

Table III
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Foreign State	Immediate Relatives	Returning Residents and Armed Forces Special Immigrants	Family Preference	Employment Preference	Diversity Immigrants	Total
Africa						
Algeria	67	1	10	12	469	559
Angola	15	0	27	1	1	44
Benin	7	0	5	1	22	35
Botswana	4	0	0	0	5	9
Burkina Faso	6	0	1	4	6	17
Burundi	2	0	0	0	0	2
Cameroon	120	0	12	14	321	467
Cape Verde	284	4	524	1	0	813
Central African Republic	2	0	0	0	0	2
Chad	3	0	0	0	3	6
Comoros	1	0	0	0	0	1
Congo, Republic of the	2	0	0	0	2	4
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	23	0	5	3	139	170
Cote d'Ivoire	83	1	17	9	66	176
Djibouti	4	0	3	0	5	12
Egypt	870	19	852	114	1,468	3,323
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0	0	1	1
Eritrea	166	0	36	7	111	320
Ethiopia	1,053	1	300	22	1,468	2,844
Gabon	6	0	0	0	2	8
Gambia	32	0	14	8	13	67
Ghana	961	1	517	63	1,953	3,495
Guinea	39	0	4	2	21	66
Guinea-Bissau	2	0	0	0	0	2
Kenya	169	0	251	99	827	1,346
Lesotho	2	0	0	1	2	5
Liberia	222	0	115	28	517	882
Libya	67	0	12	1	28	108
Madagascar	11	0	1	5	4	21
Malawi	12	0	10	1	15	38
Mali	14	0	3	11	20	48
Mauritania	2	0	0	0	11	13
Mauritius	2	0	1	3	16	22
Morocco	498	2	80	36	2,158	2,774
Mozambique	7	0	6	2	3	18
Namibia	4	0	1	4	3	12
Niger	4	0	0	0	6	10
Nigeria	1,648	2	434	189	3,203	5,476
Rwanda	4	0	0	0	5	9
Sao Tome and Principe	3	0	0	0	0	3
Senegal	143	0	41	8	35	227
Seychelles	3	0	0	0	1	4
Sierra Leone	468	1	171	34	811	1,485
Somalia	102	1	31	5	644	783
South Africa	291	2	101	351	339	1,084
Sudan	155	0	21	10	1,103	1,289

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Africa—Continued						
Swaziland	1	0	1	0	1	3
Tanzania	56	1	112	16	124	309
Togo	16	0	1	12	325	354
Tunisia	52	0	6	10	64	132
Uganda	48	0	126	10	47	231
Zambia	21	0	26	18	46	111
Zimbabwe	47	1	18	27	31	124
Region Total for Africa	7,824	37	3,896	1,142	16,465	29,364
Asia						
Afghanistan	437	3	244	36	21	741
Bahrain	14	0	17	18	4	53
Bangladesh	2,061	1	2,440	191	1,520	6,213
Bhutan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brunei	5	0	2	0	0	7
Burma	194	0	630	13	323	1,160
Cambodia	1,358	0	238	20	50	1,668 ¹
China—mainland born	13,732	34	12,593	2,634	0	28,993
—Taiwan born	936	10	4,228	460	0	5,634
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	296	4	2,682	197	82	3,261
India	7,644	149	14,189	2,219	0	24,201
Indonesia	384	7	215	35	409	1,050
Iran	2,659	11	2,082	435	298	5,485
Iraq	775	2	508	30	34	1,349
Israel	578	7	135	222	28	970
Japan	1,763	11	122	738	218	2,852
Jordan	1,807	9	1,137	68	41	3,062
Korea, North	90	2	23	1	0	116
Korea, South	3,475	28	2,397	1,005	0	6,905
Kuwait	276	0	282	31	18	607
Laos	108	0	97	21	1	227
Lebanon	1,032	2	1,378	81	27	2,520
Malaysia	200	10	210	74	26	520
Maldives	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mongolia	16	0	0	0	4	20
Nepal	66	3	28	60	73	230
Oman	1	0	12	1	4	18
Pakistan	3,830	32	4,452	520	1,422	10,256
Philippines	11,324	97	16,365	2,492	0	30,280 ¹
Qatar	5	0	22	0	0	27
Saudi Arabia	133	0	178	65	43	419
Singapore	82	1	46	25	14	168
Sri Lanka	138	3	178	63	158	540

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Asia—Continued						
Syria	674	5	850	75	18	1,622
Thailand	993	21	514	88	65	1,681
United Arab Emirates	33	2	169	31	29	264
Vietnam	6,938	2	9,776	49	0	17,813 ¹
Yemen	1,376	1	409	25	28	1,839
Region Total for Asia	65,434	457	78,848	12,023	4,958	162,772 ¹
Europe						
Albania	331	0	247	22	3,398	3,998
Andorra	1	0	0	0	0	1
Armenia	151	0	22	13	290	476
Austria	87	1	10	44	48	190
Azerbaijan	92	0	5	5	163	265
Belarus	149	0	25	17	466	657
Belgium	133	0	14	59	41	247
Bosnia and Herzegovina	66	1	14	0	42	123
Bulgaria	464	3	28	55	2,688	3,238
Croatia	74	3	15	8	54	154
Cyprus	36	0	6	11	22	75
Czech Republic	193	4	19	25	80	321
Denmark	149	0	5	50	21	225
Greenland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estonia	48	0	1	1	43	93
Finland	96	0	11	40	22	169
France	441	12	84	276	227	1,040
French Guiana	2	0	1	0	0	3
French Polynesia	1	0	0	1	1	3
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guadeloupe	10	0	4	2	2	18
Martinique	2	0	6	0	4	12
New Caledonia	1	0	0	0	0	1
Reunion	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Pierre and Miquelon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	66	2	9	7	86	170
Germany	1,694	11	142	376	1,107	3,330
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1,848	31	635	1,396	0	3,910
Anguilla	5	0	10	0	0	15
Bermuda	20	0	6	1	0	27
British Virgin Islands	5	0	17	0	0	22
Cayman Islands	11	0	1	1	0	13
Falkland Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gibraltar	3	0	0	1	0	4

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Europe—Continued						
Montserrat	7	0	13	1	0	21
Pitcairn	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	3	0	1	0	0	4
Northern Ireland (DV only)	0	0	0	0	24	24
Greece	228	7	88	28	56	407
Hungary	205	0	22	55	65	347
Iceland	35	1	6	12	17	71
Ireland	177	4	19	51	190	441
Italy	374	7	87	157	91	716
Kazakhstan	497	0	4	7	232	740
Kyrgyzstan	47	0	0	1	51	99
Latvia	67	0	8	4	101	180
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	152	0	32	11	858	1,053
Luxembourg	5	0	0	5	0	10
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	292	2	144	15	149	602
Malta	4	0	3	1	5	13
Moldova	150	2	11	20	185	368
Monaco	0	0	1	1	0	2
Netherlands	228	5	27	111	44	415
Aruba	3	0	7	0	0	10
Netherlands Antilles	9	0	19	1	6	35
Norway	143	0	15	28	19	205
Poland	1,041	34	5,114	340	0	6,529
Portugal	136	4	284	39	12	475
Macau ²	6	0	41	3	7	57
Romania	2,041	2	329	111	2,343	4,826
Russia	5,417	6	90	171	2,085	7,769
San Marino	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serbia-Montenegro ³	249	3	68	33	338	691
Slovakia	114	1	10	16	175	316
Slovenia	7	0	0	4	5	16
Spain	289	10	20	65	29	413
Western Sahara	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	286	1	27	88	85	487
Switzerland	175	3	12	69	169	428
Tajikistan	11	0	3	1	78	93
Turkey	494	9	214	111	581	1,409
Turkmenistan	14	0	0	1	23	38
Ukraine	1,343	0	95	109	3,363	4,910
Uzbekistan	78	0	5	7	423	513
Vatican City	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region Total for Europe	20,506	169	8,156	4,088	20,614	53,533

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North America						
Antigua and Barbuda	48	0	155	0	0	203
Bahamas	54	0	30	12	5	101
Barbados	94	1	179	15	4	293
Belize	106	1	225	8	15	355
Canada	978	1	533	1,338	0	2,850
Costa Rica	297	2	91	28	29	447
Cuba	1,273	3	2,761	62	576	4,675
Dominica	158	0	318	7	18	501
Dominican Republic	3,424	12	8,216	33	0	11,685
El Salvador	4,396	0	3,600	615	0	8,611
Grenada	88	0	181	11	6	286
Guatemala	2,674	5	1,299	146	22	4,146
Haiti	8,689	17	9,740	49	0	18,495
Honduras	1,718	0	1,210	98	23	3,049
Jamaica	3,624	1	6,130	168	0	9,923
Mexico	28,437	1	39,572	402	0	68,412
Nicaragua	528	0	428	42	8	1,006
Panama	420	9	375	205	27	1,036
Saint Kitts and Nevis	56	0	238	0	1	295
Saint Lucia	102	0	164	13	3	282
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	98	0	146	6	3	253
Trinidad and Tobago	970	15	1,844	190	158	3,177
Region Total for North America	58,232	68	77,435	3,448	898	140,081
Oceania						
Australia	484	6	66	170	180	906
Christmas Island	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocos Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiji	208	2	576	6	397	1,189
Kiribati	1	0	0	0	0	1
Marshall Islands	1	0	0	0	0	1
Micronesia, Federated States of	2	0	0	0	0	2
Nauru	0	0	0	1	0	1
New Zealand	205	16	30	109	96	456
Cook Islands	1	0	1	0	0	2
Niue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palau	1	0	0	0	2	3
Papua New Guinea	6	0	2	0	6	14
Samoa	30	0	11	0	3	44
Solomon Islands	6	0	0	0	0	6
Tonga	36	1	72	0	35	144
Tuvalu	1	0	0	0	0	1
Vanuatu	0	0	0	1	0	1

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Oceania—Continued						
Region Total for Oceania	982	25	758	287	719	2,771
South America						
Argentina	244	3	152	146	98	643
Bolivia	311	11	235	121	16	694
Brazil	778	7	241	273	153	1,452
Chile	332	5	195	50	21	603
Colombia	3,215	17	2,841	143	0	6,216
Ecuador	2,048	7	2,263	245	117	4,680
Guyana	938	10	3,684	65	24	4,721
Paraguay	75	0	55	13	2	145
Peru	2,051	10	2,009	165	299	4,534
Suriname	25	0	71	8	6	110
Uruguay	49	0	34	17	8	108
Venezuela	566	1	254	158	115	1,094
Region Total for South America	10,632	71	12,034	1,404	859	25,000
Grand Totals	163,610	827	181,127	22,392	44,513	413,521 ¹

¹ Includes visas issued under the Vietnam Amerasian category. During FY–2000, 1,052 such visas were issued; the foreign state breakdown is: Cambodia 2, Philippines 2, and Vietnam, 1,048.

² The Government of Portugal signed an agreement with China on April 13, 1987 returning Macau to Chinese administration effective December 20, 1999. As of December 20, 1999, Macau was designated as the Special Administrative Region of Macau, and the China–mainland chargeability became applicable to Macau.

³ Serbia and Montenegro have proclaimed the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized by the United States.