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Foreign State	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Africa										
Algeria	71	78	67	104	110	87	99	190	274	202
Angola	4	3	15	12	8	15	18	13	18	8
Benin	19	12	7	3	3	6	15	22	28	21
Botswana	4	3	4	2	4	1	2	8	13	4
Burkina Faso	0	0	6	5	4	7	8	5	21	14
Burundi	5	3	2	7	0	4	7	9	5	8
Cameroon	114	186	120	92	110	126	113	174	321	283
Cape Verde	287	342	284	234	230	261	208	352	300	567
Central African Republic	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	4	2	0
Chad	1	2	3	4	3	1	0	1	7	5
Comoros	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	1
Congo (Congo Brazzaville)	2	2	2	10	7	4	4	12	11	6
	52	26	23	50	37	70	49	57	74	102
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the (Congo Kinshasa)										
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	45	66	83	110	83	131	127	170	238	216
Djibouti	4	3	4	5	1	1	6	7	7	6
Egypt	986	914	870	970	849	678	1,009	1,331	1,476	1,499
Equatorial Guinea	2	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	2	1
Eritrea	126	110	166	198	261	232	191	255	297	233
Ethiopia	991	1,249	1,053	878	869	1,094	1,046	1,946	2,961	3,674
Gabon	7	0	6	5	2	3	0	5	5	4
Gambia, The	21	47	32	40	47	42	36	36	92	102
Ghana	945	836	961	743	800	1,005	1,175	1,297	1,847	2,069
Guinea	24	27	39	33	26	41	39	45	98	82
Guinea-Bissau	6	0	2	3	2	2	0	5	9	9
Kenya	99	137	169	145	211	245	216	363	498	550
Lesotho	2	5	2	0	7	6	3	3	6	3
Liberia	354	298	222	210	235	174	296	374	780	739
Libya	64	41	67	53	47	40	42	52	48	63
Madagascar	6	5	11	13	11	11	5	6	8	12
Malawi	7	7	12	4	6	11	5	4	10	12
Mali	8	16	14	18	12	19	25	19	36	59
Mauritania	2	1	2	6	4	1	3	2	13	9
Mauritius	3	10	2	7	11	5	2	6	9	7
Morocco	478	484	498	310	402	393	328	544	865	804
Mozambique	7	6	7	8	12	8	10	8	18	9
Namibia	5	1	4	9	3	9	2	9	6	7
Niger	3	4	4	3	36	18	11	11	9	15
Nigeria	1,888	1,349	1,648	1,589	1,725	1,789	1,788	2,026	2,346	3,688
Rwanda	6	1	4	3	2	7	4	3	14	12
Sao Tome and Principe	1	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
Senegal	77	133	143	169	114	179	125	184	314	252
Seychelles	3	1	3	4	3	2	6	3	2	0
Sierra Leone	153	245	468	290	266	254	203	243	353	321
Somalia	91	85	102	148	114	106	115	135	221	356

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South Africa	212	286	291	263	312	265	269	292	331	265
Sudan	85	126	155	194	167	228	153	195	313	512
Swaziland	3	1	1	2	3	9	5	4	2	2
Tanzania	38	61	56	58	62	73	55	90	120	106
Togo	7	8	16	18	24	26	28	50	94	98
Tunisia	56	39	52	59	49	45	59	63	83	102
Uganda	36	36	48	36	72	46	88	99	160	176
Zambia	18	13	21	25	21	32	35	43	71	66
Zimbabwe	25	43	47	31	48	40	41	46	78	76
Africa Total	7,454	7,352	7,824	7,185	7,439	7,857	8,081	10,822	14,914	17,440
Asia										
Afghanistan	387	431	437	395	295	197	216	235	273	317
Bahrain	3	9	14	7	7	8	7	12	9	13
Bangladesh	2,915	1,561	2,061	1,713	1,738	1,569	2,470	3,776	4,189	3,279
Bhutan	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	7	3	5
Brunei	1	1	5	1	5	6	1	1	1	3
Burma	180	189	194	159	176	120	231	242	379	414
Cambodia	918	869	1,358	1,239	1,535	944	1,097	969	2,137	1,531
China - mainland born	10,597	10,800	13,732	12,668	16,451	16,899	14,723	17,811	20,886	16,527
Hong Kong S.A.R.	306	241	296	272	336	218	230	331	291	288
India	8,686	7,305	7,644	7,644	8,451	8,153	9,821	12,622	12,905	12,069
Indonesia	299	335	384	328	329	203	252	414	423	320
Iran	2,876	2,382	2,659	2,764	2,450	1,859	2,161	2,900	2,844	3,273
Iraq	507	656	775	1,034	921	557	448	590	698	659
Israel	475	557	578	637	708	763	609	817	712	527
Japan	1,468	1,494	1,763	1,966	1,960	2,074	2,121	2,281	2,248	1,521
Jordan	1,231	1,696	1,807	2,115	1,929	1,464	1,311	1,758	2,115	1,572
Korea, North	21	45	90	93	96	77	56	69	62	39
Korea, South	3,267	3,588	3,475	3,359	3,436	3,002	2,917	3,270	3,167	2,740
Kuwait	187	252	276	239	211	167	117	180	187	182
Laos	162	119	108	104	145	95	81	105	178	111
Lebanon	1,111	881	1,032	1,315	1,092	675	721	967	786	1,572
Malaysia	147	183	200	177	177	154	165	189	232	210
Maldives	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mongolia	4	6	16	24	44	52	68	73	67	99
Nepal	61	43	66	57	117	136	136	219	240	286
Oman	2	1	1	5	5	4	2	5	8	7
Pakistan	4,325	4,823	3,830	3,533	3,217	2,551	2,586	2,826	4,139	3,561
Philippines	11,572	11,449	11,324	13,841	14,365	11,527	11,917	13,585	15,757	24,669
Qatar	11	8	5	22	7	15	11	15	14	29
Saudi Arabia	92	104	133	122	141	127	87	160	283	236
Singapore	77	92	82	98	87	94	65	85	90	79
Sri Lanka	180	166	138	166	119	116	116	245	230	217
Syria	713	506	674	769	654	420	463	783	772	667
Taiwan	830	675	936	967	887	766	806	1,025	1,021	947

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Thailand	644	815	993	750	714	487	663	1,013	1,289	1,157
Timor-Leste ¹	-	-	-	-	0	1	2	4	2	1
United Arab Emirates	34	32	33	41	46	33	46	65	87	95
Vietnam	4,201	5,547	6,938	8,638	6,775	4,724	4,155	5,609	7,638	8,674
Yemen	1,028	729	1,376	792	775	957	1,133	2,418	2,557	1,209
Asia Total	59,519	58,591	65,434	68,055	70,403	61,216	62,012	77,676	88,919	89,105
Europe										
Albania	248	196	331	484	485	612	790	1,626	1,927	1,475
Andorra	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Armenia	108	146	151	217	229	208	292	364	386	380
Austria	93	97	87	89	77	66	92	62	73	57
Azerbaijan	48	58	92	109	140	107	111	115	153	124
Belarus	95	117	149	261	326	302	358	218	204	203
Belgium	117	133	133	97	111	103	102	108	102	93
Bosnia and Herzegovina	47	41	66	104	170	158	259	475	550	400
Bulgaria	271	394	464	610	564	559	576	914	912	602
Croatia	66	84	74	82	89	92	94	120	163	99
Cyprus	43	30	36	35	42	27	21	29	18	18
Czech Republic	135	154	193	184	199	205	193	194	178	118
Denmark	138	145	149	128	131	108	110	108	110	74
Greenland	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	139	145	149	129	133	108	110	108	110	74
Estonia	42	30	48	43	53	51	38	49	44	53
Finland	78	100	96	81	93	73	78	85	87	61
France	448	485	441	431	383	430	408	452	529	486
French Guiana	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	2	2	1
French Polynesia	1	4	1	1	3	0	0	4	10	5
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	10	5	10	20	4	5	8	16	17	2
Martinique	6	5	2	0	0	4	2	3	4	2
New Caledonia	1	0	1	2	4	1	0	1	1	0
Reunion	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	0
St. Pierre and Miquelon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	467	499	457	454	395	442	421	480	566	496
Georgia	26	39	66	97	226	241	188	173	190	129
Germany	1,959	1,805	1,694	1,446	1,344	1,205	1,379	1,701	1,563	1,710
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1,476	1,673	1,848	1,777	1,607	1,656	1,658	1,677	2,065	1,862
Anguilla	4	4	5	9	3	9	3	9	9	2
Bermuda	26	33	20	27	32	36	44	41	64	40
British Virgin Islands	7	5	5	6	3	5	2	7	9	11
Cayman Islands	1	4	11	1	5	4	4	4	6	4
Falkland Islands	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Gibraltar	0	0	3	2	4	1	1	3	4	2
Montserrat	9	7	7	6	7	6	4	1	8	9

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Pitcairn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Helena	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	4	3	3	1	3	1	1	7	0	3
TOTAL	1,527	1,729	1,902	1,831	1,664	1,718	1,717	1,750	2,165	1,933
Greece	293	253	228	247	211	196	158	172	167	150
Hungary	221	212	205	203	197	232	248	238	255	164
Iceland	24	30	35	33	34	37	34	48	42	30
Ireland	130	164	177	144	121	134	147	205	141	143
Italy	405	328	374	350	346	278	251	324	423	323
Kazakhstan	112	194	497	790	962	921	980	943	766	720
Kosovo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	23	37	47	27	35	41	67	106	170	176
Latvia	107	94	67	84	114	73	89	113	98	104
Liechtenstein	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	163	167	152	140	150	118	197	299	239	213
Luxembourg	4	2	5	9	7	4	0	5	7	5
Macedonia ²	241	205	292	357	326	234	299	366	446	397
Malta	29	20	4	14	14	10	9	7	12	7
Moldova	84	120	150	143	111	94	132	231	154	132
Monaco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Montenegro ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	166
Netherlands	196	229	228	233	221	230	230	267	242	196
Aruba	3	4	3	2	2	5	7	2	10	4
Netherlands Antilles	9	15	9	7	7	9	9	15	11	10
TOTAL	208	248	240	242	230	244	246	284	263	210
Norway	138	150	143	130	107	98	107	113	113	60
Poland	991	992	1,041	1,178	1,476	1,192	1,365	1,699	1,469	999
Portugal	200	184	136	127	140	150	140	150	146	120
Macau ⁴	14	13	6	15	30	13	13	15	16	12
Macau S.A.R.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	214	197	142	142	170	163	153	165	162	132
Romania	1,094	1,745	2,041	1,927	1,214	665	689	1,324	1,194	873
Russia	5,233	5,346	5,417	5,567	6,342	6,127	7,029	6,169	5,615	4,008
San Marino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serbia ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	792
Serbia and Montenegro ³	372	240	249	321	532	530	624	783	1,192	-
Slovakia	59	109	114	115	119	115	118	120	135	82
Slovenia	7	7	7	8	16	11	17	16	22	16
Spain	280	283	289	272	240	261	190	279	328	262
Western Sahara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	280	283	289	272	240	261	190	279	328	262
Sweden	251	300	286	261	239	248	274	261	249	152
Switzerland	180	179	175	139	141	125	121	115	116	92
Tajikistan	4	8	11	11	23	23	27	30	37	28
Turkey	549	413	494	563	687	651	549	488	619	520
Turkmenistan	9	13	14	11	11	12	16	23	35	15
Ukraine	664	890	1,343	1,973	2,080	1,456	1,607	2,095	1,698	1,673

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Uzbekistan	49	65	78	125	142	86	188	308	322	202
Vatican City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Europe Total	17,648	18,809	20,506	21,879	22,737	20,658	22,750	25,900	25,936	20,872
North America										
Antigua and Barbuda	50	55	48	56	49	43	68	74	81	68
Bahamas, The	54	49	54	46	45	45	43	52	47	46
Barbados	150	105	94	85	105	113	96	109	103	85
Belize	96	132	106	99	99	92	93	110	203	127
Canada	842	1,057	978	951	843	757	477	765	1,252	1,027
Costa Rica	324	252	297	297	321	341	296	426	488	397
Cuba	730	790	1,273	842	1,351	758	752	1,703	2,187	2,728
Dominica	183	135	158	119	156	125	116	161	211	188
Dominican Republic	6,255	4,273	3,424	5,514	4,522	7,761	7,142	6,568	8,921	6,311
El Salvador	4,514	4,155	4,396	3,115	2,919	1,821	1,417	3,508	3,277	3,482
Grenada	166	121	88	94	109	92	112	180	189	117
Guatemala	2,326	2,235	2,674	2,715	3,602	3,343	4,516	5,325	6,193	6,671
Haiti	4,283	6,130	8,689	4,414	4,942	4,283	3,811	3,635	5,063	10,225
Honduras	2,093	1,534	1,718	1,658	1,572	1,225	1,070	2,309	2,113	2,233
Jamaica	3,914	4,145	3,624	3,339	3,941	3,628	3,239	5,244	6,359	4,496
Mexico	22,273	31,329	28,437	36,593	34,794	25,592	21,971	15,862	34,292	36,450
Nicaragua	518	561	528	541	587	604	609	971	1,277	1,086
Panama	768	927	420	309	320	207	209	378	448	385
Saint Kitts and Nevis	66	62	56	72	63	52	51	69	74	47
Saint Lucia	116	99	102	104	99	121	100	158	231	174
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	104	99	98	85	94	86	70	122	121	92
Trinidad and Tobago	780	723	970	766	786	592	705	890	1,084	770
North America Total	50,605	58,968	58,232	61,814	61,319	51,681	46,963	48,619	74,214	77,205
Oceania										
Australia	513	496	484	530	492	374	475	447	475	356
Christmas Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	513	496	484	530	492	374	475	447	475	356
Fiji	194	207	208	224	212	254	354	428	380	305
Kiribati	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	3	2
Marshall Islands	0	0	1	0	5	9	11	3	6	8
Micronesia, Federated States of	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	1	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	176	186	205	222	208	186	200	232	161	175
Cook Islands	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	0
Niue	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	176	186	206	223	209	188	203	233	163	175
Palau	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4

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Papua New Guinea	3	3	6	5	8	5	2	9	7	4
Samoa	36	28	30	25	33	61	55	25	37	44
Solomon Islands	2	1	6	0	1	3	0	0	1	2
Tonga	27	32	36	36	43	30	50	50	63	63
Tuvalu	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanuatu	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	5	2	0
Oceania Total	955	954	982	1,044	1,007	927	1,152	1,203	1,139	963
South America										
Argentina	170	216	244	283	445	467	278	346	390	286
Bolivia	354	331	311	282	267	290	325	374	680	403
Brazil	653	654	778	861	940	1,014	1,117	1,461	1,456	1,307
Chile	277	290	332	314	263	221	257	349	406	327
Colombia	3,826	3,132	3,215	3,257	4,621	4,504	3,294	4,834	5,411	3,832
Ecuador	2,002	3,279	2,048	2,847	3,722	2,169	2,305	3,158	4,655	2,774
Guyana	676	617	938	1,523	1,604	1,384	1,046	1,986	1,812	1,001
Paraguay	73	65	75	68	99	62	94	105	138	106
Peru	3,026	2,253	2,051	2,134	2,654	1,724	1,549	2,894	3,122	2,678
Suriname	27	20	25	18	24	26	20	42	33	28
Uruguay	61	50	49	46	60	73	76	85	71	70
Venezuela	434	467	566	477	538	487	405	578	891	926
South America Total	11,579	11,374	10,632	12,110	15,237	12,421	10,766	16,212	19,065	13,738
Grand Totals	147,760	156,048	163,610	172,087	178,142	154,760	151,724	180,432	224,187	219,323

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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 Montenegro and Serbia.

⁴ 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.