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Issuing Office	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Africa										
Angola, Luanda ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	31
Benin, Cotonou	19	14	10	3	121	45	108	194	180	215
Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou	2	11	16	4	18	15	42	94	84	144
Cameroon, Yaounde	931	541	580	697	926	649	1,061	1,407	1,008	1,371
Cape Verde, Praia	858	783	449	437	530	562	814	850	1,413	1,381
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the, Kinshasa	0	3	23	21	11	0	26	79	426	586
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Abidjan	588	1,055	1,042	976	250	388	378	481	608	899
Djibouti, Djibouti	25	20	22	11	22	23	28	25	49	77
Eritrea, Asmara ²	-	-	-	264	319	288	322	333	146	13
Ethiopia, Addis Ababa	3,809	2,570	4,829	3,916	4,721	4,622	5,663	6,671	7,152	8,039
Gabon, Libreville	6	14	14	12	19	5	11	22	14	19
Ghana, Accra	3,191	3,449	2,201	2,851	2,873	2,397	2,697	3,413	3,664	5,595
Kenya, Nairobi	1,231	1,473	1,576	2,011	2,698	2,587	2,597	2,874	2,615	3,771
Liberia, Monrovia	718	781	535	756	638	846	690	1,238	1,378	1,219
Madagascar, Antananarivo	11	11	19	21	14	17	11	15	22	38
Malawi, Lilongwe	16	16	6	12	13	4	9	14	15	22
Niger, Niamey	7	8	2	9	15	12	37	34	44	57
Nigeria, Lagos	4,507	5,308	5,059	4,944	5,751	5,907	5,241	6,511	7,598	9,022
Senegal, Dakar	685	1,015	869	618	708	594	718	1,255	1,159	1,452
South Africa, Johannesburg	1,032	1,229	1,243	971	1,005	740	781	796	594	694
Tanzania, Dar es Salaam	204	172	184	161	215	118	169	221	230	206
Togo, Lome	210	359	474	617	1,508	1,416	1,190	550	558	622
Uganda, Kampala ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	59
Zambia, Lusaka	64	78	100	78	104	126	99	99	119	132
Zimbabwe, Harare	90	99	82	128	100	80	101	171	141	133
Africa Total	18,204	19,009	19,335	19,518	22,579	21,441	22,793	27,347	29,280	35,797
East Asia and Pacific										
Australia, Perth ³	129	121	151	58	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sydney	1,081	1,226	1,541	1,315	1,045	1,173	1,269	1,271	984	1,046
Burma, Rangoon	886	886	793	698	430	631	756	1,088	918	754
Cambodia, Phnom Penh ⁴	1,003	1,521	1,399	613	121	-	-	-	1,310	2,054
China, Guangzhou	24,212	26,030	20,052	27,588	28,836	27,183	33,088	35,916	32,457	29,257
Fiji, Suva	1,520	1,285	1,184	1,014	906	1,301	1,065	1,193	1,189	944
Hong Kong S.A.R., Hong Kong	7,190	6,554	8,087	6,534	4,167	4,752	3,518	3,396	3,602	3,295
Indonesia, Jakarta	774	928	665	658	572	479	554	561	503	511
Japan, Tokyo	2,590	3,095	4,312	3,829	3,604	3,365	3,514	3,139	2,413	2,227
Naha	307	298	345	386	463	402	411	452	395	383
Korea, Seoul	8,232	6,767	6,134	6,656	5,480	6,029	6,550	6,295	6,077	5,680
Laos, Vientiane	207	176	143	221	161	174	165	262	191	145
Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur	593	485	462	419	469	422	424	446	456	355

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Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar ⁵	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
New Zealand, Auckland	491	648	588	587	574	560	556	605	521	448
Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby	30	35	9	10	32	6	9	4	22	19
Philippines, Manila	22,227	29,336	29,738	31,404	31,563	35,784	34,587	44,146	42,664	29,438
Singapore, Singapore	357	352	555	547	456	386	393	451	301	266
Thailand, Bangkok	1,489	1,649	1,316	2,180	1,879	2,685	2,729	4,392	2,206	1,128
Orderly Departure Program, Bangkok ⁶	10,804	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vietnam, Hanoi ⁷	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	161	827	748
Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City ⁸	2,302	16,565	17,757	17,793	13,800	17,516	16,557	18,913	20,287	22,111
Taipei ⁹	5,475	6,437	6,249	6,042	4,919	5,032	4,568	4,012	4,863	3,811
East Asia and Pacific Total	91,899	104,394	101,480	108,552	99,477	107,880	110,713	126,703	122,186	104,624
Europe										
Albania, Tirana	22	435	3,976	2,612	2,700	2,957	3,819	3,400	2,638	3,615
Armenia, Yerevan ¹⁰	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	439	1,082	1,236
Austria, Vienna	327	291	400	302	242	267	229	144	184	152
Belgium, Brussels	342	356	412	369	307	261	288	278	228	255
Bermuda, Hamilton	65	47	63	79	92	75	78	107	70	58
Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo ⁵	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	229
Bulgaria, Sofia	4,204	3,488	3,020	2,520	3,290	3,033	3,418	2,565	1,915	1,441
Croatia, Zagreb	229	211	288	345	306	370	655	722	492	162
Cyprus, Nicosia	392	462	569	485	497	509	320	226	145	55
Czech Republic, Prague	593	609	629	594	719	664	659	549	385	319
Denmark, Copenhagen	234	255	262	264	200	171	182	216	118	115
Estonia, Tallinn ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	57
Finland, Helsinki	270	265	220	251	232	218	252	226	166	79
France, Paris	1,412	1,409	1,819	1,533	1,338	1,103	1,232	1,372	1,123	1,155
Georgia, Tbilisi ¹¹	-	-	-	-	131	1,397	1,331	1,046	444	463
Germany, Frankfurt	4,891	4,492	4,463	3,558	2,897	3,259	3,712	3,526	3,976	3,402
Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London	4,372	5,133	6,975	6,137	5,214	5,255	4,864	6,320	4,730	4,067
Greece, Athens	4,763	4,052	629	545	457	442	486	524	445	400
Hungary, Budapest	615	953	955	335	417	361	438	353	274	240
Iceland, Reykjavik	49	78	67	66	69	61	73	69	48	27
Ireland, Dublin	481	452	372	328	339	415	529	369	317	288
Italy, Naples	1,168	1,149	1,087	1,040	1,063	797	863	1,023	886	1,094
Latvia, Riga	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
Macedonia, Skopje ¹²	-	239	774	676	573	682	844	1,348	1,268	1,246
Malta, Valletta ³	58	48	47	20	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands, Amsterdam	394	474	647	587	465	432	497	492	425	313
Norway, Oslo	237	232	222	162	187	163	164	216	128	94
Poland, Warsaw	11,890	13,087	11,011	15,355	14,530	14,669	12,280	9,872	7,530	5,102
Portugal, Lisbon	449	340	370	306	286	221	263	222	228	144

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Ponta Delgada	175	178	111	97	72	67	56	56	61	34
Romania, Bucharest	5,178	4,982	4,336	2,631	2,489	2,343	3,258	2,852	2,178	1,921
Russia, Moscow	8,334	9,044	9,216	9,737	9,544	7,912	6,248	5,935	4,329	3,740
Serbia, Belgrade	610	0	0	663	762	810	840	1,009	877	623
Spain, Madrid	519	490	538	536	497	380	533	636	568	454
Sweden, Stockholm	604	624	708	574	506	533	517	464	312	310
Switzerland, Bern	610	574	548	452	385	317	320	328	244	259
Turkey, Ankara	3,532	3,917	3,928	3,760	3,535	4,115	3,701	4,280	5,101	4,892
Ukraine, Kyiv ¹³	-	-	-	-	-	298	1,515	1,834	1,827	1,688
Europe Total	57,019	58,366	58,662	56,919	54,341	54,557	54,464	53,018	44,749	39,764
Near East										
Algeria, Algiers	66	55	103	97	66	104	183	284	431	998
Bahrain, Manama	93	122	116	136	143	158	113	156	97	82
Egypt, Cairo	4,427	3,697	3,561	2,853	2,680	3,874	6,039	6,287	6,712	6,372
Iraq, Baghdad ⁵	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	138
Israel, Tel Aviv	1,469	1,752	1,861	1,942	1,821	1,782	1,559	1,293	977	476
Jerusalem	707	977	1,865	1,598	1,384	1,047	1,726	1,611	854	1,412
Jordan, Amman	4,041	3,879	3,343	2,954	2,451	2,971	2,881	2,822	4,112	3,591
Kuwait, Kuwait	436	429	525	385	281	574	491	858	571	427
Lebanon, Beirut ¹⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,285	1,606	2,723	2,497
Morocco, Casablanca	2,795	2,676	3,722	1,565	2,421	2,146	2,819	2,771	2,644	3,300
Oman, Muscat	225	152	196	171	259	346	294	416	168	90
Qatar, Doha	235	162	178	133	78	129	238	423	224	183
Saudi Arabia, Riyadh	1,421	1,368	1,485	881	662	502	830	855	468	745
Syria, Damascus	2,659	3,430	3,966	2,865	2,341	2,480	2,119	1,648	1,769	1,750
Tunisia, Tunis	686	579	486	645	452	393	528	646	303	223
United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi	2,506	2,747	3,332	2,825	1,752	2,675	3,728	3,340	3,286	3,349
Beirut Files ¹⁵	133	95	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yemen, Sanaa	1,327	2,392	1,273	1,180	1,316	1,519	3,241	3,352	1,494	1,254
Near East Total	23,226	24,512	26,037	20,230	18,107	20,700	28,074	28,368	26,833	26,887
South and Central Asia										
Bangladesh, Dhaka	4,901	6,018	4,955	3,608	3,280	6,379	8,933	10,270	9,517	9,213
India, Chennai	4,280	4,277	5,826	5,503	5,018	5,352	6,806	6,942	5,814	3,679
Kolkata ¹⁶	121	97	121	78	53	36	15	13	20	19
Mumbai	10,912	11,381	12,517	12,021	12,187	11,582	13,451	13,315	13,979	12,430
New Delhi	7,244	7,413	7,688	5,660	7,804	9,320	10,338	10,405	9,591	7,866
Kazakhstan, Almaty ¹⁰	-	-	-	-	576	2,060	2,224	1,956	972	922
Nepal, Kathmandu	303	240	516	734	1,951	2,002	2,143	2,005	1,782	2,478
Pakistan, Islamabad	13,098	10,428	11,922	6,811	6,542	6,163	5,556	7,746	7,665	15,392
Sri Lanka, Colombo	543	429	644	640	775	463	649	688	665	809

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Uzbekistan, Tashkent ⁹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	259	1,117	2,323
South and Central Asia Total	41,402	40,283	44,189	35,055	38,186	43,357	50,115	53,599	51,122	55,131
Western Hemisphere										
Argentina, Buenos Aires	709	791	962	1,121	950	560	659	687	460	442
Bahamas, Nassau	136	124	110	113	99	177	155	116	134	172
Barbados, Bridgetown	2,826	2,269	2,197	1,910	1,928	1,992	2,096	2,234	1,849	1,889
Belize, Belmopan	315	378	298	256	183	173	202	307	353	350
Bolivia, La Paz	781	699	636	534	620	494	605	992	751	947
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	1,177	1,471	1,729	1,612	1,651	1,522	2,077	2,109	1,961	1,610
Canada, Montreal	5,900	5,747	9,073	8,051	6,558	4,831	5,179	5,866	4,788	5,779
Chile, Santiago	476	609	525	425	347	376	469	512	489	401
Colombia, Bogota	5,950	6,089	5,135	6,718	6,344	5,470	6,579	7,749	5,951	6,908
Costa Rica, San Jose	459	537	481	479	502	434	630	655	590	423
Cuba, Havana	4,679	4,523	3,421	2,829	2,568	3,130	3,289	4,054	4,630	5,273
Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo	13,458	11,705	14,607	15,367	22,908	22,770	21,852	21,553	18,241	23,381
Ecuador, Guayaquil	7,158	4,664	5,489	5,997	4,314	4,229	5,583	7,472	5,881	6,851
El Salvador, San Salvador	9,023	8,577	6,393	5,150	4,163	3,019	5,831	6,360	7,871	9,106
Guatemala, Guatemala	4,097	4,144	3,797	4,685	4,424	5,613	6,241	7,344	8,239	8,564
Guyana, Georgetown	2,036	4,326	5,978	8,050	5,674	4,365	6,562	5,429	2,892	4,826
Haiti, Port-au-Prince	14,226	18,434	13,444	11,225	8,537	8,466	7,044	7,169	17,583	14,869
Honduras, Tegucigalpa	2,748	3,044	3,004	2,418	2,196	2,089	3,726	3,009	3,722	3,476
Jamaica, Kingston	11,444	9,748	8,265	8,584	8,924	7,983	9,591	10,861	8,533	9,445
Mexico, Ciudad Juarez	83,968	68,438	63,266	53,257	39,969	44,835	36,396	52,546	53,442	91,637
Nicaragua, Managua	1,030	976	891	826	920	988	1,329	1,879	1,823	2,169
Panama, Panama	1,383	1,093	733	717	487	478	625	759	624	632
Paraguay, Asuncion	180	181	230	186	96	152	144	185	151	117
Peru, Lima	5,158	4,428	4,612	5,252	4,331	4,133	5,953	6,372	5,602	5,672
Suriname, Paramaribo	77	148	104	88	103	78	99	110	79	101
Trinidad and Tobago, Port of Spain	2,281	3,117	2,435	2,116	2,089	2,080	1,908	2,065	1,849	1,618
Uruguay, Montevideo	87	101	117	111	144	158	126	91	87	92
Venezuela, Caracas	1,019	1,389	1,139	1,178	1,094	896	1,139	1,583	1,667	1,147
Western Hemisphere Total	182,781	167,750	159,071	149,255	132,123	131,491	136,089	160,068	160,242	207,897
Grand Totals	414,531	414,314	408,774	389,529	364,813	379,426	402,248	449,103	434,412	470,100

¹ Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2007.

² Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2002.

³ Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 2002.

⁴ Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 2003 and resumed in Fiscal Year 2007.

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⁷ Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2006. Immigrant visa services are provided for orphans only.

⁸ Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 1999.

⁹ The Taipei office of the American Institute in Taiwan, although an unofficial instrumentality, has been authorized to process visa applications for residents of Taiwan.

¹⁰ Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2006.

¹¹ Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2003.

¹² Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2000.

¹³ Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2004.

¹⁴ Immigrant visa services resumed in Fiscal Year 2005.

¹⁵ Beirut immigrant visa files were transferred to Embassy Abu Dhabi during Fiscal Year 1991. Beirut immigrant visa files were combined with Abu Dhabi's immigrant visa files during Fiscal Year 2001 and subsequently reported as part of Abu Dhabi's immigrant visa workload.

¹⁶ Immigrant visa services are provided only for returning residents and for orphans to be adopted in the United States.