

Table XV
Immigrant Visas Issued by Issuing Office
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Issuing Office	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Africa										
Angola, Luanda ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	31	29
Benin, Cotonou	14	10	3	121	45	108	194	180	215	306
Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou	11	16	4	18	15	42	94	84	144	126
Cameroon, Yaounde	541	580	697	926	649	1,061	1,407	1,008	1,371	1,810
Cape Verde, Praia	783	449	437	530	562	814	850	1,413	1,381	1,478
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the, Kinshasa	3	23	21	11	0	26	79	426	586	709
Congo, Rep. of the, Brazzaville ¹⁷	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Abidjan	1,055	1,042	976	250	388	378	481	608	899	496
Djibouti, Djibouti	20	22	11	22	23	28	25	49	77	53
Eritrea, Asmara ²	-	-	264	319	288	322	333	146	13	14
Ethiopia, Addis Ababa	2,570	4,829	3,916	4,721	4,622	5,663	6,671	7,152	8,039	9,187
Gabon, Libreville	14	14	12	19	5	11	22	14	19	15
Ghana, Accra	3,449	2,201	2,851	2,873	2,397	2,697	3,413	3,664	5,595	3,649
Kenya, Nairobi	1,473	1,576	2,011	2,698	2,587	2,597	2,874	2,615	3,771	4,437
Liberia, Monrovia	781	535	756	638	846	690	1,238	1,378	1,219	1,407
Madagascar, Antananarivo	11	19	21	14	17	11	15	22	38	35
Malawi, Lilongwe	16	6	12	13	4	9	14	15	22	31
Niger, Niamey	8	2	9	15	12	37	34	44	57	40
Nigeria, Lagos	5,308	5,059	4,944	5,751	5,907	5,241	6,511	7,598	9,022	8,661
Senegal, Dakar	1,015	869	618	708	594	718	1,255	1,159	1,452	1,484
Sierra Leone, Freetown ¹⁷	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	592
South Africa, Johannesburg	1,229	1,243	971	1,005	740	781	796	594	694	868
Tanzania, Dar es Salaam	172	184	161	215	118	169	221	230	206	217
Togo, Lome	359	474	617	1,508	1,416	1,190	550	558	622	714
Uganda, Kampala ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	59	75
Zambia, Lusaka	78	100	78	104	126	99	99	119	132	125
Zimbabwe, Harare	99	82	128	100	80	101	171	141	133	168
Africa Total	19,009	19,335	19,518	22,579	21,441	22,793	27,347	29,280	35,797	36,737
East Asia and Pacific										
Australia, Perth ³	121	151	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sydney	1,226	1,541	1,315	1,045	1,173	1,269	1,271	984	1,046	898
Burma, Rangoon	886	793	698	430	631	756	1,088	918	754	1,026
Cambodia, Phnom Penh ⁴	1,521	1,399	613	121	-	-	-	1,310	2,054	1,862
China, Guangzhou	26,030	20,052	27,588	28,836	27,183	33,088	35,916	32,457	29,257	22,479
Fiji, Suva	1,285	1,184	1,014	906	1,301	1,065	1,193	1,189	944	999
Hong Kong S.A.R., Hong Kong	6,554	8,087	6,534	4,167	4,752	3,518	3,396	3,602	3,295	2,340
Indonesia, Jakarta	928	665	658	572	479	554	561	503	511	606
Japan, Tokyo	3,095	4,312	3,829	3,604	3,365	3,514	3,139	2,413	2,227	2,114
Naha	298	345	386	463	402	411	452	395	383	423
Korea, Seoul	6,767	6,134	6,656	5,480	6,029	6,550	6,295	6,077	5,680	5,295

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Laos, Vientiane	176	143	221	161	174	165	262	191	145	179
Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur	485	462	419	469	422	424	446	456	355	347
Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar ⁵	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	201
New Zealand, Auckland	648	588	587	574	560	556	605	521	448	413
Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby	35	9	10	32	6	9	4	22	19	10
Philippines, Manila	29,336	29,738	31,404	31,563	35,784	34,587	44,146	42,664	29,438	34,969
Singapore, Singapore	352	555	547	456	386	393	451	301	266	252
Thailand, Bangkok	1,649	1,316	2,180	1,879	2,685	2,729	4,392	2,206	1,128	1,312
Vietnam, Hanoi ⁷	-	-	-	-	-	-	161	827	748	480
Ho Chi Minh City ⁸	16,565	17,757	17,793	13,800	17,516	16,557	18,913	20,287	22,111	19,130
Taipei ⁹	6,437	6,249	6,042	4,919	5,032	4,568	4,012	4,863	3,811	3,279
East Asia and Pacific Total	104,394	101,480	108,552	99,477	107,880	110,713	126,703	122,186	104,624	98,614
Europe										
Albania, Tirana	435	3,976	2,612	2,700	2,957	3,819	3,400	2,638	3,615	3,413
Armenia, Yerevan ¹⁰	-	-	-	-	-	-	439	1,082	1,236	1,534
Austria, Vienna	291	400	302	242	267	229	144	184	152	199
Belgium, Brussels	356	412	369	307	261	288	278	228	255	195
Bermuda, Hamilton	47	63	79	92	75	78	107	70	58	53
Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo ⁵	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	229	367
Bulgaria, Sofia	3,488	3,020	2,520	3,290	3,033	3,418	2,565	1,915	1,441	1,211
Croatia, Zagreb	211	288	345	306	370	655	722	492	162	112
Cyprus, Nicosia	462	569	485	497	509	320	226	145	55	38
Czech Republic, Prague	609	629	594	719	664	659	549	385	319	220
Denmark, Copenhagen	255	262	264	200	171	182	216	118	115	109
Estonia, Tallinn ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	57	69
Finland, Helsinki	265	220	251	232	218	252	226	166	79	107
France, Paris	1,409	1,819	1,533	1,338	1,103	1,232	1,372	1,123	1,155	954
Georgia, Tbilisi ¹¹	-	-	-	131	1,397	1,331	1,046	444	463	629
Germany, Frankfurt	4,492	4,463	3,558	2,897	3,259	3,712	3,526	3,976	3,402	3,251
Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London	5,133	6,975	6,137	5,214	5,255	4,864	6,320	4,730	4,067	3,752
Greece, Athens	4,052	629	545	457	442	486	524	445	400	417
Hungary, Budapest	953	955	335	417	361	438	353	274	240	278
Iceland, Reykjavik	78	67	66	69	61	73	69	48	27	37
Ireland, Dublin	452	372	328	339	415	529	369	317	288	287
Italy, Naples	1,149	1,087	1,040	1,063	797	863	1,023	886	1,094	1,179
Latvia, Riga	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	30
Lithuania, Vilnius ¹⁷	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74
Macedonia, Skopje ¹²	239	774	676	573	682	844	1,348	1,268	1,246	1,275
Malta, Valletta ³	48	47	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands, Amsterdam	474	647	587	465	432	497	492	425	313	349
Norway, Oslo	232	222	162	187	163	164	216	128	94	93
Poland, Warsaw	13,087	11,011	15,355	14,530	14,669	12,280	9,872	7,530	5,102	4,747

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Portugal, Lisbon	340	370	306	286	221	263	222	228	144	169
Ponta Delgada	178	111	97	72	67	56	56	61	34	43
Romania, Bucharest	4,982	4,336	2,631	2,489	2,343	3,258	2,852	2,178	1,921	1,543
Russia, Moscow	9,044	9,216	9,737	9,544	7,912	6,248	5,935	4,329	3,740	3,833
Serbia, Belgrade	0	0	663	762	810	840	1,009	877	623	677
Slovakia, Bratislava ¹⁷	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47
Slovenia, Ljubljana ¹⁷	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Spain, Madrid	490	538	536	497	380	533	636	568	454	544
Sweden, Stockholm	624	708	574	506	533	517	464	312	310	345
Switzerland, Bern	574	548	452	385	317	320	328	244	259	310
Turkey, Ankara	3,917	3,928	3,760	3,535	4,115	3,701	4,280	5,101	4,892	5,269
Ukraine, Kyiv ¹³	-	-	-	-	298	1,515	1,834	1,827	1,688	1,894
Europe Total	58,366	58,662	56,919	54,341	54,557	54,464	53,018	44,749	39,764	39,657
Near East										
Algeria, Algiers	55	103	97	66	104	183	284	431	998	1,040
Bahrain, Manama	122	116	136	143	158	113	156	97	82	58
Egypt, Cairo	3,697	3,561	2,853	2,680	3,874	6,039	6,287	6,712	6,372	6,899
Iraq, Baghdad ⁵	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	138	2,569
Israel, Tel Aviv ¹⁸	1,752	1,861	1,942	1,821	1,782	1,559	1,293	977	476	-
Jerusalem	977	1,865	1,598	1,384	1,047	1,726	1,611	854	1,412	1,680
Jordan, Amman	3,879	3,343	2,954	2,451	2,971	2,881	2,822	4,112	3,591	3,026
Kuwait, Kuwait	429	525	385	281	574	491	858	571	427	406
Lebanon, Beirut ¹⁴	-	-	-	-	-	1,285	1,606	2,723	2,497	2,049
Morocco, Casablanca	2,676	3,722	1,565	2,421	2,146	2,819	2,771	2,644	3,300	3,490
Oman, Muscat	152	196	171	259	346	294	416	168	90	98
Qatar, Doha	162	178	133	78	129	238	423	224	183	211
Saudi Arabia, Riyadh	1,368	1,485	881	662	502	830	855	468	745	839
Syria, Damascus	3,430	3,966	2,865	2,341	2,480	2,119	1,648	1,769	1,750	1,834
Tunisia, Tunis	579	486	645	452	393	528	646	303	223	293
United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi	2,747	3,332	2,825	1,752	2,675	3,728	3,340	3,286	3,349	3,156
Beirut Files ¹⁵	95	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yemen, Sanaa	2,392	1,273	1,180	1,316	1,519	3,241	3,352	1,494	1,254	3,059
Near East Total	24,512	26,037	20,230	18,107	20,700	28,074	28,368	26,833	26,887	30,707
South and Central Asia										
Bangladesh, Dhaka	6,018	4,955	3,608	3,280	6,379	8,933	10,270	9,517	9,213	15,377
India, Chennai	4,277	5,826	5,503	5,018	5,352	6,806	6,942	5,814	3,679	3,634
Kolkata ¹⁶	97	121	78	53	36	15	13	20	19	13
Mumbai	11,381	12,517	12,021	12,187	11,582	13,451	13,315	13,979	12,430	12,551
New Delhi	7,413	7,688	5,660	7,804	9,320	10,338	10,405	9,591	7,866	8,591
Kazakhstan, Almaty ¹¹	-	-	-	576	2,060	2,224	1,956	972	922	811

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Nepal, Kathmandu	240	516	734	1,951	2,002	2,143	2,005	1,782	2,478	2,210
Pakistan, Islamabad	10,428	11,922	6,811	6,542	6,163	5,556	7,746	7,665	15,392	16,524
Sri Lanka, Colombo	429	644	640	775	463	649	688	665	809	858
Uzbekistan, Tashkent ¹⁰	-	-	-	-	-	-	259	1,117	2,323	2,476
South and Central Asia Total	40,283	44,189	35,055	38,186	43,357	50,115	53,599	51,122	55,131	63,045
Western Hemisphere										
Argentina, Buenos Aires	791	962	1,121	950	560	659	687	460	442	383
Bahamas, Nassau	124	110	113	99	177	155	116	134	172	138
Barbados, Bridgetown	2,269	2,197	1,910	1,928	1,992	2,096	2,234	1,849	1,889	1,903
Belize, Belmopan	378	298	256	183	173	202	307	353	350	284
Bolivia, La Paz	699	636	534	620	494	605	992	751	947	827
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	1,471	1,729	1,612	1,651	1,522	2,077	2,109	1,961	1,610	1,688
Canada, Montreal	5,747	9,073	8,051	6,558	4,831	5,179	5,866	4,788	5,779	4,342
Chile, Santiago	609	525	425	347	376	469	512	489	401	352
Colombia, Bogota	6,089	5,135	6,718	6,344	5,470	6,579	7,749	5,951	6,908	5,870
Costa Rica, San Jose	537	481	479	502	434	630	655	590	423	434
Cuba, Havana	4,523	3,421	2,829	2,568	3,130	3,289	4,054	4,630	5,273	3,944
Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo	11,705	14,607	15,367	22,908	22,770	21,852	21,553	18,241	23,381	40,854
Ecuador, Guayaquil	4,664	5,489	5,997	4,314	4,229	5,583	7,472	5,881	6,851	6,032
El Salvador, San Salvador	8,577	6,393	5,150	4,163	3,019	5,831	6,360	7,871	9,106	10,144
Guatemala, Guatemala	4,144	3,797	4,685	4,424	5,613	6,241	7,344	8,239	8,564	5,157
Guyana, Georgetown	4,326	5,978	8,050	5,674	4,365	6,562	5,429	2,892	4,826	4,145
Haiti, Port-au-Prince	18,434	13,444	11,225	8,537	8,466	7,044	7,169	17,583	14,869	13,951
Honduras, Tegucigalpa	3,044	3,004	2,418	2,196	2,089	3,726	3,009	3,722	3,476	2,642
Jamaica, Kingston	9,748	8,265	8,584	8,924	7,983	9,591	10,861	8,533	9,445	11,025
Mexico, Ciudad Juarez	68,438	63,266	53,257	39,969	44,835	36,396	52,546	53,442	91,637	74,872
Nicaragua, Managua	976	891	826	920	988	1,329	1,879	1,823	2,169	2,119
Panama, Panama	1,093	733	717	487	478	625	759	624	632	606
Paraguay, Asuncion	181	230	186	96	152	144	185	151	117	111
Peru, Lima	4,428	4,612	5,252	4,331	4,133	5,953	6,372	5,602	5,672	4,935
Suriname, Paramaribo	148	104	88	103	78	99	110	79	101	52
Trinidad and Tobago, Port of Spain	3,117	2,435	2,116	2,089	2,080	1,908	2,065	1,849	1,618	1,544
Uruguay, Montevideo	101	117	111	144	158	126	91	87	92	90
Venezuela, Caracas	1,389	1,139	1,178	1,094	896	1,139	1,583	1,667	1,147	1,566
Western Hemisphere Total	167,750	159,071	149,255	132,123	131,491	136,089	160,068	160,242	207,897	200,010
Grand Totals	414,314	408,774	389,529	364,813	379,426	402,248	449,103	434,412	470,100	468,770

¹ Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2007.

² Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2002.

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³ Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 2002.

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

⁵ Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2008.

⁶ Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 1999.

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.

¹⁷ Immigrant visa services began in Fiscal Year 2009.

¹⁸ Immigrant visa services ceased in Fiscal Year 2008.