

Table 49. Persons Obtaining Legal Permanent Resident Status by Country of Birth: 1981 to 2006

[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	2001–2005, total	2006	Country of birth	1981–1990, total	1991–2000, total	2001–2005, total	2006
All countries ¹	7,256.0	9,080.5	4,902.1	1,266.3	Philippines	495.3	505.3	267.8	74.6
Europe	705.6	1,309.1	758.1	164.3	Syria	20.6	26.1	12.9	2.9
Albania	(NA)	26.2	21.3	7.9	Taiwan	(⁶)	106.3	47.0	8.1
Armenia	(X)	² 26.6	9.3	6.3	Thailand	64.4	48.4	21.3	11.8
Belarus	(X)	² 28.9	13.4	3.1	Turkey	20.9	26.3	18.1	4.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	(X)	² 38.8	79.7	3.8	Vietnam	401.4	420.8	155.4	30.7
Bulgaria	(NA)	23.1	21.7	4.8	Africa ¹	192.3	382.5	314.0	117.4
France	23.1	27.4	18.7	4.3	Egypt	31.4	46.7	26.8	10.5
Germany	70.1	67.6	40.1	8.4	Ethiopia	27.2	49.3	38.2	16.2
Ireland	32.8	58.9	7.5	1.9	Ghana	14.9	35.6	24.5	9.4
Italy	32.9	22.5	12.7	3.2	Nigeria	35.3	67.2	44.2	13.5
Poland	97.4	169.5	64.7	17.1	Somalia	(NA)	20.1	19.7	9.5
Portugal	40.0	22.7	5.9	1.4	Oceania	(NA)	47.9	28.5	7.4
Romania	38.9	57.5	26.8	7.1	North America ¹	3,125.0	3,910.1	1,746.6	414.1
Russia	(X)	² 127.8	90.5	13.2	Canada	119.2	137.2	89.9	18.2
Serbia and Montenegro ^{3, 4}	19.2	25.8	28.1	5.9	Mexico	1,653.3	2,250.5	876.8	173.8
Soviet Union ³	84.0	103.8	10.0	6.2	Cuba	159.2	178.7	121.6	45.6
Ukraine	(X)	² 141.0	90.7	17.1	Dominican Republic	251.8	340.8	127.9	38.1
United Kingdom	142.1	135.6	78.8	17.2	Haiti	140.2	181.7	88.3	22.2
Uzbekistan	(X)	² 22.9	10.7	4.0	Jamaica	213.8	173.4	76.3	25.0
Asia ¹	2,817.4	2,890.2	1,667.3	422.3	Trinidad and Tobago	39.5	63.2	28.4	8.9
Bangladesh	15.2	66.0	36.8	14.6	El Salvador	214.6	217.3	141.5	31.8
Cambodia	116.6	18.5	15.1	5.8	Guatemala	87.9	103.0	79.8	24.1
China ⁵	⁶ 388.8	424.4	283.4	87.3	Honduras	49.5	66.7	30.2	8.2
Hong Kong	63.0	74.0	25.6	3.3	Nicaragua	44.1	94.6	41.7	4.1
India	261.9	383.0	345.9	61.4	Panama	29.0	24.0	7.9	2.4
Iran	154.8	112.5	54.9	13.9	South America ¹	455.9	539.3	372.9	138.0
Iraq	19.6	40.7	20.2	4.3	Argentina	25.7	24.3	22.0	7.3
Israel	36.3	31.9	20.2	5.9	Brazil	23.7	52.2	52.4	17.9
Japan	43.2	61.4	40.3	8.3	Colombia	124.4	130.8	94.5	43.2
Jordan ⁷	32.6	39.7	18.6	4.0	Ecuador	56.0	76.3	47.5	17.5
Korea	338.8	171.1	100.0	24.4	Guyana	95.4	73.8	40.7	9.6
Laos	145.6	43.5	5.9	2.9	Peru	64.4	105.6	59.9	21.7
Lebanon	41.6	43.4	19.6	4.1	Venezuela	17.9	29.9	31.3	11.3
Pakistan	61.3	124.5	66.5	17.4					

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 1298. ⁶ Data for Taiwan included with China. ⁷ Prior to 2003, includes Palestine; beginning in 2003, Palestine included in Unknown.

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration Statistics, *2006 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics*. See also <<http://www.dhs.gov/ximgrn/statistics/publications/yearbook.shtml>>.