

Table 49. Persons Obtaining Legal Permanent Resident Status by Country of Birth: 1981 to 2007

[In thousands (7,256.0 represents 7,256,000). For years ending Sept. 30. Persons by country prior to 1996 are unrevised]

Country of birth	1981–1990, total	1991–2000, total	2001–2006, total	2007	Country of birth	1981–1990, total	1991–2000, total	2001–2006, total	2007
All countries ¹	7,256.0	9,080.5	6,168.1	1,052.4					
Europe	705.6	1,309.1	922.3	120.8	Syria	20.6	26.1	15.9	2.4
Albania	(NA)	² 26.2	29.2	5.7	Taiwan ⁵	(⁶)	106.3	55.1	9.0
Armenia	(X)	² 26.6	15.6	4.4	Thailand	64.4	48.4	33.1	8.8
Belarus	(X)	² 28.9	16.5	2.3	Turkey	20.9	26.3	23.0	4.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	(X)	² 38.8	83.5	1.6	Vietnam	401.4	420.8	186.1	28.7
France	23.1	27.4	23.0	3.4	Africa ¹	192.3	382.5	431.4	94.7
Germany	70.1	67.6	48.5	7.6	Egypt	31.4	46.7	37.3	9.3
Ireland	32.8	58.9	9.4	1.5	Ethiopia	27.2	49.3	54.3	12.8
Italy	32.9	22.5	15.9	2.6	Ghana	14.9	35.6	33.9	7.6
Poland	97.4	169.5	81.7	10.4	Nigeria	35.3	67.2	57.7	12.4
Portugal	40.0	22.7	7.3	1.0	Somalia	(NA)	20.1	29.2	6.3
Romania	38.9	57.5	34.0	5.8	South Africa	15.7	22.6	21.3	3.0
Russia	(X)	² 127.8	103.6	9.4	Oceania	(NA)	47.9	35.9	6.1
Serbia and Montenegro ^{3, 4}	19.2	25.8	34.0	3.6	North America ¹	3,125.0	3,910.1	2,160.7	339.4
Soviet Union ³	84.0	103.8	16.2	5.1	Canada	119.2	137.2	108.1	15.5
Ukraine	(X)	² 141.0	107.8	11.0	Mexico	1,653.3	2,250.5	1,050.6	148.6
United Kingdom	142.1	135.6	96.0	14.5	Cuba	159.2	178.7	167.3	29.1
Uzbekistan	(X)	² 22.9	14.7	4.7	Dominican Republic	251.8	340.8	165.9	28.0
Asia ¹	2,817.4	2,890.2	2,089.6	383.5	Haiti	140.2	181.7	110.5	30.4
Bangladesh	15.2	66.0	51.4	12.1	Jamaica	213.8	173.4	101.3	19.4
Cambodia	116.6	18.5	20.9	4.2	Trinidad and Tobago		39.5	63.2	37.3
China ⁵	⁶ 388.8	424.4	370.7	76.7	Tobago		39.5	63.2	37.3
Hong Kong	63.0	74.0	28.9	3.5	El Salvador	214.6	217.3	173.3	21.1
India	261.9	383.0	407.3	65.4	Guatemala	87.9	103.0	103.9	17.9
Iran	154.8	112.5	68.9	10.5	Honduras	49.5	66.7	38.3	7.6
Iraq	19.6	40.7	24.5	3.8	Nicaragua	44.1	94.6	45.8	3.7
Israel	36.3	31.9	26.2	4.5	Panama	29.0	24.0	10.4	1.9
Japan	43.2	61.4	48.5	6.7	South America ¹	455.9	539.3	510.8	106.5
Jordan ⁷	32.6	39.7	22.7	3.9	Argentina	25.7	24.3	29.3	5.6
Korea	338.8	171.1	124.4	22.4	Brazil	23.7	52.2	70.3	14.3
Laos	145.6	43.5	8.8	2.6	Colombia	124.4	130.8	137.7	33.2
Lebanon	41.6	43.4	23.7	4.3	Ecuador	56.0	76.3	65.0	12.2
Pakistan	61.3	124.5	83.9	13.5	Guyana	95.4	73.8	50.2	5.7
Philippines	495.3	505.3	342.4	72.6	Peru	64.4	105.6	81.6	17.7
					Venezuela	17.9	29.9	42.6	10.7

NA Not available. X Not applicable. ¹ Includes countries not shown separately. ² Covers years 1992–2000. ³ Prior to 1992, data include independent republics; beginning in 1992, data are for unknown republic only. ⁴ Yugoslavia (unknown republic) prior to February 7, 2003. ⁵ See footnote 2, table 1288. ⁶ Data for Taiwan included with China. ⁷ Prior to 2003, includes Palestine; beginning in 2003, Palestine included in Unknown.