

Table 3.

PERSONS OBTAINING LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH: FISCAL YEARS 1997 TO 2006

| Region and country of birth | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| REGION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 797 847 | 653 206 | 644 787 | 841 002 | 1 058 902 | 1 059 356 | 703 542 | 957 883 | 1 122 373 | 1 266 264 |
| Africa | 47 732 | 40 585 | 36 578 | 44 534 | 53 731 | 60 101 | 48 642 | 66 422 | 85 102 | 117 430 |
| Asia | 265 674 | 219 371 | 198 918 | 264 413 | 348 256 | 340 494 | 243 918 | 334 540 | 400 135 | 422 333 |
| Europe | 119 764 | 90 572 | 92 314 | 130 996 | 174 411 | 173 524 | 100 434 | 133 181 | 176 569 | 164 285 |
| North America | 307 313 | 252 503 | 270 719 | 338 959 | 405 638 | 402 949 | 249 968 | 342 468 | 345 575 | 414 096 |
| Oceania | 4 340 | 3 922 | 3 658 | 5 105 | 6 071 | 5 515 | 4 351 | 5 985 | 6 546 | 7 385 |
| South America | 52 832 | 45 281 | 41 444 | 55 823 | 68 484 | 74 151 | 55 028 | 72 060 | 103 143 | 138 001 |
| Unknown | 192 | 972 | 1 156 | 1 172 | 2 311 | 2 622 | 1 201 | 3 227 | 5 303 | 2 734 |
| COUNTRY | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 797 847 | 653 206 | 644 787 | 841 002 | 1 058 902 | 1 059 356 | 703 542 | 957 883 | 1 122 373 | 1 266 264 |
| Afghanistan | 1 127 | 830 | 877 | 1 011 | 1 202 | 1 759 | 1 252 | 2 137 | 4 749 | 3 417 |
| Albania | 4 374 | 4 220 | 3 695 | 4 755 | 4 358 | 3 765 | 3 362 | 3 840 | 5 947 | 7 914 |
| Algeria | 717 | 804 | 789 | 906 | 875 | 1 030 | 759 | 805 | 1 115 | 1 300 |
| American Samoa | - | 4 | 11 | 7 | 28 | 26 | 16 | 12 | 15 | 28 |
| Angola | 75 | 66 | 57 | 87 | 94 | 92 | 59 | 107 | 188 | 272 |
| Anguilla | 19 | 26 | 20 | 25 | 55 | 20 | 26 | 22 | 35 | 32 |
| Antigua-Barbuda | 393 | 297 | 454 | 429 | 461 | 380 | 301 | 414 | 440 | 570 |
| Argentina | 1 961 | 1 503 | 1 387 | 2 317 | 3 297 | 3 661 | 3 129 | 4 805 | 7 081 | 7 327 |
| Armenia | 2 093 | 1 144 | 1 250 | 1 253 | 1 762 | 1 800 | 1 287 | 1 833 | 2 591 | 6 317 |
| Aruba | 26 | 23 | 14 | 25 | 29 | 32 | 27 | 31 | 42 | 51 |
| Australia | 1 626 | 1 139 | 1 103 | 2 044 | 2 811 | 2 557 | 1 836 | 2 604 | 3 193 | 3 249 |
| Austria | 485 | 290 | 230 | 405 | 522 | 483 | 295 | 402 | 532 | 524 |
| Azerbaijan | 1 450 | 504 | 738 | 1 036 | 1 152 | 1 164 | 746 | 969 | 1 523 | 2 371 |
| Bahamas | 641 | 602 | 398 | 766 | 924 | 808 | 423 | 586 | 698 | 847 |
| Bahrain | 80 | 52 | 70 | 106 | 118 | 85 | 59 | 116 | 140 | 148 |
| Bangladesh | 8 680 | 8 616 | 6 038 | 7 204 | 7 152 | 5 483 | 4 616 | 8 061 | 11 487 | 14 644 |
| Barbados | 828 | 725 | 715 | 777 | 895 | 813 | 516 | 630 | 846 | 959 |
| Belarus | 3 061 | 978 | 1 320 | 2 170 | 2 901 | 2 923 | 1 858 | 2 255 | 3 503 | 3 086 |
| Belgium | 553 | 419 | 426 | 670 | 814 | 769 | 455 | 638 | 859 | 716 |
| Belize | 664 | 494 | 572 | 757 | 936 | 966 | 588 | 871 | 876 | 1 252 |
| Benin | 48 | 47 | 59 | 62 | 75 | 137 | 76 | 185 | 193 | 275 |
| Bermuda | 75 | 62 | 63 | 71 | 98 | 108 | 92 | 100 | 116 | 160 |

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|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Bhutan | 6 | 6 | 4 | D | 5 | 14 | 15 | 17 | 30 | 78 |
| Bolivia | 1 732 | 1 509 | 1 444 | 1 761 | 1 819 | 1 664 | 1 376 | 1 768 | 2 197 | 4 025 |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | 6 391 | 4 209 | 5 412 | 11 525 | 23 594 | 25 329 | 6 155 | 10 552 | 14 074 | 3 789 |
| Botswana | 18 | 12 | 5 | 13 | 24 | 30 | 27 | 34 | 54 | 53 |
| Brazil | 4 574 | 4 380 | 3 887 | 6 943 | 9 448 | 9 439 | 6 331 | 10 556 | 16 664 | 17 910 |
| British Virgin Islands | 93 | 55 | 76 | 67 | 70 | 43 | 43 | 35 | 41 | 47 |
| Brunei | 6 | 19 | 16 | 16 | 27 | 28 | 20 | 22 | 49 | 25 |
| Bulgaria | 2 774 | 3 731 | 4 171 | 4 917 | 4 400 | 3 608 | 3 825 | 4 253 | 5 635 | 4 828 |
| Burkina Faso | 13 | 14 | 17 | 48 | 68 | 64 | 60 | 103 | 128 | 222 |
| Burma | 1 084 | 1 370 | 1 200 | 1 201 | 1 373 | 1 356 | 1 193 | 1 379 | 2 095 | 4 562 |
| Burundi | 59 | 51 | 16 | 28 | 79 | 120 | 74 | 100 | 186 | 320 |
| Cambodia | 1 638 | 1 436 | 1 394 | 2 138 | 2 462 | 2 800 | 2 263 | 3 553 | 4 022 | 5 773 |
| Cameroon | 895 | 690 | 824 | 860 | 791 | 984 | 927 | 1 309 | 1 458 | 2 920 |
| Canada | 11 583 | 10 130 | 8 782 | 16 057 | 21 752 | 19 352 | 11 350 | 15 569 | 21 878 | 18 207 |
| Cape Verde | 920 | 812 | 902 | 1 079 | 868 | 871 | 745 | 1 015 | 1 225 | 1 780 |
| Cayman Islands | 35 | 28 | 18 | 31 | 23 | 24 | 35 | 38 | 37 | 65 |
| Central African Republic | 10 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 13 | 6 | 17 | 24 | 51 |
| Chad | 18 | 8 | 24 | 23 | 44 | 47 | 8 | 23 | 31 | 73 |
| Chile | 1 442 | 1 228 | 1 085 | 1 700 | 1 921 | 1 839 | 1 310 | 1 810 | 2 404 | 2 774 |
| China, People's Republic | 41 128 | 36 854 | 32 159 | 45 585 | 56 267 | 61 082 | 40 568 | 55 494 | 69 967 | 87 345 |
| Colombia | 12 993 | 11 801 | 9 928 | 14 427 | 16 627 | 18 758 | 14 720 | 18 846 | 25 571 | 43 151 |
| Congo, Democratic Republic | 414 | 155 | 87 | 123 | 145 | 178 | 110 | 155 | 260 | 738 |
| Congo, Republic | 31 | 118 | 190 | 189 | 311 | 677 | 513 | 670 | 1 064 | 1 600 |
| Costa Rica | 1 330 | 1 199 | 883 | 1 310 | 1 733 | 1 591 | 1 246 | 1 755 | 2 278 | 3 109 |
| Cote d'Ivoire | 430 | 364 | 303 | 439 | 596 | 629 | 483 | 666 | 930 | 2 067 |
| Croatia | 717 | 547 | 580 | 1 058 | 2 853 | 3 798 | 1 153 | 1 511 | 1 780 | 945 |
| Cuba | 33 524 | 17 304 | 14 019 | 18 960 | 27 453 | 28 182 | 9 262 | 20 488 | 36 261 | 45 614 |
| Cyprus | 147 | 119 | 106 | 160 | 216 | 158 | 123 | 143 | 196 | 180 |
| Czech Republic | 186 | 144 | 145 | 244 | 307 | 267 | 267 | 457 | 476 | 344 |
| Czechoslovakia (former) | 394 | 342 | 318 | 665 | 863 | 897 | 543 | 673 | 784 | 1 442 |
| Denmark | 429 | 454 | 367 | 537 | 706 | 609 | 405 | 566 | 718 | 699 |
| Djibouti | 18 | 15 | 6 | 14 | 22 | 30 | 16 | 37 | 50 | 34 |
| Dominica | 746 | 283 | 40 | 95 | 93 | 148 | 204 | 132 | 198 | 471 |
| Dominican Republic | 27 047 | 20 355 | 17 811 | 17 465 | 21 195 | 22 515 | 26 159 | 30 506 | 27 504 | 38 069 |
| Ecuador | 7 779 | 6 843 | 8 882 | 7 651 | 9 665 | 10 561 | 7 066 | 8 626 | 11 608 | 17 490 |
| Egypt | 5 029 | 4 826 | 4 421 | 4 450 | 5 159 | 4 852 | 3 348 | 5 522 | 7 905 | 10 500 |
| El Salvador | 17 955 | 14 577 | 14 581 | 22 543 | 31 089 | 31 060 | 28 231 | 29 807 | 21 359 | 31 783 |

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| Equatorial Guinea | D | 7 | D | 5 | D | 8 | D | 13 | 10 | 13 |
| Eritrea | 947 | 641 | 325 | 382 | 540 | 560 | 556 | 675 | 796 | 1 593 |
| Estonia | 285 | 128 | 142 | 239 | 348 | 343 | 235 | 322 | 438 | 423 |
| Ethiopia | 5 893 | 4 199 | 4 262 | 4 053 | 5 092 | 7 565 | 6 635 | 8 286 | 10 573 | 16 157 |
| Fiji | 1 549 | 1 717 | 1 599 | 1 483 | 1 452 | 1 208 | 1 095 | 1 593 | 1 422 | 2 115 |
| Finland | 372 | 314 | 307 | 377 | 497 | 426 | 241 | 388 | 574 | 542 |
| France | 2 564 | 2 342 | 2 196 | 3 442 | 4 569 | 3 797 | 2 375 | 3 595 | 4 399 | 4 258 |
| French Guiana | 6 | D | 5 | 13 | 8 | D | 4 | 3 | 8 | 15 |
| French Polynesia | 21 | 14 | 9 | 13 | 16 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 19 | 37 |
| Gabon | 24 | 21 | 4 | 18 | 32 | 41 | 40 | 50 | 66 | 85 |
| Gambia | 175 | 226 | 183 | 231 | 390 | 343 | 263 | 422 | 581 | 897 |
| Georgia | 812 | 295 | 310 | 493 | 786 | 886 | 735 | 964 | 1 389 | 2 003 |
| Germany | 5 714 | 5 440 | 5 166 | 7 565 | 9 790 | 8 888 | 5 064 | 7 099 | 9 264 | 8 436 |
| Ghana | 5 093 | 4 455 | 3 707 | 4 339 | 4 023 | 4 248 | 4 410 | 5 337 | 6 491 | 9 367 |
| Greece | 1 042 | 855 | 719 | 950 | 1 155 | 1 009 | 651 | 769 | 1 070 | 1 124 |
| Grenada | 755 | 655 | 661 | 655 | 645 | 634 | 481 | 609 | 840 | 1 068 |
| Guadeloupe | 52 | 30 | 54 | 51 | 84 | 38 | 35 | 59 | 48 | 53 |
| Guatemala | 7 780 | 7 747 | 7 294 | 9 942 | 13 496 | 16 178 | 14 386 | 18 920 | 16 825 | 24 146 |
| Guinea | 158 | 46 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 16 | 29 | 347 | 495 | 1 110 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 24 | 165 | 134 | 204 | 273 | 289 | 176 | 5 | 26 | 25 |
| Guyana | 7 253 | 3 960 | 3 290 | 5 719 | 8 279 | 9 938 | 6 809 | 6 351 | 9 318 | 9 552 |
| Haiti | 15 053 | 13 434 | 16 514 | 22 337 | 27 031 | 20 213 | 12 293 | 14 191 | 14 529 | 22 228 |
| Honduras | 7 614 | 6 456 | 4 793 | 5 917 | 6 571 | 6 435 | 4 645 | 5 508 | 7 012 | 8 177 |
| Hong Kong | 5 574 | 5 272 | 4 910 | 5 407 | 8 300 | 6 075 | 3 574 | 3 951 | 3 705 | 3 256 |
| Hungary | 947 | 806 | 694 | 1 023 | 1 263 | 1 274 | 1 021 | 1 272 | 1 567 | 1 704 |
| Iceland | 119 | 111 | 79 | 129 | 134 | 93 | 97 | 105 | 135 | 145 |
| India | 38 048 | 36 414 | 30 157 | 41 903 | 70 032 | 70 823 | 50 228 | 70 151 | 84 681 | 61 369 |
| Indonesia | 905 | 1 017 | 1 186 | 1 767 | 2 525 | 2 418 | 1 805 | 2 419 | 3 924 | 4 869 |
| Iran | 9 635 | 7 873 | 7 176 | 8 487 | 10 425 | 12 960 | 7 230 | 10 434 | 13 887 | 13 947 |
| Iraq | 3 243 | 2 217 | 3 360 | 5 087 | 4 965 | 5 174 | 2 450 | 3 494 | 4 077 | 4 337 |
| Ireland | 998 | 944 | 804 | 1 296 | 1 505 | 1 398 | 983 | 1 531 | 2 088 | 1 906 |
| Israel | 2 445 | 1 982 | 1 847 | 2 783 | 3 744 | 3 826 | 2 741 | 4 160 | 5 755 | 5 943 |
| Italy | 1 976 | 1 817 | 1 512 | 2 448 | 3 096 | 2 578 | 1 644 | 2 346 | 3 066 | 3 215 |
| Jamaica | 17 833 | 15 123 | 14 693 | 15 949 | 15 322 | 14 835 | 13 347 | 14 430 | 18 346 | 24 976 |
| Japan | 5 092 | 5 128 | 4 202 | 7 049 | 9 578 | 8 248 | 5 971 | 7 697 | 8 768 | 8 265 |
| Jordan | 4 170 | 3 244 | 3 269 | 3 900 | 4 572 | 3 964 | 2 927 | 3 431 | 3 748 | 4 038 |
| Kazakhstan | 1 025 | 539 | 723 | 1 493 | 2 310 | 2 315 | 1 740 | 1 906 | 2 229 | 2 081 |

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| Kenya | 1 387 | 1 693 | 1 407 | 2 197 | 2 501 | 3 199 | 3 209 | 5 335 | 5 348 | 8 779 |
| Korea | 14 226 | 14 222 | 12 795 | 15 721 | 20 532 | 20 724 | 12 382 | 19 766 | 26 562 | 24 386 |
| Kuwait | 836 | 747 | 801 | 1 015 | 1 258 | 1 056 | 707 | 1 091 | 1 152 | 1 230 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 287 | 111 | 189 | 388 | 582 | 473 | 356 | 439 | 656 | 786 |
| Laos | 1 933 | 1 606 | 846 | 1 358 | 1 398 | 1 245 | 896 | 1 147 | 1 242 | 2 893 |
| Latvia | 615 | 369 | 444 | 548 | 711 | 683 | 458 | 605 | 769 | 892 |
| Lebanon | 3 567 | 3 283 | 3 033 | 3 662 | 4 579 | 3 935 | 2 956 | 3 818 | 4 282 | 4 083 |
| Lesotho | 6 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 13 | 5 | 14 | 12 | 19 |
| Liberia | 2 210 | 1 611 | 1 351 | 1 570 | 2 273 | 2 869 | 1 766 | 2 757 | 4 880 | 6 887 |
| Libya | 169 | 165 | 156 | 180 | 223 | 158 | 140 | 185 | 223 | 271 |
| Lithuania | 812 | 1 191 | 1 147 | 1 349 | 1 732 | 1 786 | 2 266 | 2 480 | 2 417 | 1 885 |
| Luxembourg | 28 | 21 | 11 | 26 | 34 | 32 | 16 | 13 | 35 | 28 |
| Macau | 277 | 276 | 294 | 270 | 340 | 284 | 244 | 192 | 133 | 189 |
| Macedonia | 783 | 785 | 569 | 790 | 921 | 821 | 653 | 775 | 1 070 | 1 317 |
| Madagascar | 33 | 42 | 26 | 33 | 61 | 43 | 40 | 54 | 60 | 72 |
| Malawi | 72 | 39 | 41 | 61 | 70 | 56 | 62 | 83 | 131 | 131 |
| Malaysia | 1 051 | 1 010 | 991 | 1 551 | 2 439 | 2 124 | 1 200 | 1 987 | 2 632 | 2 281 |
| Maldives | D | D | - | D | 9 | 9 | 15 | 7 | 6 | D |
| Mali | 97 | 83 | 72 | 109 | 119 | 105 | 124 | 163 | 277 | 408 |
| Malta | 54 | 58 | 43 | 54 | 57 | 44 | 37 | 57 | 74 | 70 |
| Marshall Islands | 3 | 6 | 3 | 3 | D | 26 | 26 | 48 | 32 | 53 |
| Martinique | 20 | 20 | 23 | 20 | 22 | 19 | 14 | 26 | 37 | 30 |
| Mauritania | 51 | 78 | 24 | 88 | 117 | 124 | 131 | 170 | 275 | 720 |
| Mauritius | 44 | 37 | 38 | 54 | 84 | 83 | 57 | 65 | 99 | 108 |
| Mexico | 146 833 | 131 353 | 147 402 | 173 493 | 205 560 | 218 822 | 115 585 | 175 411 | 161 445 | 173 753 |
| Micronesia, Federated States | D | 4 | D | 5 | 9 | D | 4 | 5 | 6 | 13 |
| Moldova | 1 347 | 562 | 753 | 1 251 | 2 068 | 2 103 | 1 151 | 1 507 | 3 507 | 3 036 |
| Monaco | 4 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 9 | 17 | D | 7 | 7 | D |
| Mongolia | 22 | 26 | 41 | 46 | 102 | 135 | 153 | 229 | 323 | 498 |
| Montserrat | 97 | 65 | 80 | 70 | 61 | 42 | 36 | 33 | 50 | 90 |
| Morocco | 2 358 | 2 402 | 2 970 | 3 614 | 4 958 | 3 387 | 3 137 | 4 128 | 4 411 | 4 949 |
| Mozambique | 48 | 39 | 31 | 41 | 48 | 54 | 36 | 59 | 54 | 78 |
| Namibia | 22 | 24 | 13 | 30 | 54 | 46 | 40 | 40 | 63 | 56 |
| Nepal | 447 | 476 | 453 | 616 | 945 | 1 137 | 2 095 | 2 878 | 3 158 | 3 733 |
| Netherlands | 1 059 | 914 | 773 | 1 337 | 1 679 | 1 549 | 981 | 1 303 | 1 815 | 1 651 |
| Netherlands Antilles | 43 | 61 | 35 | 53 | 114 | 97 | 59 | 72 | 116 | 100 |
| New Zealand | 655 | 625 | 522 | 964 | 1 205 | 1 117 | 877 | 1 131 | 1 293 | 1 100 |

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| Nicaragua | 6 327 | 3 511 | 13 327 | 20 947 | 19 634 | 10 659 | 4 094 | 4 009 | 3 305 | 4 145 |
| Niger | 837 | 282 | 12 | 30 | 1 330 | 1 263 | 808 | 62 | 126 | 116 |
| Nigeria | 7 031 | 7 730 | 6 742 | 7 831 | 8 253 | 8 105 | 7 872 | 9 374 | 10 598 | 13 459 |
| Norway | 372 | 296 | 307 | 459 | 547 | 431 | 320 | 405 | 423 | 481 |
| Oman | 36 | 25 | 40 | 51 | 55 | 61 | 76 | 122 | 101 | 155 |
| Pakistan | 12 959 | 13 083 | 13 485 | 14 504 | 16 393 | 13 694 | 9 415 | 12 086 | 14 926 | 17 418 |
| Palau | 8 | 6 | D | 3 | 3 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 8 |
| Panama | 1 979 | 1 637 | 1 640 | 1 829 | 1 867 | 1 680 | 1 164 | 1 417 | 1 815 | 2 418 |
| Papua New Guinea | 15 | 10 | 14 | 21 | 26 | 26 | 34 | 19 | 44 | 30 |
| Paraguay | 304 | 275 | 216 | 338 | 401 | 356 | 207 | 328 | 516 | 719 |
| Peru | 10 843 | 10 141 | 8 414 | 9 579 | 11 062 | 11 918 | 9 409 | 11 794 | 15 676 | 21 718 |
| Philippines | 49 102 | 34 416 | 30 943 | 42 343 | 52 919 | 51 040 | 45 250 | 57 846 | 60 748 | 74 607 |
| Poland | 12 035 | 8 451 | 8 773 | 10 090 | 11 769 | 12 711 | 10 510 | 14 326 | 15 352 | 17 052 |
| Portugal | 1 660 | 1 529 | 1 058 | 1 343 | 1 609 | 1 313 | 808 | 1 069 | 1 125 | 1 409 |
| Qatar | 70 | 60 | 78 | 97 | 125 | 108 | 72 | 125 | 174 | 226 |
| Romania | 5 545 | 5 104 | 5 678 | 6 863 | 6 628 | 4 887 | 3 655 | 4 571 | 7 103 | 7 137 |
| Russia | 16 622 | 11 517 | 12 321 | 16 940 | 20 313 | 20 771 | 13 935 | 17 410 | 18 083 | 13 188 |
| Rwanda | 170 | 52 | 97 | 73 | 148 | 217 | 109 | 163 | 276 | 502 |
| Saint Kitts-Nevis | 377 | 404 | 463 | 500 | 463 | 342 | 310 | 299 | 342 | 458 |
| Saint Lucia | 531 | 509 | 529 | 599 | 674 | 583 | 488 | 616 | 832 | 1 212 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 581 | 413 | 442 | 497 | 559 | 480 | 322 | 400 | 625 | 756 |
| Samoa | 138 | 146 | 91 | 184 | 165 | 157 | 178 | 203 | 173 | 283 |
| Saudi Arabia | 815 | 703 | 759 | 1 063 | 1 178 | 1 014 | 735 | 906 | 1 210 | 1 542 |
| Senegal | 435 | 372 | 368 | 554 | 663 | 530 | 522 | 769 | 913 | 1 367 |
| Serbia and Montenegro ¹ | 2 792 | 2 399 | 1 886 | 2 742 | 6 203 | 10 387 | 2 994 | 3 331 | 5 202 | 5 891 |
| Seychelles | 15 | 4 | 10 | 18 | 18 | 20 | 16 | 25 | 16 | 15 |
| Sierra Leone | 1 879 | 952 | 970 | 1 585 | 1 878 | 2 246 | 1 492 | 1 596 | 2 731 | 3 572 |
| Singapore | 460 | 388 | 355 | 668 | 1 100 | 1 033 | 582 | 966 | 1 204 | 997 |
| Slovak Republic | 629 | 491 | 492 | 549 | 809 | 725 | 674 | 800 | 965 | 1 111 |
| Slovenia | 62 | 57 | 58 | 76 | 142 | 140 | 64 | 88 | 114 | 115 |
| Somalia | 4 004 | 2 623 | 1 690 | 2 393 | 3 007 | 4 535 | 2 444 | 3 929 | 5 829 | 9 462 |
| South Africa | 2 091 | 1 897 | 1 577 | 2 824 | 4 090 | 3 861 | 2 210 | 3 370 | 4 536 | 3 201 |
| Soviet Union, former | 2 940 | 6 323 | 5 022 | 3 263 | 2 707 | 2 403 | 1 072 | 929 | 2 899 | 6 229 |
| Spain | 1 240 | 1 040 | 869 | 1 254 | 1 711 | 1 361 | 917 | 1 339 | 1 888 | 1 971 |
| Sri Lanka | 1 126 | 1 084 | 899 | 1 118 | 1 505 | 1 529 | 1 246 | 1 431 | 1 894 | 2 192 |
| Sudan | 2 028 | 1 158 | 1 346 | 1 531 | 1 650 | 2 921 | 1 883 | 3 211 | 5 231 | 5 504 |
| Suriname | 191 | 143 | 141 | 256 | 245 | 247 | 180 | 166 | 300 | 314 |

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| Swaziland | 11 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 18 | 12 | 23 | 15 | 16 | 11 |
| Sweden | 956 | 818 | 821 | 1 264 | 1 682 | 1 376 | 963 | 1 270 | 1 517 | 1 376 |
| Switzerland | 1 063 | 825 | 647 | 1 029 | 1 298 | 1 004 | 632 | 855 | 1 092 | 983 |
| Syria | 2 269 | 2 835 | 2 048 | 2 367 | 3 350 | 2 557 | 1 938 | 2 256 | 2 831 | 2 918 |
| Taiwan | 6 738 | 7 094 | 6 700 | 9 019 | 12 120 | 9 775 | 6 917 | 9 005 | 9 196 | 8 087 |
| Tajikistan | 311 | 66 | 104 | 156 | 187 | 181 | 137 | 167 | 207 | 239 |
| Tanzania | 399 | 339 | 313 | 480 | 476 | 577 | 554 | 747 | 829 | 949 |
| Thailand | 3 092 | 3 090 | 2 366 | 3 753 | 4 245 | 4 144 | 3 126 | 4 318 | 5 505 | 11 750 |
| Togo | 221 | 246 | 254 | 386 | 487 | 935 | 1 187 | 2 041 | 1 523 | 1 720 |
| Tonga | 303 | 229 | 281 | 349 | 327 | 331 | 238 | 327 | 309 | 437 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 6 402 | 4 845 | 4 259 | 6 635 | 6 618 | 5 738 | 4 138 | 5 384 | 6 568 | 8 854 |
| Tunisia | 163 | 200 | 150 | 307 | 438 | 540 | 353 | 457 | 495 | 510 |
| Turkey | 3 138 | 2 676 | 2 215 | 2 606 | 3 215 | 3 375 | 3 029 | 3 835 | 4 614 | 4 941 |
| Turkmenistan | 99 | 44 | 65 | 97 | 94 | 93 | 84 | 117 | 148 | 248 |
| Turks and Caicos Islands | 37 | 46 | 27 | 46 | 33 | 31 | 26 | 28 | 34 | 52 |
| U.S. Virgin Islands | - | D | 5 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 13 | 8 | 7 |
| Uganda | 398 | 355 | 250 | 418 | 457 | 575 | 455 | 721 | 858 | 1 372 |
| Ukraine | 15 691 | 7 444 | 10 102 | 15 511 | 20 914 | 21 190 | 11 633 | 14 156 | 22 761 | 17 142 |
| United Arab Emirates | 329 | 329 | 310 | 435 | 460 | 472 | 380 | 586 | 812 | 1 006 |
| United Kingdom | 10 679 | 8 976 | 7 647 | 13 273 | 18 278 | 16 297 | 9 527 | 14 915 | 19 800 | 17 207 |
| United States | 38 | 30 | 29 | 35 | 63 | 64 | 32 | 57 | 183 | 333 |
| Uruguay | 427 | 367 | 267 | 426 | 541 | 536 | 469 | 787 | 1 154 | 1 664 |
| Uzbekistan | 3 311 | 600 | 1 221 | 1 631 | 2 031 | 2 317 | 1 445 | 1 995 | 2 887 | 4 015 |
| Venezuela | 3 326 | 3 129 | 2 498 | 4 693 | 5 170 | 5 228 | 4 018 | 6 220 | 10 645 | 11 341 |
| Vietnam | 38 511 | 17 635 | 20 335 | 26 553 | 35 419 | 33 563 | 22 087 | 31 524 | 32 784 | 30 695 |
| Yemen | 1 661 | 1 857 | 1 160 | 1 789 | 1 607 | 1 227 | 1 382 | 1 760 | 3 366 | 4 308 |
| Zambia | 262 | 212 | 143 | 211 | 295 | 308 | 280 | 359 | 499 | 672 |
| Zimbabwe | 274 | 186 | 184 | 322 | 475 | 484 | 358 | 628 | 923 | 1 049 |
| All other countries | 36 | 31 | 35 | 56 | 56 | 72 | 44 | 51 | 72 | 66 |
| Unknown | 192 | 972 | 1 156 | 1 172 | 2 311 | 2 622 | 1 201 | 3 227 | 5 303 | 2 734 |

D Data withheld to limit disclosure.

- Represents zero.

¹ Yugoslavia (unknown republic) prior to February 7, 2003

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Preliminary Data

Table III
Immigrant Visas Issued (Continued)
(by Foreign State of Chargeability or Place of Birth)
Fiscal Year 2006

| Foreign State | Immediate Relatives | Returning Residents and Armed Forces Special Immigrants | Family Preference | Employment Preference | Schedule A Worker | Diversity Immigrants | Total |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Europe - Continued | | | | | | | |
| Northern Ireland (DV only) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 16 |
| Norway | 113 | 1 | 11 | 19 | 10 | 10 | 164 |
| Poland | 1,469 | 26 | 1,969 | 396 | 5 | 1,955 | 5,820 |
| Portugal | 146 | 2 | 57 | 30 | 0 | 5 | 240 |
| Macau | 16 | 0 | 116 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 136 |
| Romania | 1,194 | 6 | 221 | 112 | 26 | 1,185 | 2,744 |
| Russia | 5,615 | 7 | 163 | 130 | 6 | 0 | 5,921 |
| San Marino | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Serbia | 38 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 48 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 1,192 | 0 | 88 | 9 | 0 | 239 | 1,528 |
| Slovakia | 135 | 0 | 22 | 21 | 0 | 115 | 293 |
| Slovenia | 22 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 25 |
| Spain | 328 | 2 | 19 | 46 | 2 | 28 | 425 |
| Western Sahara | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sweden | 249 | 0 | 27 | 28 | 6 | 37 | 347 |
| Switzerland | 116 | 0 | 17 | 37 | 1 | 59 | 230 |
| Tajikistan | 37 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 27 | 69 |
| Turkey | 619 | 3 | 159 | 183 | 2 | 635 | 1,601 |
| Turkmenistan | 35 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 80 |
| Ukraine | 1,698 | 9 | 164 | 97 | 11 | 3,036 | 5,015 |
| Union of Soviet Socialist Republics | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Uzbekistan | 322 | 3 | 34 | 7 | 0 | 942 | 1,308 |
| Vatican City | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Yugoslavia, Federal Republic of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Region Total For Europe | 25,936 | 128 | 4,567 | 2,996 | 585 | 14,783 | 48,995 |
| North America | | | | | | | |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 81 | 0 | 116 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 197 |
| Bahamas, The | 47 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 77 |
| Barbados | 103 | 2 | 142 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 265 |
| Belize | 203 | 0 | 74 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 289 |
| Canada | 1,252 | 4 | 491 | 1,031 | 61 | 0 | 2,839 |
| Costa Rica | 488 | 0 | 67 | 20 | 4 | 6 | 585 |
| Cuba | 2,187 | 4 | 1,598 | 11 | 0 | 364 | 4,164 |
| Dominica | 211 | 1 | 241 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 464 |
| Dominican Republic | 8,921 | 48 | 12,586 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 21,586 |
| El Salvador | 3,277 | 1 | 2,949 | 170 | 0 | 0 | 6,397 |
| Grenada | 189 | 0 | 111 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 311 |
| Guatemala | 6,193 | 0 | 1,061 | 88 | 0 | 9 | 7,351 |
| Haiti | 5,063 | 0 | 2,220 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 7,305 |

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