8,753	9,628	10,646	11,483	12,971
Lesotho	263	260	323	258	312	294	210	309	248	323
Liberia	3,353	1,663	1,651	2,349	1,866	1,332	2,056	2,892	2,692	4,885
Libya	542	454	424	499	461	450	411	370	436	445
Madagascar	511	547	693	991	759	812	796	914	1,097	1,156
Malawi	607	563	516	672	707	889	891	948	1,101	1,396
Mali	1,614	1,709	1,734	1,964	2,010	2,482	2,999	3,329	3,098	5,433
Mauritania	461	436	463	462	569	670	687	775	1,051	1,436

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Africa—Continued										
Mauritius	1,435	1,689	1,717	2,203	1,998	1,697	1,777	1,756	1,818	1,898
Morocco	10,337	10,809	11,748	14,221	14,059	16,713	16,443	18,965	20,991	19,813
Mozambique	434	655	564	555	629	694	743	854	921	1,116
Namibia	376	527	489	692	708	802	693	764	902	957
Niger	731	566	511	512	615	695	706	847	1,240	1,510
Nigeria	23,257	21,596	20,160	20,074	18,834	21,896	25,077	26,966	28,208	27,294
Rwanda	362	372	442	243	237	515	705	1,192	1,237	1,424
Sao Tome and Principe	56	64	80	41	58	73	47	102	85	97
Senegal	5,415	5,368	5,609	6,015	5,785	6,862	7,134	8,441	9,028	12,156
Seychelles	226	225	219	245	227	393	209	247	266	279
Sierra Leone	4,551	2,482	1,572	1,636	1,703	2,418	2,056	1,462	1,301	1,750
Somalia	2,019	2,044	1,706	1,011	861	586	619	783	892	995
South Africa	37,889	51,436	60,200	57,288	60,536	65,159	72,221	73,354	68,685	71,605
Sudan	3,423	3,285	3,527	3,214	3,691	3,219	3,362	3,207	3,778	4,598
Swaziland	378	337	413	359	342	416	311	289	298	455
Tanzania	2,762	2,842	2,982	2,891	2,842	2,907	3,391	3,564	5,265	5,719
Togo	917	842	856	1,108	1,395	1,270	1,063	1,228	1,140	1,559
Tunisia	3,588	4,342	4,250	4,096	4,459	5,550	7,630	8,080	9,830	11,905
Uganda	1,933	1,886	1,876	2,165	1,811	2,372	2,510	3,188	4,333	4,627
Zambia	2,150	1,812	1,892	1,877	1,868	1,986	2,045	2,261	2,864	3,312
Zimbabwe	3,810	3,517	3,159	3,849	4,015	4,273	5,032	5,934	6,518	7,941
Africa Total	192,114	202,328	211,495	217,754	226,123	250,049	267,210	284,071	299,726	327,568
Asia										
Afghanistan	2,139	2,474	2,541	2,561	2,472	2,564	2,285	2,164	2,217	1,991
Bahrain	2,138	2,665	3,222	3,944	4,005	3,831	2,948	2,694	2,502	2,815
Bangladesh	9,804	12,888	16,889	17,582	17,860	18,366	12,688	14,154	16,119	17,013
Bhutan	85	123	125	101	120	191	224	242	329	335
Brunei	555	716	585	341	346	339	397	205	142	210
Burma	1,955	2,227	2,309	2,873	3,168	3,364	3,452	4,083	4,386	5,431

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Asia—Continued										
Cambodia	394	454	833	1,099	2,020	1,838	3,050	676	895	2,550
China (mainland)	96,701	119,046	176,859	160,070	202,242	229,879	250,503	255,114	252,673	315,536
(Taiwan)	207,795	240,646	269,345	293,681	359,501	379,355	344,901	263,967	269,802	279,153
East Timor ²										16
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ³							5,194	35,766	24,374	25,857
India	179,282	142,232	121,869	127,780	152,904	198,831	249,715	295,220	331,784	396,853
Indonesia	50,746	52,686	55,765	68,768	80,748	76,282	78,213	38,837	50,835	70,299
Iran	33,652	34,248	34,680	30,956	29,039	25,631	21,164	23,296	23,362	24,932
Iraq	1,328	2,534	3,173	2,972	2,785	2,462	2,467	2,378	2,395	2,993
Israel	112,003	93,155	92,281	101,215	113,687	124,010	129,580	128,338	129,303	143,297
Japan	132,696	110,571	119,102	113,655	106,050	109,045	116,093	117,712	112,944	111,140
Jordan	17,308	16,451	18,548	19,926	20,735	20,736	15,423	16,320	19,403	21,811
Korea	257,747									
Korea, North		244	244	967	1,583	1,856	1,745	1,531	1,643	1,634
Korea, South		289,005	266,854	320,747	394,044	545,867	619,011	380,645	402,418	479,205
Kuwait	10,063	15,681	17,761	17,414	18,273	16,722	13,038	16,240	13,923	10,443
Laos	1,364	1,923	872	665	663	885	1,019	1,168	1,135	1,454
Lebanon	19,805	22,898	20,676	24,322	16,064	14,183	16,144	16,265	20,523	24,697
Macau Special Administrative Region ⁴										1,341
Malaysia	38,145	41,766	42,297	47,808	58,126	67,770	67,941	37,147	42,892	52,173
Maldives	163	174	153	403	107	146	81	113	180	239
Mongolia	352	420	430	229	897	1,290	1,909	2,282	2,922	2,792
Nepal	2,296	2,622	2,615	2,632	3,288	4,755	5,709	7,008	5,969	6,652
Oman	1,741	2,172	2,278	2,617	2,937	2,848	2,442	2,760	2,996	2,949
Pakistan	47,294	46,840	43,971	45,372	50,873	39,753	48,695	44,574	49,769	88,791
Palestinian Authority Travel Document					156	2,470	3,159	3,172	3,398	3,734
Philippines	139,914	159,966	156,228	157,161	173,592	163,287	145,043	151,182	146,603	169,408
Qatar	1,966	2,248	2,797	2,889	3,033	2,558	2,784	2,866	2,550	2,917
Saudi Arabia	41,363	49,459	53,430	54,345	50,129	48,255	51,443	51,067	56,495	60,508
Singapore	35,108	39,286	37,629	42,250	55,289	61,397	63,159	50,379	35,423	7,475

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Asia—Continued										
Sri Lanka	7,276	8,225	8,669	8,655	9,427	9,038	8,778	10,707	11,687	12,756
Syria	11,126	13,922	11,664	12,107	10,847	10,886	9,914	10,423	12,416	14,344
Thailand	39,159	47,320	53,932	63,180	72,939	74,287	66,674	33,371	47,041	61,300
United Arab Emirates	4,752	6,180	8,367	9,880	10,997	12,754	10,741	11,310	11,365	12,000
Vietnam	3,431	4,331	5,199	4,984	7,295	8,456	8,539	8,963	8,839	13,339
Yemen	2,334	3,960	3,154	2,624	3,843	3,403	3,419	3,287	3,665	4,076
Asia Total	1,513,980	1,591,758	1,657,346	1,768,775	2,042,084	2,289,590	2,389,684	2,047,626	2,127,317	2,456,459
Europe										
Albania	253	626	2,484	2,415	3,683	4,462	2,616	3,933	4,912	7,245
Andorra	190	22	29	29	40	46	21	24	25	24
Armenia ⁵		140	3,040	4,503	6,658	4,534	5,397	5,673	12,271	12,488
Austria	79,490	8,210	6,906	6,948	9,130	8,793	8,203	7,832	8,205	7,772
Azerbaijan ⁵		9	452	1,145	1,825	1,498	1,482	1,776	2,330	2,582
Belarus ⁵		132	971	4,038	5,544	5,069	5,643	6,167	8,583	8,867
Belgium	78,232	11,534	8,007	6,499	6,531	6,657	6,236	6,730	6,443	6,958
Bosnia and Herzegovina ⁶		-	529	914	1,160	2,190	2,893	3,505	6,005	8,414
Bulgaria	7,706	8,057	12,385	13,702	12,510	13,967	12,957	16,262	18,558	19,401
Croatia ⁶		62	12,328	15,479	17,514	17,914	17,303	18,662	20,165	21,197
Cyprus	4,192	4,461	4,798	5,255	6,104	6,616	6,872	6,920	7,180	7,307
Czechoslovakia ⁷	24,830	39,033								
Czech Republic ⁷			33,112	32,183	41,155	45,021	46,676	49,031	44,457	42,932
Denmark	62,641	15,843	17,124	18,862	21,221	15,022	10,830	10,316	10,111	9,569
Estonia	2,056	2,447	2,687	3,213	4,244	4,569	5,214	5,206	6,278	6,444
Finland	64,006	6,895	6,285	6,324	6,538	6,738	5,585	5,977	6,141	5,776
France	96,630	49,616	36,243	34,767	36,966	42,865	37,730	39,931	41,872	45,188
Georgia ⁵		19	522	2,279	2,649	3,398	3,615	5,815	7,587	4,149
Germany	182,446	136,538	78,937	64,855	77,102	76,303	72,868	72,488	74,756	74,915
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	295,314	222,881	203,334	200,164	218,664	221,628	243,921	175,882	155,011	163,150
Greece	44,006	46,700	47,452	49,460	48,723	47,056	45,609	41,622	42,281	43,567

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Europe—Continued										
Hungary	25,432	29,153	35,536	37,039	40,389	46,660	44,051	40,435	40,975	42,908
Iceland	7,763	2,816	3,103	2,834	2,800	2,972	2,111	2,485	1,944	1,833
Ireland	77,856	75,406	82,606	92,337	45,932	14,514	14,573	16,846	18,811	20,407
Italy	38,258	26,321	21,638	22,432	25,436	24,086	21,665	22,036	22,946	22,648
Kazakhstan ⁵		164	2,244	4,493	5,351	5,913	3,805	4,686	4,515	5,161
Kyrgyzstan ⁵		3	370	906	1,110	1,290	1,446	1,683	1,605	1,825
Latvia	2,255	1,069	2,424	3,360	4,143	4,816	4,848	5,399	6,090	7,144
Liechtenstein	487	47	72	83	59	75	88	82	79	88
Lithuania	3,450	3,316	3,578	5,196	6,637	7,765	6,954	6,987	6,924	14,193
Luxembourg	4,921	701	699	776	631	506	413	381	429	393
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of ⁸				905	2,982	4,786	4,482	4,961	5,287	4,966
Malta	2,450	2,979	3,394	3,473	3,813	5,115	5,184	4,885	5,114	5,156
Moldova ⁵		8	381	1,010	1,698	1,900	1,586	1,815	2,159	2,885
Monaco	147	19	21	17	32	24	26	27	15	35
Netherlands	59,185	38,078	35,066	23,331	25,079	23,020	16,773	17,576	16,829	17,682
Norway	48,907	9,787	9,101	10,033	11,212	10,281	8,546	8,581	8,135	8,311
Poland	80,010	80,552	67,590	62,906	67,543	85,828	88,277	89,748	103,177	110,471
Portugal	51,342	52,514	53,839	48,127	47,539	48,134	47,711	45,619	42,872	5,576
Romania	20,878	16,638	16,873	20,570	21,969	28,984	24,744	26,193	25,298	27,213
Russia ⁵		59,752	109,486	118,094	135,226	141,627	126,222	137,960	106,126	99,051
San Marino	167	16	8	20	15	27	20	20	30	25
Serbia-Montenegro ⁹				17,750	17,789	18,747	18,832	16,984	12,898	14,167
Slovakia ⁷			10,493	14,683	14,628	16,920	15,157	14,851	14,604	16,746
Slovenia ⁶		5	5,916	7,352	9,559	9,883	10,792	1,609	1,227	1,212
Spain	187,383	40,356	28,692	25,447	26,389	23,303	19,721	19,507	21,326	21,961
Sweden	32,018	30,119	26,230	20,928	20,937	19,794	18,652	18,779	17,607	17,679
Switzerland	65,517	25,085	18,135	18,774	19,531	18,154	16,644	17,883	17,896	16,341
Tajikistan ⁵		1	31	491	517	587	409	241	456	469
Turkey	35,488	31,707	34,113	34,559	35,956	42,869	52,118	57,494	65,574	76,539
Turkmenistan ⁵		-	218	470	570	792	565	496	457	548
Ukraine ⁵		3,034	21,027	24,980	29,495	32,455	23,427	25,270	22,248	27,185

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Europe—Continued										
U.S.S.R. ⁵	123,474	66,906								
Uzbekistan ⁵		7	909	1,796	2,575	3,413	3,576	3,766	5,004	6,471
Vatican City	65	67	50	51	56	79	75	77	76	62
Yugoslavia	47,397	36,986	21,209							
Europe Total	1,856,842	1,186,837	1,092,677	1,098,257	1,155,559	1,179,665	1,145,164	1,099,114	1,081,904	1,095,296
North America										
Antigua and Barbuda	4,707	7,738	3,654	2,520	2,195	2,177	3,304	3,144	4,150	3,462
Bahamas	15,928	14,618	13,874	14,914	33,270	15,796	16,168	17,782	24,987	18,010
Barbados	14,254	14,267	18,687	12,151	10,440	8,854	9,957	11,649	12,447	11,099
Belize	6,291	7,168	8,021	8,935	9,678	8,318	7,106	7,055	9,499	11,125
Canada	6,703	4,736	3,668	3,914	3,642	4,938	4,062	4,344	4,935	5,237
Costa Rica	40,949	47,817	52,348	56,826	55,624	49,632	50,732	56,032	54,387	57,594
Cuba	50,820	30,715	28,362	19,850	10,393	7,774	7,215	10,473	9,197	44,283
Dominica	2,738	2,832	2,810	1,804	1,876	1,761	2,472	3,062	4,226	2,817
Dominican Republic	46,674	47,562	62,529	82,580	85,138	72,054	58,919	61,940	69,371	50,171
El Salvador	39,783	42,426	52,406	33,573	34,696	35,349	39,112	56,644	67,590	73,054
Grenada	2,867	3,440	3,771	2,488	2,717	2,482	3,000	4,512	5,918	4,506
Guatemala	42,883	37,167	47,104	52,794	40,833	42,088	46,396	55,387	64,388	64,733
Haiti	35,153	12,646	16,970	26,125	36,916	22,488	16,355	20,551	26,565	27,609
Honduras	33,927	30,804	22,356	25,491	20,730	23,954	24,875	32,672	31,209	36,776
Jamaica	42,375	35,935	33,600	47,143	75,972	49,644	37,409	48,904	71,331	82,190
Mexico	675,261	637,162	591,836	659,843	664,049	508,431	548,716	741,501	1,108,588	1,762,402
Nicaragua	30,207	26,250	27,461	23,039	16,985	13,421	19,468	18,960	15,606	13,017
Panama	21,742	22,264	23,727	23,228	21,015	21,608	19,583	18,284	21,715	23,316
Saint Kitts and Nevis	3,097	3,021	2,713	1,633	1,631	1,496	1,586	1,742	2,770	2,135
Saint Lucia	3,685	3,864	4,513	3,056	2,850	3,395	4,801	5,746	7,919	6,827
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	3,472	3,418	3,486	3,293	3,631	2,740	2,817	3,337	4,695	3,721
Trinidad and Tobago	23,566	22,392	25,849	51,290	60,390	48,841	43,422	43,930	44,863	57,889
North America Total	1,147,082	1,058,242	1,049,745	1,156,490	1,194,671	947,241	967,475	1,227,651	1,666,356	2,361,973

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Oceania										
Australia	275,873	276,378	254,243	250,542	265,308	268,667	26,973	28,044	30,576	31,145
Fiji	3,868	5,021	7,947	7,435	6,072	4,812	4,667	4,645	5,735	4,946
Kiribati	1,104	884	1,264	1,158	1,080	1,092	1,001	951	757	702
Marshall Islands	12	15	7	12	8	27	40	41	59	57
Micronesia, Federated States of	9	9	7	13	2	22	6	14	8	16
Nauru	111	214	116	201	58	76	55	61	70	272
New Zealand	74,920	19,191	15,544	15,699	17,221	11,261	8,774	8,435	9,265	9,895
Pacific Islands, Trust Territory of the ¹⁰	631	489	560	336		13	13	29	6	2
Palau ¹⁰										13
Papua New Guinea	518	630	730	708	829	981	873	901	1,063	775
Samoa	1,881	1,600	2,323	2,576	1,629	1,239	1,594	1,601	1,679	2,030
Solomon Islands	120	115	95	143	132	65	93	124	143	88
Tonga	1,987	2,761	2,131	1,815	1,987	1,831	2,072	1,982	2,895	2,548
Tuvalu	265	560	504	375	237	242	164	172	227	175
Vanuatu	61	59	76	60	82	39	68	76	86	173
Oceania Total	361,360	307,926	285,547	281,073	294,658	290,367	46,409	47,053	52,565	52,835
South America										
Argentina	140,559	177,358	158,452	168,224	152,715	111,684	11,226	12,089	12,636	13,793
Bolivia	14,530	15,624	12,923	13,640	12,349	10,676	12,746	14,521	20,543	34,751
Brazil	265,752	262,750	305,557	339,239	528,038	635,770	575,041	496,683	313,034	261,096
Chile	60,118	61,371	55,205	50,628	63,798	58,438	55,696	55,464	55,311	66,451
Colombia	109,849	121,453	135,916	136,042	132,921	133,538	176,438	236,891	280,238	195,058
Ecuador	51,825	53,875	46,722	41,577	39,791	46,110	62,287	66,942	45,104	38,763
Guyana	7,839	7,314	6,739	8,512	11,334	13,028	9,201	8,392	7,194	5,891
Paraguay	5,872	7,082	7,379	7,301	9,202	8,307	7,400	7,329	7,471	7,500
Peru	49,742	60,109	79,098	98,015	49,433	54,510	56,017	55,059	61,792	81,782
Suriname	10,567	9,464	3,300	2,298	5,602	3,208	3,157	3,071	2,276	2,342
Uruguay	14,207	14,957	16,447	18,027	22,559	21,449	23,274	22,314	16,776	2,395
Venezuela	108,131	156,428	159,642	133,629	167,725	117,093	87,172	106,496	119,232	116,414

Table XVIII
Nonimmigrant Visas Issued by Nationality (Continued)
(Including Border Crossing Cards)
Fiscal Years 1991 – 2000

Nationality	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
South America—Continued										
South America Total	838,991	947,785	987,380	1,017,132	1,195,467	1,213,811	1,079,655	1,085,251	941,607	826,236
No Nationality	67,509	73,301	75,302	71,293	73,101	67,040	46,377	23,225	22,851	21,023
UN Laissez Passer	83	260	128	179	159	107	87	162	152	246
Grand Total	5,977,961	5,368,437	5,359,620	5,610,953	6,181,822	6,237,870	5,942,061	5,814,153	6,192,478	7,141,636

Note: Applicants bearing passports of dependent areas are reported under the nationality of the governing country.

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

² East Timor voted for independence from Indonesia in an August 30, 1999 referendum and is currently under the authority of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET).

³ On December 19, 1984, the United Kingdom and China signed a joint declaration on the question of sovereignty over Hong Kong. Under that declaration, China resumed the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong on July 1, 1997. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government enjoys a high degree of political and economic autonomy.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ On January 1, 1993, the United States recognized the independence of the Czech Republic and Slovakia, separate states that had previously comprised Czechoslovakia.

⁸ On February 8, 1994, the United States recognized the independence of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

⁹ Serbia and Montenegro have proclaimed the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized by the United States.

¹⁰ 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.