

**Table 50. Persons Obtaining Legal Permanent Resident Status by Country of Birth: 1981 to 2009**

[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– 2008, total	2009	Country of birth	1981– 1990, total	1991– 2000, total	2001– 2008, total	2009
<b>All countries</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>7,256.0</b>	<b>9,080.5</b>	<b>8,327.6</b>	<b>1,130.8</b>					
<b>Europe</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>705.6</b>	<b>1,226.0</b>	<b>1,069.8</b>	<b>105.4</b>	Syria.....	20.6	26.1	20.9	2.4
Albania.....	(NA)	26.2	40.7	5.1	Taiwan <sup>5</sup> .....	( <sup>6</sup> )	106.3	73.2	8.0
Belarus.....	(X)	<sup>2</sup> 28.9	21.2	2.4	Thailand.....	64.4	48.4	48.5	10.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina.....	(X)	<sup>2</sup> 38.8	86.6	1.5	Turkey.....	20.9	26.3	31.6	5.0
Bulgaria.....	(NA)	23.1	33.5	3.1	Uzbekistan.....	(X)	<sup>2</sup> 22.9	25.7	5.5
France.....	23.1	27.4	31.3	4.5	Vietnam.....	401.4	420.8	246.3	29.2
Germany.....	70.1	67.6	63.2	7.6	<b>Africa</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>192.3</b>	<b>382.5</b>	<b>632.0</b>	<b>127.1</b>
Ireland.....	32.8	58.9	12.4	1.6	Egypt.....	31.4	46.7	55.3	8.8
Italy.....	32.9	22.5	21.0	2.9	Ethiopia.....	27.2	49.3	80.0	15.5
Poland.....	97.4	169.5	100.4	8.8	Ghana.....	14.9	35.6	49.7	8.4
Portugal.....	40.0	22.7	9.1	0.9	Nigeria.....	35.3	67.2	82.6	15.3
Romania.....	38.9	57.5	44.7	4.9	Somalia.....	(NA)	20.1	46.2	13.4
Russia.....	(X)	<sup>2</sup> 127.8	124.8	8.2	<b>Oceania</b> .....	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>5.6</b>
Serbia and Montenegro <sup>3,4</sup> .....	19.2	25.8	40.8	3.2	<b>North America</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>3,125.0</b>	<b>3,910.1</b>	<b>2,893.3</b>	<b>375.2</b>
Soviet Union <sup>5</sup> .....	84.0	103.8	26.6	5.9	Canada.....	119.2	137.2	138.7	16.1
Ukraine.....	(X)	<sup>2</sup> 141.0	129.6	11.2	Mexico.....	1,653.3	2,250.5	1,389.2	164.9
United Kingdom.....	142.1	135.6	124.9	15.7	Cuba.....	159.2	178.7	245.9	39.0
<b>Asia</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>2,817.4</b>	<b>2,973.2</b>	<b>2,949.2</b>	<b>413.3</b>	Dominican Republic.....	251.8	340.8	225.8	49.4
Armenia.....	(X)	<sup>2</sup> 26.6	23.5	3.4	Haiti.....	140.2	181.7	166.9	24.3
Bangladesh.....	15.2	66.0	75.3	16.7	Jamaica.....	213.8	173.4	139.1	21.8
Cambodia.....	116.6	18.5	28.8	3.8	Trinidad and Tobago.....	39.5	63.2	50.1	6.3
China <sup>5</sup> .....	<sup>6</sup> 388.8	424.4	527.6	64.2	El Salvador.....	214.6	217.3	214.1	19.9
Hong Kong.....	63.0	74.0	35.8	2.7	Guatemala.....	87.9	103.0	138.0	12.2
India.....	261.9	383.0	536.0	57.3	Honduras.....	49.5	66.7	52.5	6.4
Iran.....	154.8	112.5	93.2	18.6	Nicaragua.....	44.1	94.6	53.2	4.1
Iraq.....	19.6	40.7	33.1	12.1	Panama.....	29.0	24.0	14.0	1.8
Israel.....	36.3	31.9	36.5	5.6	<b>South America</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>455.9</b>	<b>539.3</b>	<b>715.9</b>	<b>102.9</b>
Japan.....	43.2	61.4	62.1	7.7	Argentina.....	25.7	24.3	40.3	5.8
Jordan <sup>7</sup> .....	32.6	39.7	30.5	4.3	Brazil.....	23.7	52.2	96.8	14.7
Korea <sup>8</sup> .....	338.8	171.1	173.4	25.9	Colombia.....	124.4	130.8	201.1	27.8
Laos.....	145.6	43.5	13.6	1.7	Ecuador.....	56.0	76.3	88.9	12.1
Lebanon.....	41.6	43.4	32.2	3.8	Guyana.....	95.4	73.8	62.8	6.7
Pakistan.....	61.3	124.5	117.1	21.6	Peru.....	64.4	105.6	114.5	17.0
Philippines.....	495.3	505.3	469.0	60.0	Venezuela.....	17.9	29.9	63.8	11.2

NA Not available. X Not applicable. <sup>1</sup> Includes countries not shown separately. <sup>2</sup> Covers years 1992–2000. <sup>3</sup> Prior to 1992, data include independent republics; beginning in 1992, data are for unknown republic only. <sup>4</sup> Yugoslavia (unknown republic) prior to February 7, 2003. <sup>5</sup> See footnote 4, Table 1331. <sup>6</sup> Data for Taiwan included with China. <sup>7</sup> Prior to 2003, includes Palestine; beginning in 2003, Palestine included in Unknown. <sup>8</sup> Prior to 2009, includes a small number of cases from North Korea.

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration Statistics, *2009 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics*. See also <<http://www.dhs.gov/ximgrn/statistics/publications/yearbook.shtm>>.

**Table 51. Refugees and Asylees Obtaining Legal Permanent Resident Status by Country of Birth: 1991 to 2009**

[For years ending September 30]

Country of birth	1991– 2000, total	2001– 2008, total	2009	Country of birth	1991– 2000, total	2001– 2008, total	2009
<b>Total</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>1,016,820</b>	<b>1,011,706</b>	<b>177,368</b>				
<b>Europe</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>425,047</b>	<b>281,571</b>	<b>10,453</b>	Iraq.....	22,488	16,986	7,948
Albania.....	3,250	9,310	966	Laos.....	37,203	5,939	427
Armenia.....	1,794	10,654	1,100	Pakistan.....	1,649	7,024	808
Azerbaijan.....	<sup>2</sup> 10,566	5,611	299	Thailand.....	22,716	13,302	4,827
Belarus.....	<sup>2</sup> 21,592	8,396	623	Vietnam.....	206,530	33,423	2,535
Bosnia and Herzegovina.....	<sup>2</sup> 37,251	81,662	596	<b>Africa</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>51,469</b>	<b>174,890</b>	<b>45,315</b>
Croatia.....	1,786	9,398	81	Ethiopia <sup>6</sup> .....	17,829	24,854	4,382
Moldova.....	<sup>2</sup> 10,150	9,333	969	Kenya.....	1,438	10,258	3,677
Poland.....	7,451	361	30	Liberia.....	3,836	20,626	5,524
Romania.....	15,682	1,223	126	Sierra Leone.....	272	8,738	1,147
Russia.....	<sup>2</sup> 54,488	29,792	2,214	Somalia.....	16,737	42,726	12,628
Serbia and Montenegro <sup>3,4</sup> .....	6,242	24,289	684	Sudan.....	5,174	20,151	2,380
Soviet Union <sup>5</sup> .....	117,783	6,042	413	<b>Oceania</b> .....	<b>291</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>139</b>
Ukraine.....	<sup>2</sup> 96,974	53,372	2,964	<b>North America</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>183,251</b>	<b>249,489</b>	<b>42,700</b>
Uzbekistan.....	<sup>2</sup> 17,991	11,678	1,951	Cuba.....	142,571	212,226	34,301
<b>Asia</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>350,702</b>	<b>251,321</b>	<b>69,561</b>	Guatemala.....	2,029	5,753	1,002
Afghanistan.....	9,711	12,064	950	Haiti.....	9,354	21,605	5,402
Burma.....	721	9,238	12,221	Nicaragua.....	22,468	1,747	192
Cambodia.....	6,358	1,469	166	<b>South America</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>5,840</b>	<b>51,624</b>	<b>8,926</b>
China <sup>5</sup> .....	7,577	78,203	18,486	Colombia.....	1,129	33,578	4,227
India.....	2,538	20,458	2,228	Peru.....	2,500	5,848	887
Iran.....	24,251	30,976	9,804	Venezuela.....	1,390	7,260	2,152

<sup>1</sup> Includes other countries and unknown not shown separately. <sup>2</sup> Covers years 1992–2000. <sup>3</sup> Prior to 1992, data include independent republics; beginning in 1992, data are for unknown republic only. <sup>4</sup> Yugoslavia (unknown republic) prior to February 7, 2003. <sup>5</sup> See footnote 4, Table 1331. <sup>6</sup> Prior to 1993, data include Eritrea.

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