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Foreign State	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Africa</b>										
Algeria	67	104	110	87	99	190	274	202	200	250
Angola	15	12	8	15	18	13	18	8	12	18
Benin	7	3	3	6	15	22	28	21	20	42
Botswana	4	2	4	1	2	8	13	4	2	8
Burkina Faso	6	5	4	7	8	5	21	14	15	23
Burundi	2	7	0	4	7	9	5	8	14	11
Cameroon	120	92	110	126	113	174	321	283	260	328
Cape Verde	284	234	230	261	208	352	300	567	514	613
Central African Republic	2	2	1	2	1	4	2	0	3	3
Chad	3	4	3	1	0	1	7	5	6	4
Comoros	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Congo (Congo Brazzaville)	2	10	7	4	4	12	11	6	6	13
	23	50	37	70	49	57	74	102	74	123
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the (Congo Kinshasa)										
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	83	110	83	131	127	170	238	216	230	211
Djibouti	4	5	1	1	6	7	7	6	8	19
Egypt	870	970	849	678	1,009	1,331	1,476	1,499	1,551	1,718
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	1	0	5	1	2	1	1	3
Eritrea	166	198	261	232	191	255	297	233	234	323
Ethiopia	1,053	878	869	1,094	1,046	1,946	2,961	3,674	4,015	5,004
Gabon	6	5	2	3	0	5	5	4	6	12
Gambia, The	32	40	47	42	36	36	92	102	132	151
Ghana	961	743	800	1,005	1,175	1,297	1,847	2,069	3,192	1,601
Guinea	39	33	26	41	39	45	98	82	89	126
Guinea-Bissau	2	3	2	2	0	5	9	9	8	4
Kenya	169	145	211	245	216	363	498	550	530	665
Lesotho	2	0	7	6	3	3	6	3	2	3
Liberia	222	210	235	174	296	374	780	739	652	494
Libya	67	53	47	40	42	52	48	63	96	88
Madagascar	11	13	11	11	5	6	8	12	6	14
Malawi	12	4	6	11	5	4	10	12	13	23
Mali	14	18	12	19	25	19	36	59	42	40
Mauritania	2	6	4	1	3	2	13	9	15	22
Mauritius	2	7	11	5	2	6	9	7	5	7
Morocco	498	310	402	393	328	544	865	804	1,055	1,308
Mozambique	7	8	12	8	10	8	18	9	5	8
Namibia	4	9	3	9	2	9	6	7	6	3
Niger	4	3	36	18	11	11	9	15	19	9
Nigeria	1,648	1,589	1,725	1,789	1,788	2,026	2,346	3,688	4,333	4,467
Rwanda	4	3	2	7	4	3	14	12	37	30
Sao Tome and Principe	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	6	1
Senegal	143	169	114	179	125	184	314	252	303	361
Seychelles	3	4	3	2	6	3	2	0	1	4
Sierra Leone	468	290	266	254	203	243	353	321	400	411
Somalia	102	148	114	106	115	135	221	356	404	519

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South Africa	291	263	312	265	269	292	331	265	303	309
Sudan	155	194	167	228	153	195	313	512	377	533
Swaziland	1	2	3	9	5	4	2	2	4	19
Tanzania	56	58	62	73	55	90	120	106	86	92
Togo	16	18	24	26	28	50	94	98	125	249
Tunisia	52	59	49	45	59	63	83	102	68	110
Uganda	48	36	72	46	88	99	160	176	173	239
Zambia	21	25	21	32	35	43	71	66	65	83
Zimbabwe	47	31	48	40	41	46	78	76	69	111
<b>Africa Total</b>	<b>7,824</b>	<b>7,185</b>	<b>7,439</b>	<b>7,857</b>	<b>8,081</b>	<b>10,822</b>	<b>14,914</b>	<b>17,440</b>	<b>19,792</b>	<b>20,830</b>
<b>Asia</b>										
Afghanistan	437	395	295	197	216	235	273	317	479	581
Bahrain	14	7	7	8	7	12	9	13	12	9
Bangladesh	2,061	1,713	1,738	1,569	2,470	3,776	4,189	3,279	3,328	4,630
Bhutan	-	1	-	2	1	7	3	5	3	5
Brunei	5	1	5	6	1	1	1	3	0	0
Burma	194	159	176	120	231	242	379	414	347	423
Cambodia	1,358	1,239	1,535	944	1,097	969	2,137	1,531	1,627	1,481
China - mainland born	13,732	12,668	16,451	16,899	14,723	17,811	20,886	16,527	14,618	10,534
China - Taiwan born	936	967	887	766	806	1,025	1,021	947	845	960
Hong Kong S.A.R.	296	272	336	218	230	331	291	288	230	220
India	7,644	7,644	8,451	8,153	9,821	12,622	12,905	12,069	10,524	13,019
Indonesia	384	328	329	203	252	414	423	320	296	364
Iran	2,659	2,764	2,450	1,859	2,161	2,900	2,844	3,273	2,571	2,626
Iraq	775	1,034	921	557	448	590	698	659	709	800
Israel	578	637	708	763	609	817	712	527	436	318
Japan	1,763	1,966	1,960	2,074	2,121	2,281	2,248	1,521	1,481	1,504
Jordan	1,807	2,115	1,929	1,464	1,311	1,758	2,115	1,572	1,600	1,869
Korea, North	90	93	96	77	56	69	62	39	18	14
Korea, South	3,475	3,359	3,436	3,002	2,917	3,270	3,167	2,740	2,445	2,363
Kuwait	276	239	211	167	117	180	187	182	173	199
Laos	108	104	145	95	81	105	178	111	68	101
Lebanon	1,032	1,315	1,092	675	721	967	786	1,572	1,037	997
Malaysia	200	177	177	154	165	189	232	210	176	150
Maldives	1	-	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Mongolia	16	24	44	52	68	73	67	99	79	91
Nepal	66	57	117	136	136	219	240	286	279	408
Oman	1	5	5	4	2	5	8	7	9	8
Pakistan	3,830	3,533	3,217	2,551	2,586	2,826	4,139	3,561	5,564	5,914
Philippines	11,324	13,841	14,365	11,527	11,917	13,585	15,757	24,669	15,253	19,100
Qatar	5	22	7	15	11	15	14	29	23	32
Saudi Arabia	133	122	141	127	87	160	283	236	253	352
Singapore	82	98	87	94	65	85	90	79	87	62
Sri Lanka	138	166	119	116	116	245	230	217	197	233
Syria	674	769	654	420	463	783	772	667	525	649





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Antigua and Barbuda	48	56	49	43	68	74	81	68	68	99
Bahamas, The	54	46	45	45	43	52	47	46	64	50
Barbados	94	85	105	113	96	109	103	85	77	86
Belize	106	99	99	92	93	110	203	127	132	148
Canada	978	951	843	757	477	765	1,252	1,027	1,271	1,036
Costa Rica	297	297	321	341	296	426	488	397	275	289
Cuba	1,273	842	1,351	758	752	1,703	2,187	2,728	2,551	3,085
Dominica	158	119	156	125	116	161	211	188	188	198
Dominican Republic	3,424	5,514	4,522	7,761	7,142	6,568	8,921	6,311	14,671	17,294
El Salvador	4,396	3,115	2,919	1,821	1,417	3,508	3,277	3,482	3,647	4,984
Grenada	88	94	109	92	112	180	189	117	126	125
Guatemala	2,674	2,715	3,602	3,343	4,516	5,325	6,193	6,671	6,446	3,083
Haiti	8,689	4,414	4,942	4,283	3,811	3,635	5,063	10,225	5,972	7,389
Honduras	1,718	1,658	1,572	1,225	1,070	2,309	2,113	2,233	1,994	1,528
Jamaica	3,624	3,339	3,941	3,628	3,239	5,244	6,359	4,496	4,513	6,805
Mexico	28,437	36,593	34,794	25,592	21,971	15,862	34,292	36,450	64,376	42,042
Nicaragua	528	541	587	604	609	971	1,277	1,086	1,368	1,409
Panama	420	309	320	207	209	378	448	385	349	387
Saint Kitts and Nevis	56	72	63	52	51	69	74	47	64	74
Saint Lucia	102	104	99	121	100	158	231	174	186	152
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	98	85	94	86	70	122	121	92	99	107
Trinidad and Tobago	970	766	786	592	705	890	1,084	770	775	762
<b>North America Total</b>	<b>58,232</b>	<b>61,814</b>	<b>61,319</b>	<b>51,681</b>	<b>46,963</b>	<b>48,619</b>	<b>74,214</b>	<b>77,205</b>	<b>109,212</b>	<b>91,132</b>
<b>Oceania</b>										
Australia	484	530	492	374	475	447	475	356	400	366
Christmas Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiji	208	224	212	254	354	428	380	305	226	357
Kiribati	1	0	2	0	0	2	3	2	3	1
Marshall Islands	1	0	5	9	11	3	6	8	6	25
Micronesia, Federated States of	2	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	205	222	208	186	200	232	161	175	153	150
Cook Islands	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	0
Niue	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Palau	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	3	2
Papua New Guinea	6	5	8	5	2	9	7	4	3	2
Samoa	30	25	33	61	55	25	37	44	20	37
Solomon Islands	6	0	1	3	0	0	1	2	1	0
Tonga	36	36	43	30	50	50	63	63	51	44
Tuvalu	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vanuatu	0	0	2	0	0	5	2	0	1	4
<b>Oceania Total</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>1,139</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>990</b>

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<b>South America</b>										
Argentina	244	283	445	467	278	346	390	286	274	233
Bolivia	311	282	267	290	325	374	680	403	435	421
Brazil	778	861	940	1,014	1,117	1,461	1,456	1,307	1,317	1,373
Chile	332	314	263	221	257	349	406	327	279	259
Colombia	3,215	3,257	4,621	4,504	3,294	4,834	5,411	3,832	4,344	3,840
Ecuador	2,048	2,847	3,722	2,169	2,305	3,158	4,655	2,774	3,880	3,325
Guyana	938	1,523	1,604	1,384	1,046	1,986	1,812	1,001	1,656	1,659
Paraguay	75	68	99	62	94	105	138	106	93	88
Peru	2,051	2,134	2,654	1,724	1,549	2,894	3,122	2,678	3,306	2,945
Suriname	25	18	24	26	20	42	33	28	38	16
Uruguay	49	46	60	73	76	85	71	70	83	70
Venezuela	566	477	538	487	405	578	891	926	692	908
<b>South America Total</b>	<b>10,632</b>	<b>12,110</b>	<b>15,237</b>	<b>12,421</b>	<b>10,766</b>	<b>16,212</b>	<b>19,065</b>	<b>13,738</b>	<b>16,397</b>	<b>15,137</b>
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>163,610</b>	<b>172,087</b>	<b>178,142</b>	<b>154,760</b>	<b>151,724</b>	<b>180,432</b>	<b>224,187</b>	<b>219,323</b>	<b>238,848</b>	<b>227,517</b>

<sup>1</sup> East Timor voted for independence from Indonesia in an August 30, 1999 referendum and was under the authority of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) until May 20, 2002. On May 20, 2002 East Timor became an independent nation; on that date, the United States Government established diplomatic relations with East Timor. As a result, a separate immigrant visa chargeability was established for East Timor. On July 10, 2007, the Foreign Names Committee of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names approved Timor-Leste as the short name, replacing East Timor.

<sup>2</sup> Kosovo declared its independence from Serbia on February 17, 2008. On February 18, 2008, the United States Government established diplomatic relations with Kosovo, recognizing it as an independent state. As a result, a separate immigrant visa chargeability was established for Kosovo.

<sup>3</sup> The United States formally recognized Macedonia on February 8, 1994 as The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the provisional designation under which it was admitted to the United Nations. In November 2004, the United States Government decided to officially refer to it by its constitutional name, the Republic of Macedonia.

<sup>4</sup> In March 2002, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia agreed to form a new state, replacing Yugoslavia with a looser state union called Serbia and Montenegro. The new union came into effect on February 4, 2003. On May 21, 2006, citizens of Montenegro voted in favor of independence, resulting in the dissolution of the state union of Serbia and Montenegro. On June 13, 2006, the United States formally recognized the Republic of Montenegro as a sovereign and independent state. As a result, separate immigrant visa chargeabilities were established for the republics of

<sup>5</sup> Effective December 20, 1999 Macau was returned to Chinese administration and was designated as the Special Administrative Region of Macau. Title II (United States-Macau Policy Act of 2000) of Pub. L. 106-570 (Assistance for International Malaria Control Act) enacted December 27, 2000 provides that, notwithstanding any change in the exercise of sovereignty over Macau, the laws of the United States shall continue to apply with respect to Macau in the same manner as before December 20, 1999.