

4. REFUGEES

This section presents information on persons who are admitted to the United States because of persecution abroad, including the number and characteristics of persons applying, approved, arriving, and adjusting to lawful permanent resident status.

A *refugee is an alien outside the United States who is unable or unwilling to return to his or her country of nationality because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.* (See Glossary.) This definition of refugee is set forth in 101(a)(42) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended by the Refugee Act of 1980, and generally conforms to the international definition of refugee found in the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. In addition, the INA allows the President to designate certain nationalities who may be processed for refugee status within their homelands.

The September 11 terrorist attacks

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 continued to have a lagging effect on the number of refugee approvals in fiscal year 2003 (61 percent below fiscal year 2001 level) and admissions (59 percent below fiscal year 2001 level). Approvals continued to be slowed by enhanced security procedures for the applicants, as well as by safety concerns that delayed the arrival of adjudicators. Admissions remained well below fiscal year 2001 levels because safety concerns prevented refugee processing at some overseas locations and security requirements postponed the travel of already-approved applicants.

U.S. Refugee Program

The United States has resettled refugees for more than 50 years. The Displaced Persons Act of 1948 brought 400,000 Eastern Europeans to the United States. Between 1953 and 1956, the Refugee Relief Act resulted in more than 200,000 arrivals from what were then “Iron Curtain” countries. These early programs relied on immigrant visa channels to bring refugees to the United States. Beginning with the Soviet invasion of Hungary in 1956, however, U.S. refugee programs began to rely increasingly on the Attorney General’s parole authority, culminating in the parole of several hundred thousand

Indochinese following the fall of South Vietnam in 1975. It was not until the enactment of the Refugee Act of 1980 that refugees entered the United States in a statutory status that met for the first time the generally accepted international definition of refugee.

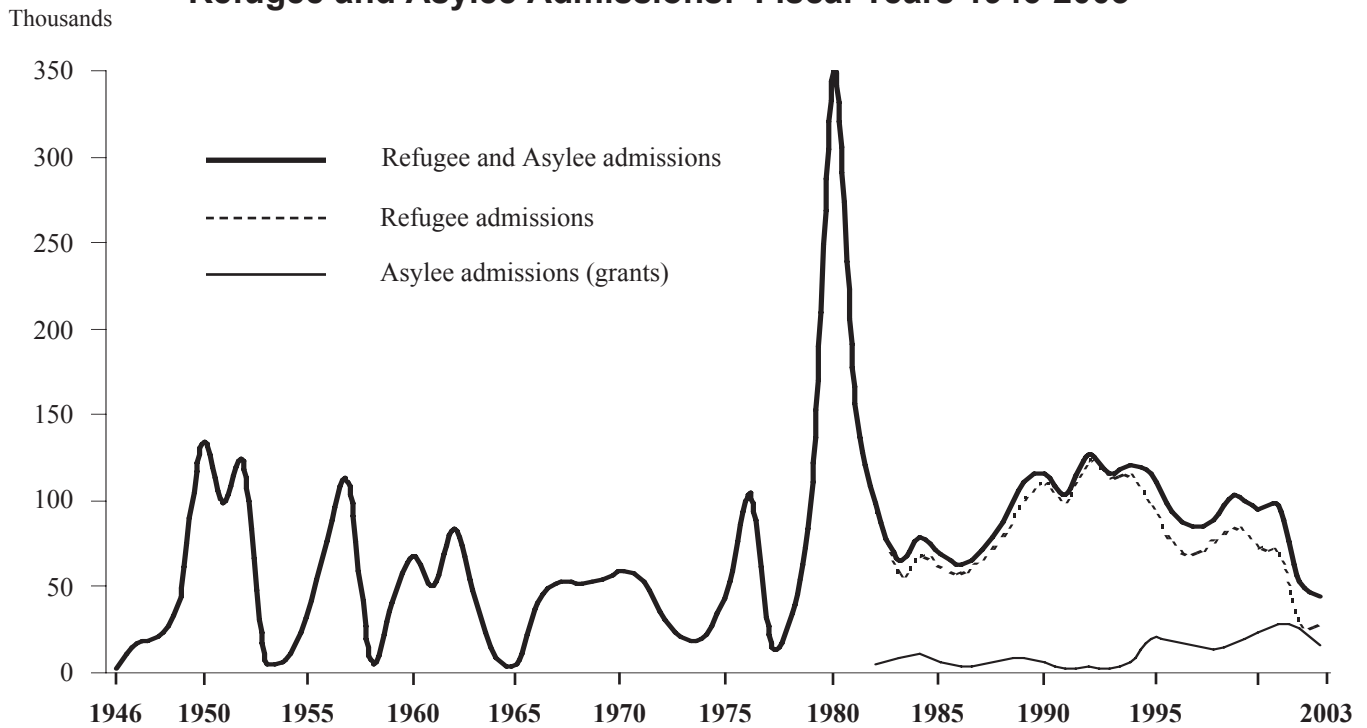
Chart C depicts initial refugee and asylee admissions for the period 1946-2003. The chart shows the very irregular trend of these admissions throughout the period. To aid in interpreting the chart, Table D lists the major legislation and events affecting the flow of refugees and asylees. Prior to 1980, refugee and asylee arrivals fluctuated widely. Refugee and asylee admissions skyrocketed to unprecedented levels in 1981 before returning to levels generally both higher and more stable than prior to 1980. Since 1980, refugee admissions have been subject to annual admission ceilings.

Admission ceilings

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the President, after consultation with the Congress, sets a worldwide refugee admissions ceiling. During the year, an unforeseen emergency may require an increase in this overall limit on refugee admissions or changed circumstances cause a reallocation of the geographic or regional subceilings within the worldwide ceiling. For fiscal year 2003, the admissions subceilings were as follows:

Geographic region of origin	Initial ceiling	Final ceiling
Total	70,000	70,000
Africa	20,000	20,000
East Asia	4,000	4,000
Europe	16,500	16,500
Latin America / Caribbean	2,500	2,500
Near East / South Asia	7,000	7,000
Unallocated	20,000	20,000

Chart C
Refugee and Asylee Admissions: Fiscal Years 1946-2003



NOTE: In this chart, admissions of asylees means grants of asylum. See Glossary for fiscal year definitions.
Source: Tables 14, 15, and 18.

Table D
Major Legislation and Events Affecting the Flow of Refugees and Asylees

1949-53	Displaced Persons Act	1989	Lautenberg Amendment for the Soviet Union, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam
1954-57	Refugee Relief Act	1989	Direct access of Poles and Hungarians to U.S. Refugee Program ended
1956-58	Hungarians paroled	1989-96	Comprehensive Plan of Action-South East Asia
1959	Hungarian adjustments began	1990	Direct access of Czechs to U.S. Refugee Program ended
1959-80	Cubans paroled	1991	Asylum Officer Corps established
1966-80	Refugee conditional entrants	1991-92	Haitian migrants processed at Guantanamo naval base
1967	Cuban adjustments began	1991-95	In-country refugees processed in Haiti
1970-80	Refugee-Parolees admitted	1992	Processing of Bosnian refugee applicants began
1975-80	Indochinese refugees paroled	1994	Direct registration for Orderly Departure Program ended
1978-84	Indochinese Refugee Adjustment Act	1994	U.S.-Cuban Migration Agreement (legal immigration expanded)
1979	Orderly Departure Program initiated	1994-96	Cuban/Haitian safehaven at Guantanamo naval base
1980	Refugee-Parolee adjustments	1995	U.S.-Cuban Migration Agreement (irregular migrants returned)
1980	Refugee Act (adjustments and admissions began)	1995	Asylum reform initiative implemented to streamline process
1980	Mariel boatlift	1996	Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act
1984	In-country refugee program opened in Cuba but subsequently suspended	1996	Operation Quick Transit (Iraqi Kurds in Guam)
1984-87	Mariel adjustments	1999	Processing of Kosovar Albanian refugee applicants began
1987	In-country refugee program in Cuba resumed	2001	Processing of Colombian refugee applicants in Ecuador began
1987	In-country refugee interviews in Vietnam began	2001	Enhanced security checks introduced (in wake of September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks)
1989	In-country program in Moscow opened for Soviet Refugee Applicants		

Table E
Refugee-Status Applications Filed and Approved by Top 20 Nationalities
Fiscal Year 2003

Nationality	Refugee applications filed	Refugee applications approved
All nationalities	42,705	25,329
Ukraine	7,654	4,612
Cuba.....	4,963	1,599
Somalia.....	3,739	1,331
Ethiopia	2,937	1,311
Russia	2,895	1,894
Moldova.....	2,606	1,575
Sierra Leone	2,237	1,430
Vietnam	2,032	1,772
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1,819	1,145
Iran.....	1,784	1,755
Sudan.....	1,739	1,609
Afghanistan	1,318	1,031
Belarus.....	1,228	737
Azerbaijan	1,131	907
Liberia	1,124	981
Iraq.....	759	147
Uzbekistan.....	419	280
Kazakhstan	417	255
Congo, Democratic Republic	353	90
Burma.....	242	227
Other.....	1,309	641

¹ Data are for unknown republic and exclude independent republics. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. Source: Table 13.

The authorized ceiling remained unchanged at 70,000. The unallocated and unfunded reserve of admissions numbers placed in the 2003 ceiling was 20,000 to be used if needed and if funding to support these admissions could be found within existing Department of State and Health and Human Services appropriations.

The regional subceiling for East Asia includes certain Vietnamese Amerasians, who enter the United States with immigrant visas. Although these aliens are immigrants rather than refugees, they are included in the refugee ceiling since they are eligible for refugee benefits in the United States. Only 116 Amerasians, including their family members, entered the United States in fiscal year 2003. They are included in the immigrant rather than the refugee tables in the

Statistical Yearbook. Admissions under the Amerasian program are declining, since most of the eligible persons have already been identified and entered the United States.

Criteria for refugee status

During fiscal year 2003, refugees were interviewed and approved for admission to the United States by officers stationed overseas and domestic asylum offices on temporary assignment. To qualify for admission to the United States as a refugee, each applicant must meet all of the following criteria: be a refugee as set forth in section 101(a)(42) of the INA; be of special humanitarian concern to the United States; be admissible under the INA; and not be firmly resettled in any foreign country. Spouses and minor children of qualifying refugees may derive status

and also enter the United States as refugees, either accompanying or following to join the principal refugee. Occasionally, family members arrive in the United States as nonimmigrants independently of the principal refugee's admission. In such cases, they are processed for derivative refugee status without leaving the country. In 2003, 25 persons entered the United States this way.

Data Overview

Applications (Tables E, 12-13)

The number of applications for refugee status filed with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) decreased by approximately 52 percent between fiscal year 2002 (89,700) and 2003 (42,700) (Table 12). The leading countries of chargeability of the applicants were Ukraine with 18 percent of the applications, Cuba (12), Somalia (9), Ethiopia (7), and Russia (7) (Table E and Table 13). Among the nationalities on Table E with at least 1,000 applications filed, the largest percentage increases in 2003 over 2002 were Moldova (1,775), Azerbaijan (528) and Belarus (124). The largest percentage decreases in applications filed were by nationals of Liberia (-92), Somalia (-85), and Ethiopia (-80). The corresponding increase for nationals of the former Soviet Union was 131 percent. Overall, among the major geographic regions of chargeability, applications filed by nationals from Europe increased by 46 percent in contrast to North America, Asia and Africa which decreased 23, 30 and 80 percent, respectively compared to 2002.

Approvals (Tables E, 12-14)

The total number of refugees approved for admission to the United States increased by 36 percent in 2003 from 18,700 in 2002 to 25,300 (Table 12). However, the number in 2003 was still less than half of the 2001 level. The large decline since 2001 has been due in part to the implementation of enhanced security measures in the U.S. Refugee Program following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Concerns about the safety of U.S. government officials also delayed the processing of refugees at several overseas locations.

Ukraine had the most applications approved, growing 185 percent in 2003 over 2002. Nationals from the republics of the former Soviet Union had nearly 10,500 applications approved in 2003 (Table 13), up 232 percent over 2002. Besides Ukraine, other leading countries were Russia, Vietnam, and Iran. These countries plus the republics of the former Soviet Union accounted for 63 percent of all refugee approvals in 2003.

Of the twelve countries with more than 1,000 approvals, Ukraine grew the most in approvals in 2003 with a gain of 2,900 over 2002, and Ethiopia declined the most with a loss of nearly 2,600 approvals. In relative terms, Moldova was noteworthy for its growth in approvals from fewer than 50 in 2002 to almost 1,600 in 2003.

All Vietnamese refugee processing centers outside Vietnam were closed at the end of 1997. Residents of former refugee camps were returned to Vietnam. Their cases are processed through a special program called the Resettlement Opportunity for Vietnamese Returnees (ROVR) in Vietnam.

Dependents

Refugee statistics include spouses and children who are cleared to join principal refugees already in the United States. These spouses and children count against the annual ceiling. Overall, 3 percent of the applications and 2 percent of the approvals were family reunification cases. Just three countries—Somalia, Iraq, and Cuba—account for 60 percent of the applications and 36 percent of the approvals.

More than 28,000 refugees arrived in the United States during 2003.

Arrivals (Tables 14-15)

Refugee arrivals into the United States increased slightly from nearly 27,000 in fiscal year 2002 to 28,300 in fiscal year 2003. The historically low level of arrivals occurred primarily because of the lingering effects of the September 11 attacks. In particular, security concerns precluded refugee processing at a number of overseas locations and new security requirements delayed the travel of already approved refugee applicants.

Understanding the Data

Data Collection

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services collects data on refugees at three points during processing: when they apply for refugee status abroad; when they are admitted to the United States; and when they adjust to lawful permanent resident status. The USCIS overseas offices collect data on applicants for refugee status. Each office completes Form G-319, *Report of Applicants for Refugee*

Status under Section 207, which reports refugee casework by the country to which each applicant is chargeable.

Both the Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) (Department of State) and the Office of Refugee Resettlement (Department of Health and Human Services) collect data on refugees admitted to the United States. The PRM collects data through the International Organization for Migration, which is a nongovernmental organization that arranges the transportation of refugees to the United States. The Office of Refugee Resettlement, responsible for the disbursement of funds for refugee benefits, collects detailed data on the characteristics of refugees at the time they are initially admitted to the United States.

The USCIS collects data on refugees adjusting to lawful permanent resident status as part of its immigrant data series gathered by the Computer Linked Application Information Management Systems (CLAIMS). The data collected include demographic variables as well as immigration-oriented variables (see Immigrants section). The adjustment stage is the only point in the refugee

process where the USCIS collects detailed information about the characteristics of refugees.

Limitations of Data

After careful consideration of the reporting requirements and limitations of data collected by the INS, it was decided that beginning in 1996 the *Statistical Yearbook* would present refugee arrival statistics from the Department of State. This source counts the actual number of refugees arriving in the United States in each fiscal year. Comparison of refugee arrival data from editions of the *Yearbook* prior to 1996 with the present edition must be made with caution. From 1987 to 1995 refugee arrival data presented in the *Yearbook* were derived from the INS's Nonimmigrant Information System (NIIS). This system compiles refugee arrival data by country of citizenship on a monthly basis from DHS Form I-94, *Arrival/Departure Record* (see Nonimmigrants section). However, since this system records each entry of a person with nonimmigrant status, a refugee traveling abroad and returning to the United States may be counted more than once during a fiscal year.

Refugee detailed tables are located at the end of the Asylees text section.

5. ASYLEES

This section presents information on persons who come to the United States to seek asylum from persecution abroad, including the number and characteristics of persons who filed, were granted asylum, and adjusted to lawful permanent resident status.

An asylee is an alien in the United States who is unable or unwilling to return to his or her country of nationality because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. (See Glossary.) An asylee must meet the same criteria as a refugee; the only difference is the location of the person upon application—the potential asylee is in the United States or applying for admission at a port of entry, and the potential refugee is outside the United States. The Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended by the Refugee Act of 1980, regulates U.S. asylum policy as well as governing refugee procedures. The Act, for the first time, established a statutory basis for granting asylum in the United States consistent with the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.

The September 11 terrorists attacks

The attacks resulted in an immediate decline in applications filed. Additional security checks were implemented since September 11. Cases could not be approved until the checks were completed.

U.S. Asylum Program

Filing of claims

Any alien physically present in the United States or at a port of entry may request asylum in the United States. According to the Refugee Act, current immigration status, whether legal or illegal, is not relevant to an applicant's asylum claim. Aliens may apply for asylum in one of two ways: with an USCIS asylum officer; or, if apprehended, with an immigration judge as part of a removal hearing. Traditionally, aliens who appeared at ports of entry without proper documents and requested asylum were referred for exclusion hearings; however, the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) of 1996 made major revisions to the procedure, effective on April 1, 1997. Under the new law, such aliens are referred to asylum officers for credible fear interviews. These interviews are not formal asylum hearings. The purpose of

the interviews is to determine whether aliens have credible fear of persecution or torture and are thus eligible to apply for asylum or withholding of removal before an immigration judge. In credible fear interviews, aliens only need to show that there is a significant possibility that they might establish eligibility for asylum. To be granted asylum, aliens must show they have been persecuted in the past or have a well-founded fear of persecution. An alien may request that an immigration judge review a negative determination by the USCIS on a credible fear claim. The data reported in this section pertain only to asylum cases filed with USCIS asylum officers. Aliens denied asylum by the USCIS may renew asylum claims with an immigration judge once they are in removal proceedings.

Adjudication of claims

On April 2, 1991 the Asylum Officer Corps (AOC) assumed responsibility within the INS (now USCIS) for the adjudication of asylum claims that were filed with the agency. Before that date, examiners had heard such claims in INS district offices. During fiscal year 2003, asylum officers worked from eight sites in the United States—Arlington (VA), Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York City, Newark (NJ), and San Francisco. Asylum officers traveled to other USCIS offices to interview applicants who did not live near these locations.

In January 1995 the INS published regulations designed to streamline the asylum decision process, discourage the filing of frivolous claims, and in cases of claims that do not appear to meet the standards for granting asylum, integrate the work of asylum officers with the work of the immigration judges in the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), an independent Justice Department agency.

Under asylum reform, the USCIS standard is to conduct the asylum interview within 43 days after the claim is filed, and to identify and grant those cases that have merit

(generally in 60 days from the date of filing the application). If the USCIS asylum officer does not grant the claim, the applicant is referred immediately for removal proceedings before EOIR (unless the alien is still in a legal status). The immigration judge may grant the claim or may issue a denial and an order of removal. Under this system, USCIS asylum officers issue relatively few denials, but an interview followed by a referral to EOIR represents the asylum officer's judgment that the application is not readily grantable. USCIS will issue a denial (and cannot refer the case) when the applicant is still in a legal status. An applicant who fails without good cause to keep a scheduled appointment for an asylum interview is referred immediately to EOIR for removal proceedings, one type of case closure.

Beginning in 1997, the AOC also began conducting credible fear interviews as required by IIRIRA and interviewing applicants for refugee status at USCIS overseas locations.

More than 46,200 applications for asylum in the United States were received during 2003.

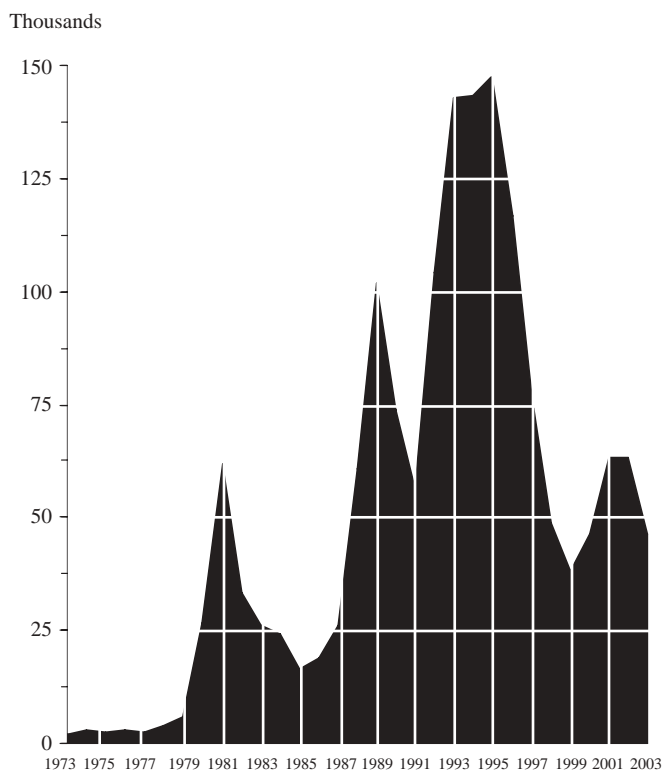
Data Overview

Applications filed (Chart D, Tables 16, 18)

The annual number of asylum applications (cases) filed with the USCIS has fluctuated greatly since the effective date of the Refugee Act of 1980, as shown in Chart D. In fiscal year 2003, 46,272 asylum cases were filed or reopened (received) covering 61,660 principals, spouses, and children. The number of cases decreased by 27 percent in 2003 from 63,197 in 2002 (Table 16) while the number of individuals included in these cases dropped in 2003 by 29 percent.

In fiscal year 2003, 42,114 new claims (cases) for asylum were filed with USCIS. Principals from the People's Republic of China made the most new claims (4,750), followed by Colombia (4,547), Mexico (3,846), and Haiti (3,276) (Table 18). New claims in 2003 grew the most from Indonesia (1,204), Guatemala (1,123), and Venezuela (635). The largest declines in new claims were experienced by nationals of the People's Republic of China

Chart D
Asylum Applications Received by the USCIS
Fiscal Years 1973-2003



NOTE: See Chart C in the Refugee section for asylum applications granted. See Glossary for fiscal year definitions. Source: Table 16.

(-5,772), Mexico (-5,131), and Colombia (-3,420). Principals from the former Soviet Union filed 2,866 new claims, 21 percent fewer than in 2002—32 percent were nationals from Armenia and 25 percent from Russia.

A male was the principal in 62 percent (26,102) of the new claims filed in 2003. The median and mean ages of asylum applicants were 33 and 34, respectively. Females had median and mean ages of 33 and 35, respectively, while the corresponding numbers for males were 33 and 34.

A total of 4,915 asylum cases were reopened in 2003 (including 757 cases that were both new and reopened during the year). The number of reopened cases in fiscal year 2003 was 20 percent less than the number of cases reopened in 2002. Cases that were administratively closed are automatically reopened when aliens apply for renewal of their employment authorization. These reopened cases

were applications filed prior to the asylum reforms of 1995, where the cases were administratively closed due to a failure to appear for the asylum interview. An interview is automatically rescheduled at the same time the cases are reopened.

With respect to principals, spouses, and children on applications filed (new and reopened) during 2003, the largest increases were from Indonesia (1,680) and Venezuela (1,306). On the other hand, nationals from Mexico (-8,205), Colombia (-6,749), and the People's Republic of China (-6,446) experienced the largest decreases. About 57 percent of all individuals involved in new or reopened claims were male.

Trends in asylum applications filed by nationals from Central America

For over a decade, nationals from Central America dominated the annual number of asylum applications filed in the United States. From 1986 to 1992, Central Americans filed about half of all asylum applications. By 1993 and 1994 that percentage had fallen to about 40 percent of total applications filed. Then, the number of applicants from Central America surged to new heights in the next two years, with well over half of all asylum applicants. Beginning in 1997, the numbers started a sharp decline largely due to the termination of the filing period under the terms of the American Baptist Churches (ABC) *vs.* Thornburgh settlement. As a result, Central American principals accounted for only about 6 percent of new claims and 7 percent of claims filed and reopened in 2003.

During the 1990s, the trend in asylum claims filed or reopened from Central America has been driven in large part by ABC cases. Under the terms of this 1991 class action lawsuit settlement agreement [American Baptist Churches *vs.* Thornburgh, 760 F. Supp. 796 (N.D. Cal. 1991)], many nationals of El Salvador and Guatemala were allowed to file or renew their claims for asylum. Nationals of Guatemala had a filing deadline of March 31, 1992, which was the peak year for claims from this country (although the INS allowed them to file until January 3, 1995). The 187,000 Salvadorans who had registered for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in 1991 became eligible to file for asylum at the expiration of their TPS period in 1992. They were later granted additional time under deferred enforced departure periods that extended until December 1994, and they ultimately had until January 31, 1996 to apply for asylum under the ABC agreement. The

number of ABC claims filed by principals from El Salvador surged during fiscal year 1996 before the filing deadline. These claims are heard under the pre-reform regulations as well as other stipulations of the settlement agreement. Applications filed after the ABC filing deadline were processed as reform filings, except those ABC cases that were closed by the EOIR or federal courts and were not previously filed with the INS. Under the settlement, once USCIS identifies the latter cases, they are treated as ABC filings instead of reform filings. During fiscal year 2003, 660 cases were identified as either filed or reopened as ABC cases, compared with 476 in 2002.

On November 19, 1997 the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA) was signed into law. Section 203 of the NACARA permits certain Guatemalans, Salvadorans, and nationals of former Soviet bloc countries to apply for suspension of deportation or special rule cancellation of removal under the more generous standards in effect before the 1996 immigration law. Individuals granted relief under NACARA 203 are permitted to remain in the United States as lawful permanent resident aliens. All persons eligible for ABC benefits with asylum applications pending with the USCIS, also are eligible to apply for the NACARA benefits with the USCIS Asylum Program. Certain qualifying family members also may apply for NACARA benefits. In fiscal year 2003, 11,464 applications were filed under NACARA 203 provisions compared to 17,601 in 2002. There were 27,527 cases granted and 48,282 pending applications at the end of the fiscal year compared to about 21,325 and 66,871, respectively, in 2002.

Cases completed (Tables 16, 18, 19)

During fiscal year 2003, the Asylum Officer Corps completed work on 87,516 claims and adjudicated about 45 percent (39,456) of them (Table 16). The remaining 55 percent were administratively closed or referred to an immigration judge with or without an interview prior to the expiration of the filing deadline. The number of cases approved in 2003 was 11,434, representing 29 percent of the cases adjudicated. The corresponding approval rate was 36 percent in 2002. The cases approved represented 15,470 individuals—principals, spouses, and children (Tables 18 and 19). The number of individuals accounted for by the cases approved were in rank order by nationality: Colombia (2,990 individuals granted), the People's Republic of China (2,410), Haiti (1,160), and Cameroon (823) (Table 18).

Special procedures exist for adjudicating cases based on coercive population control. Section 601 of the IIRIRA stipulates that a person qualifies as a refugee or asylee persecuted for political opinion if forced to undergo, has a well founded fear of being compelled to undergo, or resists a coercive population-control procedure. It sets a combined annual ceiling of 1,000 persons who may be granted refugee or asylee status under this provision. Both USCIS and Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) grant conditional asylee status to qualified applicants each year under this provision—status that is not subject to the 1,000 annual ceiling (as of the end of fiscal year 2003, 2,353 and 15,091 conditional grants were issued by USCIS and EOIR together for fiscal year 2003 and since the program began, respectively). At the beginning of a new fiscal year, the USCIS Asylum Division issues 1,000 final grants—counted toward the annual ceiling of the previous year—to those who have received a conditional asylee status from either agency in previous fiscal years. The selection criterion for final grants is the date of the conditional grants. Those who received their conditional grants earlier would receive their final grants first. By the end of fiscal year 2003, USCIS completed the issuance of the 1,000 fiscal year 2003 final approval authorization numbers for final grants of asylum status. The 1,000 conditional grants went to 245, 702, and 53 individuals who received their grants from USCIS, immigration judges, and Board of Immigration Appeals, respectively. The People's Republic of China was the country of origin of all grants. No one was granted refugee status in fiscal year 2003 based on coercive population-control measures.

Cases pending

The number of asylum cases pending adjudication decreased about 14 percent between the beginning (306,000) and the end (265,000) of fiscal year 2003. Of total pending cases, approximately 224,000 will potentially qualify the asylum applicants for lawful permanent resident status under NACARA or the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HRIFA) of 1998. Cases filed by nationals of El Salvador (48 percent of total pending) and Guatemala (32) accounted for 80 percent of the pending cases as of the end of September 2003. The ABC cases, which can be handled under the NACARA provisions, comprised 98 percent of the Salvadoran and 93 percent of Guatemalan cases filed, and 77 percent of all pending cases as of the end of September 2003. Almost 6,600 Nicaraguan and 1,300 Cuban nationals with pending cases also will be eligible for NACARA benefits. Not more than 8,600

Haitian nationals with pending cases are eligible for benefits under HRIFA.

Credible fear interviews

During fiscal year 2003, 5,367 aliens appeared at ports of entry without proper documents and requested asylum. Most of these aliens were subsequently referred to asylum officers for credible fear interviews. Nationals of the People's Republic of China submitted the most applications (1,154), followed by Haiti (998), Cuba (950), and Colombia (560). These four countries accounted for about 61 percent of all applications in 2003. Some applicants change their mind and decide to withdraw their request for a credible fear interview before an interview takes place. The Asylum Officer Corps made 5,414 credible fear determinations in 2003, and found sufficient evidence of credible fear in 99 percent of the cases. These cases were referred to immigration judges for adjudication.

Understanding the Data

Data Collection

Prior to April 1, 1991, data on asylum applicants reflect cases filed with INS district directors and, subsequently, cases filed with INS asylum officers on Form I-589 (*Request for Asylum in the United States*). A centralized, automated data system (Refugee, Asylum, and Parole System—RAPS) supports the processing of the existing caseload and new asylum applications. The system supports case tracking, schedules and controls interviews, and generates management and statistical reports. The system reports asylum casework by nationality and other characteristics of asylum applicants. Data can be reported by case or by the number of persons covered, since a case may include more than one person. Data on asylum applicants have been collected by the INS/USCIS for selected nationalities since July 1980, and for all nationalities since June 1983.

As with refugees, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services collects data on asylees adjusting to lawful permanent resident status in the Computer Linked Application Information Management Systems (CLAIMS) (see Immigrants section). Adjustment to immigrant status was the only point at which detailed characteristics of asylees were collected prior to 1992. The RAPS system provides data on selected characteristics of asylum seekers and asylees at an earlier time.

The number of asylum applications filed is defined here as the sum of new applications received and applications reopened during the year. Tables 18 and 19 show the number of applications that were reopened during the year. Most of these are cases that had been closed earlier without a decision. The tabulations also show the number of cases referred to immigration judges, with and without an interview. A referral due to failure to keep an appointment for an interview without good cause is considered comparable, for statistical purposes, to a closed case. The approval rate is calculated as the number of cases granted/approved divided by the number of cases adjudicated, which is defined as the cases granted/approved, denied, and referred to EOIR following an interview (including referrals past the filing deadline).

The data on credible fear claims are collected in the Asylum Pre-screening System (APSS). These data are not stored in RAPS and are not reflected in the detailed tables for this section.

Limitations of Data

The statistics shown here for fiscal year 2003 differ slightly from preliminary statistics released by USCIS Asylum Division in October 2003. The data presented in this section were tabulated from the RAPS system three months after the close of fiscal year 2003 and incorporate late additions and corrections to the database. Since asylum claimants can reopen a case, some of the decisions categorized in the detailed tables in this edition of the *Yearbook* are possibly a change from a completion category in some previous fiscal year. In addition, technical limitations of the data file used to produce these tables preclude a precise count of the number of pending applications at either the beginning of a fiscal year or the end of the year. That is because reopened cases in the data

file do not indicate the date the cases were previously considered complete.

Data on applicants for asylum collected by USCIS historically have covered only cases filed with USCIS. Data have been incomplete for cases filed by aliens after USCIS has placed the alien in removal proceedings before an immigration judge in the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). The two agencies are working to integrate their data systems to provide these data in the future. Asylum was granted by EOIR to 10,900 individuals in fiscal year 2003; therefore, the total number of individuals granted asylum by both agencies was about 22,300 compared to 34,600 in 2002.

Principal applicants whose asylum applications are successful can apply for their spouses and minor children, whether they are in the United States or abroad, and these relatives also receive status as asylees. The RAPS system collects information on the spouses and children of asylum applicants only if they are included on the principal's application. Information regarding relatives whose principals petition for them after receiving asylum is collected by CLAIMS and is not included in any table in this publication. The data collected by the USCIS at the time asylees adjust to permanent resident status include all aliens who adjust regardless of whether they were granted asylum by the USCIS, immigration judges, or the Board of Immigration Appeals. Adjustment data also include all spouses and children of persons granted asylum.

In Table 18 several countries show individuals granted asylum without any corresponding cases granted asylum. This situation can occur whenever a dependent in an asylum case was born in a different country than the principal. The dependent is eligible for derivative asylum status in this case.

TABLE 12. REFUGEE-STATUS APPLICATIONS: FISCAL YEARS 1980-2003

Year	Applications filed during year	Applications approved during year	Applications denied during year	Applications otherwise closed during year	Percent approved during year ²
1980 (April-Sept.)	95,241	89,580	6,149	1,197	94
1981-85	527,315	427,831	85,170	15,564	83
1981	178,273	155,291	15,322	3,998	91
1982	76,150	61,527	14,943	6,631	80
1983	92,522	73,645	20,255	2,489	78
1984	99,636	77,932	16,220	604	83
1985	80,734	59,436	18,430	1,842	76
1986-90	584,005	389,094	98,395	44,029	80
1986	67,310	52,081	9,679	3,362	84
1987	85,823	61,529	13,911	6,126	82
1988	105,024	80,282	11,821	5,632	87
1989	190,597	95,505	33,179	4,005	74
1990	135,251	99,697	29,805	24,904	77
1991-95	670,245	513,391	100,779	71,323	84
1991	123,492	107,962	12,644	5,700	90
1992	133,786	115,330	14,886	6,780	89
1993	127,676	106,026	20,280	5,107	84
1994	142,068	105,137	20,557	19,485	84
1995	143,223	78,936	32,412	34,251	71
1996-2000 ¹	606,816	377,427	120,147	100,467	76
1996	155,868	74,491	26,317	59,589	74
1997	122,741	77,600	22,725	17,270	77
1998	124,777	73,198	31,001	6,768	70
1999	111,576	85,592	19,094	6,358	82
2000 ¹	91,854	66,546	21,010	10,482	76
2001 ¹	103,499	66,198	19,812	7,479	77
2002	89,726	18,652	19,773	28,876	49
2003	42,705	25,329	16,550	32,124	60

¹ Data for Vietnam are incomplete. Data represent only Vietnamese processed by the Resettlement Opportunity for Vietnamese Returnees (ROVR) Program. Data are unavailable for refugees processed under other Vietnam in-country programs that dealt with former reeducation camp detainees and adult children of formerly admitted refugees.

² Calculated by dividing applications approved by the sum of applications approved and applications denied.

NOTE: The Refugee Act of 1980 went into effect April 1, 1980.

**TABLE 13. REFUGEE-STATUS APPLICATIONS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND COUNTRY OF CHARGEABILITY
FISCAL YEAR 2003**

Geographic area and country of chargeability	Applications filed during year	Applications approved during year	Applications denied during year	Applications otherwise closed during year	Percent approved during year ²
All countries	42,705	25,329	16,550	32,124	60
Europe	18,960	11,868	7,375	1,105	62
Albania	-	-	-	23	-
Armenia	134	93	54	8	63
Azerbaijan	1,131	907	153	17	86
Belarus	1,228	737	484	3	60
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1,819	1,145	1,076	584	52
Croatia	170	120	D	3	D
Estonia	83	32	58	-	36
Georgia	48	31	21	3	60
Kazakhstan	417	255	169	3	60
Kyrgyzstan	172	91	82	D	53
Latvia	74	49	32	-	60
Lithuania	45	19	18	-	51
Moldova	2,606	1,575	886	111	64
Poland	-	-	-	11	-
Russia	2,895	1,894	1,103	73	63
Serbia and Montenegro ¹	50	17	D	84	D
Turkmenistan	15	11	5	D	69
Ukraine	7,654	4,612	3,130	169	60
Uzbekistan	419	280	99	10	74
Other	-	-	-	D	-
Asia	6,235	4,966	1,164	771	81
Afghanistan	1,318	1,031	270	60	79
Burma	242	227	15	-	94
Cambodia	3	3	-	-	100
China, People's Republic	21	4	17	-	19
Indonesia	6	4	D	-	D
Iran	1,784	1,755	409	138	81
Iraq	759	147	155	556	49
Laos	43	13	30	-	30
Lebanon	-	-	-	4	-
Pakistan	9	5	-	-	100
Sri Lanka	8	D	D	D	D
Vietnam	2,032	1,772	260	6	87
Yemen	5	-	-	D	-
Other	5	D	-	4	100
Africa	12,522	6,860	5,323	29,572	56
Algeria	-	-	-	6	-
Angola	47	18	14	19	56
Burundi	64	D	9	262	D
Cameroon	-	-	-	11	-
Central African Republic	D	-	D	7	-
Chad	-	-	-	23	-
Congo, Democratic Republic	353	90	22	240	80
Congo, Republic	17	9	8	95	53
Cote d'Ivoire	-	-	-	2,639	-
Djibouti	-	-	-	7	-
Egypt	-	-	4	4	-
Eritrea	5	15	4	375	79
Ethiopia	2,937	1,311	354	8,477	79

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 13. REFUGEE-STATUS APPLICATIONS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND COUNTRY OF CHARGEABILITY
FISCAL YEAR 2003—Continued**

Geographic area and country of chargeability	Applications filed during year	Applications approved during year	Applications denied during year	Applications otherwise closed during year	Percent approved during year ²
Gambia, The	-	-	-	23	-
Ghana	22	11	11	13	50
Guinea-Bissau	-	-	-	4	-
Liberia	1,124	981	1,755	974	36
Libya	-	-	-	2,831	-
Mauritania	-	-	-	9	-
Namibia	4	-	-	70	-
Nigeria	9	9	-	79	100
Rwanda	200	36	41	118	47
Senegal	-	-	-	9	-
Sierra Leone	2,237	1,430	1,994	2,902	42
Somalia	3,739	1,331	817	9,344	62
South Africa	7	-	-	24	-
Sudan	1,739	1,609	270	943	86
Tanzania	-	-	-	15	-
Togo	13	4	15	25	21
Uganda	-	D	-	17	100
Other	D	D	D	7	D
North America	4,963	1,599	2,688	676	37
Caribbean	4,963	1,599	2,688	676	37
Cuba	4,963	1,599	2,688	676	37
Not reported	25	36	-	-	100

¹ Yugoslavia (unknown republic) prior to February 7, 2003. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ² Calculated by dividing applications approved by the sum of applications approved and applications denied.

- Represents zero. D Disclosure standards not met.

**TABLE 14. REFUGEE APPROVALS AND ARRIVALS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF CHARGEABILITY
FISCAL YEARS 1999-2003**

Geographic area of chargeability	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Authorized admissions ¹	91,000	90,000	80,000	70,000	70,000
Africa	13,000	18,000	21,000	22,000	20,000
East Asia	10,500	8,000	6,000	4,000	4,000
Europe	61,000	44,500	37,000	26,000	16,500
Latin America/Caribbean	2,250	3,500	3,500	3,000	2,500
Near East/South Asia	4,250	10,000	12,500	15,000	7,000
Unallocated Reserve	-	6,000	-	-	20,000
Approvals	85,592	66,546 ²	66,198 ²	18,652	25,329
Africa	15,581	20,014	18,402	3,419	6,860
East Asia	6,728	941 ²	277 ²	791	2,026
Europe	55,666	32,355	32,686	7,621	11,868
Latin America/Caribbean	2,796	2,896	2,768	2,534	1,599
Near East/South Asia	4,725	10,266	12,030	4,247	2,940
Not reported	96	74	35	40	36
Arrivals ³	85,076	72,143	68,925	26,839	28,306
Africa	13,036	17,560	19,016	2,545	10,717
East Asia ³	9,963	3,557	3,346	3,260	1,608
Europe	55,877	37,664	31,526	15,408	11,269
Latin America/Caribbean	2,110	3,233	2,973	1,937	452
Near East/South Asia	4,090	10,129	12,064	3,689	4,260

¹ Data are for authorized final ceiling admissions.

² Data for Vietnam are incomplete. Data represent Vietnamese processed by the Resettlement Opportunity for Vietnamese Returnees Program only. Data are unavailable for refugees processed under other Vietnam in-country programs that deal with former reeducation camp detainees and adult children of formerly admitted refugees.

³ Arrival data exclude Amerasians from Vietnam because they enter the United States on immigrant visas. The number of Amerasians was 241 in 1999, 1,004 in 2000, 379 in 2001, 347 in 2002, and 116 in 2003.

NOTE: The geographic areas used in this table are unique in the *Yearbook* and are based on the classification used by the Department of State in its reports on refugees. The corresponding country composition of the geographic areas used is also based on the same Department of State classification. The objective of using the Department of State classification was to make approval data comparable on a regional basis with authorized admission and arrival data.

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 15. REFUGEE ARRIVALS INTO THE UNITED STATES
BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF CHARGEABILITY
FISCAL YEARS 1997-2003**

Region and country of chargeability	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
All countries ¹	69,276	76,181	85,076	72,143	68,925	26,839	28,306
Europe	48,450	54,260	55,877	37,664	31,526	15,408	11,269
Albania	9	D	8	D	3	5	D
Armenia	NA	NA	35	20	27	30	63
Azerbaijan	NA	NA	210	259	449	115	406
Belarus	NA	NA	1,008	1,050	971	680	702
Bosnia-Herzegovina	21,357	30,906	22,699	19,033	14,593	3,463	525
Bulgaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Croatia	-	-	1,660	2,995	1,020	109	144
Czechoslovakia ²	-	-	-	D	-	-	-
Estonia	NA	NA	71	81	57	38	28
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	D
Georgia	-	-	50	30	49	14	53
Hungary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kazakhstan	NA	NA	412	284	291	222	118
Kyrgyzstan	NA	NA	140	147	116	69	46
Latvia	NA	NA	167	103	125	57	49
Lithuania	NA	NA	20	16	40	D	21
Macedonia	-	-	D	D	D	4	13
Moldova	NA	NA	1,035	1,056	1,168	1,021	616
Poland	6	D	3	D	4	-	-
Romania	3	-	D	4	-	-	-
Russia	NA	NA	4,386	3,723	4,454	2,100	1,394
Serbia and Montenegro ³	3	-	14,280	524	153	1,860	1,839
Slovakia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	D
Slovenia	-	-	D	-	D	-	-
Soviet Union ²	27,072	23,349	194	282	133	D	-
Tajikistan	NA	NA	9	24	9	4	13
Turkmenistan	NA	NA	16	D	7	D	4
Ukraine	NA	NA	8,649	7,334	7,172	5,219	5,065
Uzbekistan	NA	NA	818	693	681	394	166
Asia ¹	11,771	13,669	14,041	13,622	15,356	6,949	5,864
Afghanistan	-	D	365	1,709	2,930	1,677	1,453
Bahrain	-	-	-	5	3	-	-
Bangladesh	-	-	-	-	-	-	D
Burma	182	186	295	637	543	128	203
Cambodia	-	-	-	-	23	4	7
China, People's Republic	-	-	D	D	12	7	9
India	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indonesia	-	D	26	14	5	18	17
Iran	1,305	1,699	1,750	5,145	6,590	1,525	2,471
Iraq	2,679	1,407	1,955	3,158	2,473	465	298
Israel	-	-	-	-	-	-	D
Jordan ⁴	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
Kuwait	-	-	-	13	-	6	-
Laos	939	-	19	64	22	18	13
Lebanon	-	-	-	-	D	7	D
Malaysia	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
Maldives	-	-	-	D	D	-	-
Pakistan	-	-	-	6	3	-	18
Philippines	-	-	-	-	-	-	D
Sri Lanka	-	-	5	D	D	5	7
Syria	-	-	D	18	8	4	3
Thailand	-	-	-	-	4	4	D
Vietnam ¹	6,660	10,288	9,622	2,841	2,730	3,081	1,356
Yemen	-	-	D	D	-	-	D
Africa	6,069	6,665	13,048	17,624	19,070	2,545	10,721
Algeria	-	-	12	57	31	-	4
Angola	-	-	-	D	34	16	21

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 15. REFUGEE ARRIVALS INTO THE UNITED STATES
BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF CHARGEABILITY
FISCAL YEARS 1997-2003—Continued**

Region and country of chargeability	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Benin	-	-	-	-	-	D	D
Burkina Faso	D	-	-	D	-	-	-
Burundi	33	24	223	165	109	62	16
Cameroon	19	15	9	7	5	6	6
Central African Republic	-	-	D	-	D	-	D
Chad	45	41	22	D	D	D	D
Congo, Democratic Republic ⁵	45	52	42	1,354	260	105	251
Congo, Republic ⁵	-	-	27	11	6	5	41
Cote d' Ivoire	-	D	5	-	D	3	4
Djibouti	16	15	8	-	12	D	D
Egypt	-	-	-	6	8	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	-	-	-	12	-	-	3
Eritrea	7	9	32	94	109	13	23
Ethiopia	197	152	1,873	1,347	1,429	329	1,704
Gambia, The	16	50	13	13	5	-	12
Ghana	D	-	5	3	D	4	13
Guinea	-	-	6	D	4	5	D
Kenya	-	13	D	11	13	24	3
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberia	231	1,494	2,495	2,620	3,429	559	2,957
Libya	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
Madagascar	-	D	-	-	-	-	-
Malawi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mauritania	-	-	D	-	202	6	-
Mozambique	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Namibia	-	-	-	5	D	-	-
Nigeria	7	312	625	50	85	27	57
Rwanda	100	86	153	345	94	47	47
Senegal	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Sierra Leone	57	176	675	1,128	2,004	176	1,378
Somalia	4,974	2,951	4,320	6,026	4,951	238	1,993
South Africa	D	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sudan	277	1,252	2,393	3,833	5,959	895	2,140
Tanzania	-	-	D	-	D	D	-
Togo	30	15	93	511	280	16	39
Tunisia	-	3	-	D	10	-	-
Uganda	9	D	12	18	12	D	D
Zambia	-	-	-	-	-	-	D
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	6	-	-
North America	2,986	1,587	2,109	3,233	2,968	1,929	303
Caribbean	2,986	1,587	2,109	3,233	2,968	1,929	303
Cuba	2,911	1,587	2,018	3,184	2,944	1,925	303
Haiti	75	-	91	49	24	4	-
Central America	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South America	-	-	1	-	5	8	149
Argentina	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
Colombia	-	-	-	-	-	8	149
Venezuela	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

¹ Amerasians from Vietnam are not included as refugee arrivals because they enter the United States on immigrant visas. In fiscal year 2003, 116 Amerasians from Vietnam arrived on immigrant visas according to the Department of State. The State Department includes Amerasian immigrant arrivals in its admissions report because Amerasian immigrants count against the annual ceiling. ² Data are for unknown republic only; independent republics shown separately. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. For the former Soviet Union, data are not available for independent republics prior to 1999. The Department of State includes Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania with the republics of the former Soviet Union. ³ Yugoslavia (unknown republic) prior to February 7, 2003. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ⁴ Includes Palestine. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ⁵ In May 1997 Zaire was formally recognized as the Democratic Republic of the Congo; the Congo is referred to by its conventional name, the Republic of the Congo. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions.

NOTE: Prior to 1996, refugee arrival data were derived from the Nonimmigrant Information System of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Beginning in fiscal year 1996, arrival data for all years are from the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State. Any comparison of refugee arrival data prior to 1996 must be made with caution. Arrivals may be higher than approvals because of the arrival of persons approved in previous years.

- Represents zero. D Disclosure standards not met. NA Not available.

**TABLE 16. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH USCIS DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND ASYLUM OFFICERS
FISCAL YEARS 1973-2003**

Year	Cases received ¹	Cases completed ²	Cases approved	Cases denied	Cases adjudicated ³	Percent approved ⁴
1973-2003	1,584,915	1,304,504	201,106	245,771	720,374	28
1973	1,913	1,510	380	1,130	1,510	25
1974	2,716	2,769	294	2,475	2,769	11
1975	2,432	1,664	562	1,102	1,664	34
1976-80	42,173	10,847	4,990	5,857	10,847	46
1976	2,733	1,914	590	1,324	1,914	31
1976, TQ ⁵	896	370	97	273	370	26
1977	2,529	1,939	754	1,185	1,939	39
1978	3,702	2,312	1,218	1,094	2,312	53
1979	5,801	2,312	1,227	1,085	2,312	53
1980	26,512	2,000	1,104	896	2,000	55
1981-85	161,872	124,142	25,162	73,928	99,090	25
1981	61,568	4,521	1,175	3,346	4,521	26
1982	33,296	11,326	3,909	7,255	11,164	35
1983	26,091	25,447	7,215	16,811	24,026	30
1984	24,295	54,320	8,278	32,344	40,622	20
1985	16,622	28,528	4,585	14,172	18,757	24
1986-90	281,048	310,071	24,067	75,621	99,688	24
1986	18,889	45,792	3,359	7,882	11,241	30
1987	26,107	44,785	4,062	3,454	7,516	54
1988	60,736	68,357	5,531	8,582	14,113	39
1989	101,679	102,795	6,942	31,547	38,489	18
1990	73,637	48,342	4,173	24,156	28,329	15
1991-95	593,609	205,161	31,661	70,055	137,307	23
1991	56,310	16,552	2,108	4,167	6,275	34
1992	103,964	21,996	3,919	6,506	10,425	38
1993	142,680	31,970	5,053	17,610	22,664	22
1994	143,225	46,527	8,133	28,183	36,336	22
1995	147,430	88,116	12,448	13,589	61,607	20
1996-2000	326,699	410,972	63,386	10,961	228,748	28
1996	116,877	104,885	13,537	2,355	61,697	22
1997	76,620	116,628	10,213	2,302	52,673	19
1998 ⁶	48,841	79,055	9,932	2,989	42,362	23
1999 ⁶	37,938	52,388	13,148	1,607	34,170	38
2000 ⁶	46,423	58,016	16,556	1,708	37,846	44
2001 ⁶	62,984	67,711	20,290	1,522	46,959	43
2002 ⁶	63,197	82,141	18,880	1,581	52,336	36
2003	46,272	87,516	11,434	1,539	39,456	29

¹ Beginning in 1992, includes cases newly filed and cases reopened.

² Includes approvals, denials, cases otherwise closed, cases referred to an immigration judge (interviewed and not interviewed), and cases referred to an immigration judge because the alien failed to meet the filing deadline.

³ Includes approvals, denials, cases referred to an immigration judge following an interview, and cases referred to an immigration judge because the alien failed to meet the filing deadline.

⁴ Cases approved divided by cases adjudicated.

⁵ Transition quarter, July 1 through September 30, 1976.

⁶ Data for 1998-2002 have been updated.

NOTE: The Refugee Act of 1980 went into effect April 1, 1980. Data for fiscal years 1982 and 1983 have been estimated due to changes in the reporting procedures during those two periods. Since April 1, 1991, authority to decide most asylum claims has resided with the USCIS Asylum Officer Corps (USCIS represents U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security). See Glossary for fiscal year definitions.

TABLE 17. NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED ASYLUM BY USCIS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY FISCAL YEARS 1997-2003

Region and country of nationality	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
All nationalities	16,216	13,007	17,832	22,859	28,689	25,773	15,470
Europe	2,297	2,550	2,735	3,676	3,997	2,880	1,818
Albania	379	541	402	425	528	377	262
Armenia	246	312	377	1,137	1,428	953	462
Austria	-	-	-	-	-	D	-
Azerbaijan	84	161	150	265	373	251	76
Belarus	20	26	31	63	77	70	107
Belgium	-	D	-	D	D	-	D
Bosnia-Herzegovina	41	20	23	24	32	31	11
Bulgaria	56	72	62	79	54	65	50
Croatia	47	38	40	36	11	7	D
Czechoslovakia ¹	3	D	-	-	-	D	-
Estonia	3	7	-	7	11	16	12
France	-	-	-	-	D	3	9
Georgia	62	67	121	140	112	68	49
Germany	D	D	D	3	D	4	D
Greece	-	D	D	5	-	3	5
Hungary	4	D	D	6	3	D	-
Ireland	-	-	-	-	D	-	-
Italy	-	-	-	D	-	D	-
Kazakhstan	18	27	19	51	24	25	19
Kyrgyzstan	12	4	11	17	17	20	22
Latvia	7	3	D	11	7	10	16
Lithuania	-	3	D	D	10	17	14
Macedonia	31	22	3	8	30	36	7
Moldova	6	3	D	13	22	13	11
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	D	D	-
Norway	-	-	-	D	-	-	-
Poland	D	6	D	D	D	D	-
Portugal	-	-	D	-	-	D	-
Romania	53	46	38	39	94	134	128
Russia	381	434	558	630	539	389	292
San Marino	-	D	-	-	-	-	-
Serbia and Montenegro ²	517	453	718	521	358	120	87
Slovak Republic	D	3	4	-	D	-	D
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Soviet Union ¹	59	63	15	4	5	3	D
Spain	-	D	-	-	D	D	D
Sweden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	-	-	-	-	-	3	D
Tajikistan	6	15	17	18	5	5	6
Turkmenistan	16	13	D	10	17	16	14
Ukraine	196	142	98	94	103	92	62
United Kingdom	9	5	4	D	-	5	4
Uzbekistan	37	54	32	62	125	134	82
Asia	8,678	3,377	5,808	7,727	10,384	10,201	4,528
Afghanistan	284	296	339	268	329	186	27
Bahrain	-	D	-	3	3	D	D
Bangladesh	119	105	123	88	78	99	64
Bhutan	D	-	4	15	15	9	6
Burma	179	269	348	341	1,312	336	198
Cambodia	10	124	145	62	15	43	28
China, People's Republic	485	666	1,189	3,346	4,796	5,689	2,410
Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
India	880	395	392	647	841	1,058	281
Indonesia	D	15	1,545	937	615	489	216
Iran	416	708	779	874	873	708	322
Iraq	5,778	179	206	386	642	565	326
Israel	7	D	6	15	15	14	12
Japan	-	-	-	D	-	D	D

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 17. NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED ASYLUM BY USCIS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEARS 1997-2003—Continued**

Region and country of nationality	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Jordan ³	19	25	33	22	54	56	24
Korea	5	D	-	-	D	-	D
Kuwait	8	13	23	9	7	7	4
Laos	14	18	19	15	9	11	14
Lebanon	37	64	48	27	50	38	37
Malaysia	D	5	15	26	19	27	16
Maldives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	-	-	D	5	6	4	23
Nepal	3	17	13	18	19	69	144
Oman	-	-	-	D	-	D	-
Pakistan	268	277	370	378	408	501	275
Philippines	19	19	28	17	D	20	13
Qatar	-	-	-	-	4	D	-
Saudi Arabia	D	7	9	4	10	14	4
Singapore	D	5	3	4	11	D	D
Sri Lanka	46	53	42	56	96	77	16
Syria	34	44	34	30	27	42	12
Taiwan	-	-	6	6	D	D	-
Thailand	-	5	-	-	D	6	-
Turkey	25	20	32	54	74	71	35
United Arab Emirates	-	-	D	3	D	11	4
Vietnam	6	10	13	16	7	13	8
Yemen	29	33	41	53	38	29	4
Africa	3,074	4,938	7,128	7,272	6,328	5,860	4,047
Algeria	79	184	143	66	34	21	15
Angola	4	12	35	57	51	28	19
Benin	D	-	8	D	D	3	D
Burkina Faso	D	D	6	9	4	3	7
Burundi	57	43	51	29	52	62	26
Cameroon	79	155	244	335	322	708	823
Cape Verde	-	-	D	-	-	-	-
Central African Republic	-	3	D	D	5	23	24
Chad	D	13	20	16	11	13	25
Comoros	-	-	-	-	D	-	-
Congo, Democratic Republic ⁴	139	208	215	223	148	199	75
Congo, Republic ⁴	5	111	266	260	243	251	121
Cote d' Ivoire	15	12	17	25	43	24	126
Djibouti	-	-	D	4	3	D	-
Egypt	130	355	402	468	468	486	240
Equatorial Guinea	-	D	-	D	-	D	-
Eritrea	45	103	169	203	142	167	125
Ethiopia	452	541	1,089	1,411	1,132	1,040	576
Gabon	D	D	3	3	D	D	4
Gambia, The	56	42	46	24	32	20	29
Ghana	19	16	12	19	7	6	D
Guinea	15	53	48	93	157	184	124
Guinea-Bissau	-	-	D	5	D	D	-
Kenya	27	70	107	96	122	247	243
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	-	-	D
Liberia	478	495	669	678	760	599	353
Libya	7	10	12	21	5	4	D
Madagascar	-	-	-	-	-	D	D
Malawi	D	D	5	-	D	3	-
Mali	6	D	9	4	D	9	13
Mauritania	105	139	100	93	94	90	61
Mauritius	D	3	-	D	-	D	-
Morocco	4	5	6	7	8	15	5
Mozambique	-	-	-	D	-	-	D
Namibia	-	-	-	D	-	-	-
Niger	86	109	99	50	31	19	30

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 17. NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED ASYLUM BY USCIS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY FISCAL YEARS 1997-2003—Continued

Region and country of nationality	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Nigeria	99	145	119	44	29	27	19
Rwanda	101	85	108	97	58	40	33
Senegal	7	9	21	15	15	18	15
Sierra Leone	25	157	183	218	303	169	46
Somalia	699	1,315	2,344	1,982	1,247	435	138
South Africa	4	-	6	7	D	14	10
Sudan	266	404	441	508	519	450	111
Swaziland	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Tanzania	-	9	4	5	18	16	4
Togo	34	49	57	62	82	198	324
Tunisia	5	D	D	D	3	3	-
Uganda	15	71	55	116	117	150	74
Zambia	-	D	-	-	8	14	7
Zimbabwe	D	-	3	8	42	95	194
Oceania	8	D	35	79	341	182	59
Fiji	8	D	34	79	340	180	59
Other	-	-	1	-	1	2	-
North America	1,761	1,689	1,332	1,371	1,666	1,370	1,505
Canada	-	-	-	-	D	D	D
Mexico	32	36	56	40	48	D	D
Caribbean	1,018	601	445	875	1,277	1,045	1,199
Bahamas, The	-	D	-	-	D	-	-
Barbados	-	D	-	-	-	-	-
Cuba	313	196	252	118	76	52	35
Dominica	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Dominican Republic	-	D	D	-	3	-	-
Haiti	698	394	188	754	1,194	988	1,160
Jamaica	7	6	D	-	-	-	4
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	-	-	D	-	-	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	-	D	D	-	3	5	-
Central America	711	1,052	831	456	338	288	268
Belize	-	-	-	D	D	-	-
Costa Rica	-	-	-	D	-	D	-
El Salvador	182	388	295	146	158	72	92
Guatemala	349	468	434	275	147	179	158
Honduras	D	D	64	D	D	24	11
Nicaragua	128	146	29	20	17	D	7
Panama	D	D	9	-	-	-	-
South America	319	392	710	2,667	5,856	5,170	3,450
Argentina	-	-	-	D	3	5	12
Bolivia	-	-	11	7	3	D	13
Brazil	4	27	45	19	27	35	28
Chile	D	4	21	9	6	5	4
Colombia	48	108	229	2,469	5,671	4,950	2,990
Ecuador	-	D	D	3	13	29	D
Guyana	D	D	-	-	-	-	8
Paraguay	6	-	D	-	D	D	-
Peru	247	219	374	131	88	70	74
Suriname	D	15	6	D	-	-	-
Uruguay	D	D	-	3	D	D	D
Venezuela	9	14	18	23	41	71	317
Stateless	53	48	75	63	114	D	63
Unknown	26	11	9	4	3	D	-

¹ Data are for unknown republic only; independent republics shown separately. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ² Yugoslavia (unknown republic) prior to February 7, 2003. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ³ Includes Palestine. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ⁴ In May 1997 Zaire was formally recognized as the Democratic Republic of the Congo; the Congo is referred to by its conventional name, the Republic of the Congo. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. - Represents zero. D Disclosure standards not met. NOTE: USCIS represents U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

TABLE 18. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH USCIS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY: FISCAL YEAR 2003

Region and country of nationality	Cases filed during year ¹	Cases reopened during year ²	Cases granted during year	Percent approved ³	Individuals granted asylum during year ⁴	Cases denied during year
All nationalities	42,114	4,158	11,434	29	15,470	1,539
Europe	4,569	266	1,361	31	1,818	127
Albania	803	22	175	21	262	17
Armenia	924	45	371	40	462	37
Azerbaijan	153	31	61	46	76	6
Belarus	261	4	95	41	107	4
Bosnia-Herzegovina	32	D	9	28	11	3
Bulgaria	109	10	38	47	50	D
Croatia	11	3	D	18	D	D
Czechoslovakia ⁵	15	3	-	-	-	D
Estonia	53	D	7	15	12	D
France	13	4	D	13	9	D
Georgia	167	9	38	26	49	4
Germany	10	-	D	D	D	-
Hungary	5	D	-	-	-	-
Kazakhstan	46	3	11	25	19	D
Kyrgyzstan	44	3	15	33	22	D
Latvia	55	4	10	25	16	D
Lithuania	45	D	7	18	14	-
Macedonia	42	5	6	13	7	-
Moldova	36	3	9	28	11	D
Poland	41	26	-	-	-	-
Romania	175	17	85	53	128	3
Russia	722	34	220	33	292	19
Serbia and Montenegro ⁶ ...	251	13	63	26	87	12
Soviet Union ⁵	-	7	-	-	D	-
Tajikistan	11	-	4	36	6	-
Turkmenistan	30	-	11	50	14	D
Ukraine	191	8	51	28	62	D
Uzbekistan	281	3	64	25	82	7
Other	43	D	D	19	14	D
Asia	11,578	1,112	3,540	31	4,528	447
Afghanistan	51	6	16	36	27	3
Bangladesh	139	112	41	25	64	6
Burma	367	23	181	53	198	28
Cambodia	103	4	20	16	28	6
China, People's Republic...	4,750	407	2,024	36	2,410	165
India	1,168	256	247	32	281	16
Indonesia	2,808	25	147	7	216	103
Iran	488	36	250	48	322	19
Iraq	290	6	185	51	326	34
Israel	24	D	5	23	12	D
Jordan ⁷	73	6	15	19	24	9
Kuwait	14	D	4	50	4	D
Laos	18	64	13	21	14	8
Lebanon	84	7	24	33	37	3
Malaysia	31	-	16	67	16	D
Mongolia	50	D	13	38	23	3
Nepal	314	6	108	40	144	8
Pakistan	503	65	165	37	275	13
Philippines	47	65	8	5	13	7
Sri Lanka	81	D	10	17	16	D

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 18. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH USCIS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY: FISCAL YEAR 2003—Continued

Region and country of nationality	Cases filed during year ¹	Cases reopened during year ²	Cases granted during year	Percent approved ³	Individuals granted asylum during year ⁴	Cases denied during year
Syria	40	-	7	17	12	D
Thailand	3	5	-	-	-	D
Turkey	57	6	22	52	35	D
Vietnam	15	-	4	40	8	-
Yemen	21	4	3	11	4	D
Other	39	3	12	33	19	5
Africa	9,342	442	3,400	39	4,047	407
Algeria	43	4	13	38	15	-
Angola	33	D	11	30	19	5
Benin	11	D	D	D	D	-
Burkina Faso	32	-	7	26	7	-
Burundi	71	-	25	40	26	10
Cameroon	1,601	23	770	50	823	66
Central African Republic	88	D	23	29	24	D
Chad	46	-	25	58	25	D
Congo, Dem. Republic	214	6	72	31	75	6
Congo, Republic	263	4	99	37	121	6
Cote d'Ivoire	476	16	105	32	126	12
Egypt	404	12	152	36	240	20
Eritrea	194	6	112	55	125	10
Ethiopia	874	37	506	59	576	41
Gambia, The	91	25	26	36	29	3
Ghana	29	19	D	D	D	-
Guinea	657	22	110	17	124	13
Kenya	544	10	176	49	243	16
Liberia	567	34	293	55	353	78
Mali	32	21	9	27	13	D
Mauritania	736	68	57	6	61	5
Morocco	13	-	4	40	5	-
Niger	83	5	25	34	30	5
Nigeria	100	17	15	18	19	3
Rwanda	70	3	33	49	33	5
Senegal	89	12	12	15	15	D
Sierra Leone	362	7	44	18	46	11
Somalia	159	53	103	45	138	3
South Africa	39	4	5	13	10	3
Sudan	149	5	92	50	111	17
Tanzania	51	D	4	11	4	D
Togo	630	5	276	51	324	20
Uganda	157	11	66	41	74	4
Zambia	35	-	6	26	7	-
Zimbabwe	358	3	114	42	194	37
Other	41	5	8	22	9	D
Oceania	49	35	28	16	59	27
Fiji	44	35	28	16	59	27
Other	5	-	-	-	-	-
North America	9,576	2,019	1,138	13	1,505	291
Canada	3,846	173	26	1	36	5
Mexico	D	D	-	-	D	-
Caribbean	3,393	316	923	33	1,199	58
Cuba	77	16	D	50	35	D
Haiti	3,276	272	891	32	1,160	48

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TABLE 18. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH USCIS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY: FISCAL YEAR 2003—Continued

Region and country of nationality	Cases filed during year ¹	Cases reopened during year ²	Cases granted during year	Percent approved ³	Individuals granted asylum during year ⁴	Cases denied during year
Jamaica	22	7	D	18	4	D
Trinidad and Tobago	6	15	-	-	-	-
Other	12	6	-	-	-	-
Central America	2,335	1,529	189	8	268	228
El Salvador	180	745	57	7	92	163
Guatemala	2,077	646	118	9	158	56
Honduras	44	61	7	9	11	4
Nicaragua	25	73	7	23	7	3
Other	9	4	-	-	-	2
South America	6,507	267	1,913	35	3,450	236
Argentina	589	33	8	7	12	D
Bolivia	13	3	8	42	13	-
Brazil	138	18	24	24	28	-
Chile	13	D	4	40	4	-
Colombia	4,547	109	1,652	36	2,990	202
Ecuador	28	49	D	8	D	-
Guyana	19	20	5	29	8	D
Peru	188	23	43	22	74	8
Uruguay	72	D	D	7	D	-
Venezuela	896	3	166	34	317	22
Other	4	D	-	-	-	-
Stateless	139	7	54	36	63	4
Unknown	354	10	-	-	-	-

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TABLE 18. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH USCIS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY: FISCAL YEAR 2003—Continued

Region and country of nationality	Individuals denied asylum during year	Cases referred to immigration judge, past filing deadline ⁸	Cases otherwise closed during year ⁹	Cases referred to immigration judge, not interviewed	Cases referred to immigration judge, interviewed
All nationalities	2,582	11,221	45,005	3,055	15,262
Europe	226	770	1,116	304	2,077
Albania	32	202	76	21	449
Armenia	64	109	29	66	422
Azerbaijan	8	19	9	61	47
Belarus	4	20	6	9	110
Bosnia-Herzegovina	3	6	3	D	14
Bulgaria	4	13	71	6	29
Croatia	4	D	D	D	7
Czechoslovakia ⁵	D	9	12	-	3
Estonia	3	14	6	5	24
France	7	-	14	D	12
Georgia	7	44	8	18	58
Germany	-	-	D	-	4
Hungary	-	3	26	D	3
Kazakhstan	4	7	6	D	24
Kyrgyzstan	D	10	-	D	19
Latvia	D	8	4	4	21
Lithuania	D	7	5	-	25
Macedonia	D	10	6	D	32
Moldova	3	5	3	3	16
Poland	-	15	65	-	19
Romania	5	16	256	5	57
Russia	29	119	159	62	301
Serbia and Montenegro ⁶ ...	18	32	95	3	136
Soviet Union ⁵	-	-	165	-	-
Tajikistan	-	D	D	-	6
Turkmenistan	4	D	D	D	8
Ukraine	D	45	61	11	83
Uzbekistan	15	43	8	18	139
Other	4	11	18	D	9
Asia	714	3,067	2,659	713	4,509
Afghanistan	5	6	33	7	20
Bangladesh	14	41	109	14	75
Burma	36	49	60	16	86
Cambodia	6	32	17	6	64
China, People's Republic ..	219	1,098	419	315	2,327
India	32	142	586	155	369
Indonesia	175	1,318	171	73	653
Iran	32	76	161	44	174
Iraq	64	35	29	11	110
Israel	5	8	13	D	8
Jordan ⁷	22	21	42	8	36
Kuwait	D	-	13	D	D
Laos	13	D	362	-	41
Lebanon	4	16	50	5	30
Malaysia	D	3	3	4	4
Mongolia	5	D	-	D	16
Nepal	14	31	12	4	122
Pakistan	30	114	141	31	156
Philippines	13	20	352	3	117
Sri Lanka	6	16	9	4	32

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TABLE 18. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH USCIS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY: FISCAL YEAR 2003—Continued

Region and country of nationality	Individuals denied asylum during year	Cases referred to immigration judge, past filing deadline ⁸	Cases otherwise closed during year ⁹	Cases referred to immigration judge, not interviewed	Cases referred to immigration judge, interviewed
Syria	3	14	12	3	20
Thailand	D	D	25	-	3
Turkey	D	5	11	D	14
Vietnam	-	4	4	D	D
Yemen	D	7	15	D	16
Other	6	7	10	D	12
Africa	569	1,636	649	684	3,352
Algeria	D	12	27	D	9
Angola	5	5	D	D	16
Benin	-	-	-	-	5
Burkina Faso	-	3	3	D	17
Burundi	10	13	-	D	15
Cameroon	73	91	27	22	619
Central African Republic	D	14	5	6	40
Chad	D	D	-	-	15
Congo, Dem. Republic	6	51	16	7	100
Congo, Republic	12	64	12	14	96
Cote d'Ivoire	23	103	20	20	112
Egypt	49	69	22	3	185
Eritrea	14	15	8	3	65
Ethiopia	51	98	119	15	216
Gambia, The	5	20	19	3	24
Ghana	-	3	21	D	14
Guinea	19	204	23	38	305
Kenya	26	58	11	13	110
Liberia	88	36	67	42	129
Mali	D	16	14	-	7
Mauritania	5	353	102	302	500
Morocco	-	3	D	3	3
Niger	10	15	11	6	29
Nigeria	7	21	29	7	45
Rwanda	5	6	3	D	24
Senegal	3	28	6	6	37
Sierra Leone	12	85	14	36	101
Somalia	3	66	15	99	57
South Africa	9	9	11	D	23
Sudan	22	10	12	10	64
Tanzania	D	17	D	D	14
Togo	23	40	8	8	203
Uganda	7	27	6	D	65
Zambia	-	6	-	-	11
Zimbabwe	72	59	5	4	64
Other	4	14	9	5	13
Oceania	57	10	262	6	109
Fiji	57	8	260	6	107
Other	-	2	2	-	2
North America	429	4,314	39,758	1,180	2,779
Canada	14	3,200	197	568	174
Mexico	D	D	D	-	-
Caribbean	97	376	4,823	270	1,477
Cuba	D	D	413	D	20
Haiti	87	368	4,378	260	1,448

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 18. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH USCIS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY: FISCAL YEAR 2003—Continued

Region and country of nationality	Individuals denied asylum during year	Cases referred to immigration judge, past filing deadline ⁸	Cases otherwise closed during year ⁹	Cases referred to immigration judge, not interviewed	Cases referred to immigration judge, interviewed
Jamaica	D	4	7	D	4
Trinidad and Tobago	-	D	12	-	D
Other	-	D	13	-	D
Central America	317	737	34,736	342	1,128
El Salvador	238	119	22,690	117	456
Guatemala	68	581	8,866	217	611
Honduras	4	26	92	D	43
Nicaragua	3	7	3,083	D	14
Other	4	4	5	-	4
South America	581	1,270	546	155	2,125
Argentina	8	71	189	6	38
Bolivia	-	6	3	-	5
Brazil	-	43	33	14	32
Chile	-	6	3	D	-
Colombia	502	956	142	111	1,736
Ecuador	D	13	43	-	10
Guyana	D	4	17	D	7
Peru	12	43	72	8	104
Uruguay	-	6	24	D	8
Venezuela	52	120	12	11	182
Other	-	2	8	-	3
Stateless	6	30	10	13	64
Unknown	-	124	5	-	247

¹ Cases filed and reopened in the same year are included only with cases filed. ² Cases reopened that were filed in a prior fiscal year. ³ The number of cases granted divided by the sum of cases granted, denied, referred past filing deadline, and referred to an immigration judge following an interview. ⁴ See Limitations of Data in the text for a discussion of the relationship between individuals and cases granted asylum. ⁵ Data are for unknown republic only; independent republics shown separately. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ⁶ Yugoslavia (unknown republic) prior to February 7, 2003. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ⁷ Includes Palestine. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ⁸ These cases referred because they were filed after the applicants had been in the United States for a year. ⁹ Include ABC interview no show cases. See Asylum section of text.

- Represents zero. D Disclosure standards not met.

NOTE: USCIS represents U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**TABLE 19. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH USCIS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY
ASYLUM OFFICE AND STATE OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEAR 2003**

Asylum office and state of residence	Cases filed during year ¹	Cases reopened during year ²	Cases granted during year	Percent approved ³	Individuals granted asylum during year	Cases denied during year
Total	42,114	4,158	11,434	29	15,470	1,539
Asylum office:						
Arlington	5,859	370	2,182	52	2,718	110
Chicago	3,480	276	700	21	990	220
Houston	1,948	111	255	12	397	210
Los Angeles	8,027	685	2,033	22	2,544	360
Miami	9,175	525	2,639	34	4,203	247
New York	3,807	677	697	18	841	56
Newark	4,475	800	824	20	1,101	145
San Francisco	5,343	714	2,104	43	2,676	191
State:						
Alabama	53	9	3	50	3	D
Alaska	27	3	16	53	19	-
Arizona	195	27	37	20	53	5
Arkansas	32	11	3	4	5	10
California	11,901	1,279	3,833	29	4,814	522
Colorado	481	14	57	11	88	17
Connecticut	169	27	50	25	71	4
Delaware	32	31	11	26	15	D
District of Columbia	289	24	152	54	165	8
Florida	8,730	490	2,494	34	4,017	239
Georgia	1,515	64	40	13	68	3
Hawaii	16	D	13	20	13	-
Idaho	16	7	D	50	7	D
Illinois	471	25	153	30	211	36
Indiana	157	8	57	32	74	25
Iowa	241	8	11	13	14	7
Kansas	112	12	15	18	25	4
Kentucky	152	46	34	8	43	10
Louisiana	32	4	7	17	7	3
Maine	24	D	9	69	17	-
Maryland	2,514	123	1,328	55	1,559	57
Massachusetts	583	94	154	30	214	13
Michigan	536	19	193	34	323	55
Minnesota	329	22	125	46	147	29
Mississippi	5	D	D	9	4	3
Missouri	137	6	25	29	36	D
Montana	-	-	D	33	D	D
Nebraska	393	20	15	7	22	19
Nevada	107	30	52	25	79	11
New Hampshire	186	D	10	10	16	D
New Jersey	750	280	167	23	239	34
New Mexico	10	-	4	33	6	-
New York	5,652	983	1,023	18	1,226	102
North Carolina	384	30	176	52	258	12
North Dakota	D	D	D	67	4	D
Ohio	888	95	84	9	116	21
Oklahoma	57	3	8	13	11	15
Oregon	73	17	28	45	36	D
Pennsylvania	1,030	38	174	19	241	50
Rhode Island	59	17	14	35	19	5
South Carolina	84	7	4	20	9	-
South Dakota	16	3	D	6	D	3
Tennessee	455	14	27	6	35	22
Texas	791	64	155	19	238	135
Utah	82	3	14	14	32	7
Vermont	8	4	D	33	3	-
Virginia	1,003	117	445	51	608	27
Washington	826	32	72	44	95	4
West Virginia	12	-	6	46	14	-
Wisconsin	79	7	22	23	34	10
Wyoming	D	-	-	-	-	-
Guam	81	D	D	11	D	-
Puerto Rico	14	D	18	53	25	-
U.S. Virgin Islands	322	31	86	29	88	-

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 19. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH USCIS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY
ASYLUM OFFICE AND STATE OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEAR 2003—Continued**

Asylum office and state of residence	Individuals denied asylum during year	Cases referred to immigration judge, past filing deadline ⁴	Cases otherwise closed during year ⁵	Cases referred to immigration judge, not interviewed	Cases referred to immigration judge, interviewed
Total	2,582	11,221	45,005	3,055	15,262
Asylum office:					
Arlington	155	703	5,708	88	1,229
Chicago	329	987	1,423	631	1,420
Houston	313	565	2,421	238	1,035
Los Angeles	561	3,975	16,910	922	2,740
Miami	603	1,673	6,365	429	3,290
New York	101	1,077	4,633	133	2,059
Newark	206	1,328	2,657	41	1,825
San Francisco	314	913	4,888	573	1,664
State:					
Alabama	D	D	25	-	D
Alaska	-	D	26	-	11
Arizona	6	65	179	39	78
Arkansas	13	9	346	D	52
California	836	4,669	20,359	1,352	3,998
Colorado	24	240	191	35	222
Connecticut	6	36	107	-	108
Delaware	D	6	43	-	24
District of Columbia ...	9	37	756	7	83
Florida	581	1,619	6,237	351	3,050
Georgia	4	195	311	16	81
Hawaii	-	8	66	6	45
Idaho	D	-	14	-	D
Illinois	44	90	271	30	228
Indiana	39	34	93	9	64
Iowa	10	41	113	17	27
Kansas	4	28	61	5	37
Kentucky	11	105	145	120	259
Louisiana	6	13	46	3	19
Maine	-	D	12	-	3
Maryland	85	275	2,027	30	753
Massachusetts	18	113	1,136	17	225
Michigan	103	108	96	78	205
Minnesota	36	34	141	10	82
Mississippi	3	D	10	D	6
Missouri	D	30	45	10	29
Montana	D	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	24	81	164	26	95
Nevada	17	42	602	27	100
New Hampshire	5	52	33	D	38
New Jersey	40	172	777	7	340
New Mexico	-	4	12	D	4
New York	174	1,710	4,894	155	2,878
North Carolina	15	79	204	17	73
North Dakota	D	-	-	D	-
Ohio	32	412	295	324	393
Oklahoma	21	19	36	4	19
Oregon	D	13	170	17	19
Pennsylvania	72	354	153	6	317
Rhode Island	11	3	153	-	18
South Carolina	-	8	23	-	8
South Dakota	5	4	15	D	8
Tennessee	36	138	128	93	245
Texas	208	113	1,607	94	400
Utah	9	17	95	3	63
Vermont	-	-	D	D	D
Virginia	39	156	2,423	23	239
Washington	6	33	275	29	53
West Virginia	-	D	5	-	6
Wisconsin	19	23	23	-	39
Wyoming	-	-	D	-	-
Guam	-	3	5	17	14
Puerto Rico	-	6	14	3	10
U.S. Virgin Islands	-	17	39	67	190

¹ Cases filed and reopened in the same year are included only with cases filed. ² Cases reopened that were filed in a prior fiscal year. ³ The number of cases granted divided by the sum of cases granted, denied, referred past filing deadline, and referred to an immigration judge following an interview. ⁴ These cases referred because they were filed after the applicants had been in the United States for a year. ⁵ Include ABC interview no show cases. See Asylum section of text.
- Represents zero. D Disclosure standards not met. NOTE: USCIS represents U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**TABLE 20. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT
RESIDENT STATUS BY ENACTMENT
FISCAL YEARS 1946-2003**

Enactment	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80
Total	3,772,411	213,347	492,371	212,843	539,447
Presidential Directive of 12/22/45	40,324	40,324	X	X	X
Displaced Persons Act of 6/25/48	409,696	173,023	236,669	4	X
Orphan Act of 7/29/53	466	X	466	X	X
Refugee Relief Act of 8/7/53	189,025	X	188,993	28	D
Refugee-Escapee Act of 9/11/57	29,462	X	24,263	5,199	X
Hungarian Refugee Act of 7/25/58	30,752	X	30,491	258	D
Azores and Netherlands Refugee Act of 9/2/58	22,213	X	10,057	12,156	X
Refugee Relatives Act of 9/22/59	1,820	X	1,432	388	X
Fair Share Refugee Act of 7/14/60	19,800	X	X	19,714	D
Refugee Conditional Entrants Act of 10/3/65	142,103	X	X	39,149	102,625
Cuban Adjustment Act of 11/2/66	661,813	X	X	135,947	252,119
Indochinese Refugee Act of 10/28/77	175,176	X	X	X	137,309
Refugee Parolee Act of 10/5/78	139,302	X	X	X	46,058
Refugee Act of 1980, 3/17/80	1,905,306	X	X	X	1,250
Refugees	1,738,065	X	X	X	X
Asylees	167,241	X	X	X	1,250
P.L. 105-277 (Iraqi asylees) of 10/20/98.....	4,943	X	X	X	X
Syrian Adjustment Act of 10/27/00.....	207	X	X	X	X

Enactment	1981-90	1991-2000	2001	2002	2003
Total	1,013,620	1,021,266	108,506	126,084	44,927
Presidential Directive of 12/22/45	X	X	X	X	X
Displaced Persons Act of 6/25/48	X	X	X	X	X
Orphan Act of 7/29/53	X	X	X	X	X
Refugee Relief Act of 8/7/53	D	X	X	X	X
Refugee-Escapee Act of 9/11/57	X	X	X	X	X
Hungarian Refugee Act of 7/25/58	D	X	D	X	X
Azores and Netherlands Refugee Act of 9/2/58	X	X	X	X	X
Refugee Relatives Act of 9/22/59	X	X	X	X	X
Fair Share Refugee Act of 7/14/60	3	D	X	X	X
Refugee Conditional Entrants Act of 10/3/65	329	X	X	X	X
Cuban Adjustment Act of 11/2/66	105,898	116,604	21,207	22,374	7,664
Indochinese Refugee Act of 10/28/77	37,752	D	D	D	6
Refugee Parolee Act of 10/5/78	92,971	265	4	X	4
Refugee Act of 1980, 3/17/80	776,664	901,173	86,201	103,170	36,848
Refugees	734,259	807,437	76,090	93,457	26,822
Asylees	42,405	93,736	10,111	9,713	10,026
P.L. 105-277 (Iraqi asylees) of 10/20/98.....	X	3,116	1,090	D	199
Syrian Adjustment Act of 10/27/00.....	X	X	X	D	206

NOTE: See Glossary for fiscal year definitions.

D Disclosure standards not met. X Not applicable.

**TABLE 21. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1946-2003**

Region and country of birth	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-2000	2002	2003
All countries	3,772,411	213,347	492,371	212,843	539,447	1,013,620	1,021,266	126,084	44,927
Europe	1,513,325	211,983	456,146	55,235	71,858	155,512	426,565	62,911	17,290
Albania	7,963	29	1,409	1,952	395	289	3,255	170	350
Armenia	2,897	X	X	X	X	X	2,161	265	150
Austria	17,648	4,801	11,487	233	185	424	390	71	20
Azerbaijan	13,320	X	X	X	X	X	12,072	497	275
Belarus	28,098	X	X	X	X	X	24,581	1,446	523
Belgium	96	NA	NA	NA	21	33	26	7	D
Bosnia-Herzegovina	91,774	X	X	X	X	X	37,591	25,033	5,847
Bulgaria	7,363	139	1,138	1,799	1,238	1,197	1,679	34	82
Croatia	8,273	X	X	X	X	X	1,807	3,315	814
Czech Republic	6	X	X	X	X	X	D	D	-
Czechoslovakia ¹	38,013	8,449	10,719	5,709	3,646	8,204	1,255	15	D
Denmark	29	NA	NA	NA	D	D	18	3	D
Estonia	12,326	7,143	4,103	16	D	25	843	79	22
Finland	18	NA	NA	NA	D	5	10	D	-
France	589	NA	NA	NA	139	268	142	15	11
Georgia	3,015	X	X	X	X	X	2,593	174	70
Germany	106,179	36,633	62,860	665	143	851	1,309	1,889	484
Gibraltar	D	NA	NA	NA	D	-	-	-	-
Greece	31,559	124	28,568	586	478	1,408	374	5	4
Hungary	76,508	6,086	55,740	4,044	4,358	4,942	1,285	24	10
Iceland	4	NA	NA	NA	D	D	-	-	-
Ireland	22	NA	NA	NA	8	6	6	D	-
Italy	63,717	642	60,657	1,198	346	394	412	33	20
Kazakstan	5,752	X	X	X	X	X	4,269	648	176
Kyrgyzstan	1,811	X	X	X	X	X	1,248	196	62
Latvia	41,458	21,422	16,783	49	16	48	2,757	154	54
Liechtenstein	D	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	D	-	-
Lithuania	28,681	18,694	8,569	72	23	37	1,161	33	23
Luxembourg	D	NA	NA	NA	-	D	-	-	-
Macedonia	499	X	X	X	X	X	137	185	63
Malta	14	NA	NA	NA	6	5	-	D	-
Moldova	14,797	X	X	X	X	X	11,717	1,336	422
Monaco	D	NA	NA	NA	D	-	-	-	D
Netherlands	17,735	129	14,336	3,134	8	14	36	48	22
Norway	20	NA	NA	NA	4	7	7	D	-
Poland	210,476	78,529	81,323	3,197	5,882	33,889	7,500	54	31
Portugal	5,083	D	3,650	1,361	21	21	13	D	3
Romania	76,011	4,180	12,057	7,158	6,812	29,798	15,708	85	94
Russia	71,989	X	X	X	X	X	60,404	5,089	1,738
San Marino	D	NA	NA	NA	D	-	-	-	-
Serbia & Montenegro ²	105,024	9,816	44,755	18,299	11,297	324	6,274	8,556	1,513
Slovak Republic	43	X	X	X	X	X	31	4	3
Slovenia	242	X	X	X	X	X	97	70	15
Soviet Union ³	242,889	14,072	30,059	871	31,309	72,306	90,533	1,508	610
Spain	10,946	D	246	4,114	5,317	736	443	31	19
Sweden	45	NA	NA	NA	3	NA	17	11	5
Switzerland	194	NA	NA	NA	12	NA	46	72	25
Tajikistan	2,728	X	X	X	X	X	2,546	53	29
Turkmenistan	486	X	X	X	X	X	410	33	15
Ukraine	134,820	X	X	X	X	X	109,739	10,601	3,350
United Kingdom	414	NA	NA	NA	58	192	120	23	12
Uzbekistan	21,994	X	X	X	X	X	19,539	1,038	318
Unknown Europe	9,750	1,082	7,687	778	123	80	-	-	-
Asia	1,379,836	1,106	33,422	19,895	210,683	712,092	351,347	21,414	9,885
Afghanistan	35,231	-	D	-	542	22,946	9,725	1,044	716

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**TABLE 21. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1946-2003—Continued**

Region and country of birth	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-2000	2002	2003
Bahrain	5	NA	NA	NA	-	NA	5	-	-
Bangladesh	1,107	NA	NA	NA	D	NA	566	180	155
Bhutan	4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	D	D	D
Burma	1,671	NA	NA	NA	70	NA	721	372	327
Cambodia	128,351	-	-	-	7,739	114,064	6,388	47	38
China ⁴	49,244	319	12,008	5,308	13,760	7,928	7,608	695	805
Cyprus	67	NA	NA	NA	48	NA	9	D	7
Hong Kong	9,569	-	1,076	2,128	3,468	1,916	611	105	18
India	6,602	NA	NA	NA	41	NA	2,544	1,558	1,517
Indonesia	17,908	-	8,253	7,658	222	1,385	201	58	20
Iran	80,018	118	192	58	364	46,773	24,313	4,806	2,030
Iraq	44,914	-	130	119	6,851	7,540	22,557	3,434	1,223
Israel	294	NA	NA	NA	76	NA	176	18	12
Japan	4,567	3	3,803	554	56	110	24	5	11
Jordan ⁵	484	NA	NA	NA	88	NA	333	32	20
Korea	4,657	-	3,116	1,316	65	120	26	7	4
Kuwait	614	NA	NA	NA	11	NA	469	61	36
Laos	203,004	-	-	-	21,690	142,964	37,265	374	191
Lebanon	1,839	NA	NA	NA	595	NA	1,028	101	77
Macau	32	NA	NA	NA	29	NA	3	-	-
Malaysia	869	NA	NA	NA	189	NA	385	72	13
Maldives	4	NA	NA	NA	-	NA	D	D	-
Mongolia	37	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	31	D	-
Nepal	52	NA	NA	NA	D	NA	32	5	12
Oman	8	NA	NA	NA	D	5	D	-	-
Pakistan	2,822	NA	NA	NA	20	NA	1,650	467	365
Philippines	1,368	NA	NA	NA	213	NA	968	68	30
Qatar	19	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	18	-	-
Saudia Arabia	1,063	NA	NA	NA	10	NA	880	57	46
Singapore	57	NA	NA	NA	28	NA	13	5	D
Sri Lanka	492	NA	NA	NA	24	NA	354	52	43
Syria	7,008	4	119	383	1,336	2,145	2,125	261	308
Thailand	55,662	-	15	13	1,241	30,259	22,759	498	224
Turkey	7,263	603	1,427	1,489	1,193	1,896	559	36	28
United Arab Emirates ..	68	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	59	4	D
Vietnam	700,443	-	D	7	150,266	324,453	206,857	6,926	1,581
Yemen	219	NA	NA	NA	22	11	80	61	23
Unknown Asia	12,200	59	3,280	862	422	7,577	-	-	-
Africa	112,146	20	1,768	5,486	2,991	22,149	51,649	13,454	7,723
Algeria	345	NA	NA	NA	D	5	138	77	78
Angola	367	NA	NA	NA	4	255	91	8	6
Benin	104	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	20	50	19
Botswana	99	NA	NA	NA	NA	85	9	D	3
Burkina Faso	40	NA	NA	NA	D	-	14	10	D
Burundi	390	NA	NA	NA	NA	8	148	107	63
Cameroon	519	NA	NA	NA	NA	9	302	77	87
Cape Verde.....	25	NA	NA	NA	4	13	6	-	D
Central African Rep. ...	7	NA	NA	NA	D	D	D	D	D
Chad	93	NA	NA	NA	7	-	43	23	D
Congo, Democratic Republic ⁶	1,415	NA	NA	NA	7	192	924	128	87
Congo, Republic	568	NA	NA	NA	D	D	25	341	166
Cote d' Ivoire	319	NA	NA	NA	D	D	119	102	44
Djibouti	78	NA	NA	NA	NA	19	20	22	8
Egypt	9,669	8	1,354	5,396	1,473	426	420	269	187
Equatorial Guinea	4	NA	NA	NA	-	D	-	D	D
Eritrea	751	X	X	X	X	X	608	51	56

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**TABLE 21. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1946-2003—Continued**

Region and country of birth	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-2000	2002	2003
Ethiopia ⁷	41,780	NA	61	D	1,307	18,542	17,865	1,897	1,225
Gabon	11	NA	NA	NA	NA	D	6	4	-
Gambia, The	216	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	54	57	44
Ghana	837	NA	NA	NA	3	135	431	101	86
Guinea	72	NA	NA	NA	NA	15	50	4	D
Guinea-Bissau	124	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	36	26	31
Kenya.....	2,469	NA	NA	NA	4	87	1,447	411	188
Lesotho	39	NA	NA	NA	D	29	9	-	-
Liberia	7,489	NA	NA	NA	D	109	3,839	1,680	883
Libya	997	NA	NA	NA	14	363	591	8	13
Madagascar	D	NA	NA	NA	-	D	-	-	D
Malawi	69	NA	NA	NA	8	33	23	-	D
Mali	33	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	12	8	5
Mauritania	430	NA	NA	NA	NA	D	211	62	88
Mauritius	30	NA	NA	NA	D	NA	19	D	D
Morocco	48	NA	NA	NA	3	11	23	5	5
Mozambique	111	NA	NA	NA	3	72	31	3	D
Namibia	117	NA	NA	NA	3	71	37	D	4
Niger	211	NA	NA	NA	NA	D	27	88	25
Nigeria	1,411	NA	NA	NA	6	14	443	442	206
Reunion	D	NA	NA	NA	-	D	-	-	-
Rwanda	772	NA	NA	NA	-	3	389	187	87
Sao Tome and Principe	D	NA	NA	NA	-	D	-	-	-
Senegal	96	NA	NA	NA	D	NA	40	16	20
Seychelles	16	NA	NA	NA	NA	12	3	-	D
Sierra Leone	1,772	NA	NA	NA	D	21	272	722	540
Somalia	25,638	NA	NA	NA	6	70	16,837	4,084	2,157
South Africa	516	NA	NA	NA	14	285	195	6	5
Sudan	9,621	NA	NA	NA	4	739	5,191	1,987	1,107
Swaziland	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	D	D	D
Tanzania	79	NA	NA	NA	D	7	32	16	13
Togo	588	NA	NA	NA	D	NA	114	303	126
Tunisia	21	NA	NA	NA	D	NA	7	3	4
Uganda	917	NA	NA	NA	58	301	439	53	31
Zambia	121	NA	NA	NA	3	53	52	7	5
Zimbabwe	68	NA	NA	NA	3	24	32	D	6
Unknown Africa	623	12	353	D	40	130	-	-	-
Oceania	523	7	75	21	37	22	291	33	18
American Samoa	D	NA	NA	NA	D	-	-	-	-
Australia	31	NA	NA	NA	21	NA	7	-	D
Fiji	338	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	280	28	D
French Polynesia	D	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	D	-	D
Guam	D	NA	NA	NA	D	-	-	-	-
New Caledonia	D	NA	NA	NA	D	NA	D	-	-
New Zealand	6	NA	NA	NA	D	4	-	-	-
Palau	3	X	X	X	X	X	-	D	-
Papua New Guinea	5	NA	NA	NA	D	3	-	-	-
Soloman Islands	4	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	D	D
Vanuatu	D	X	X	X	-	-	-	D	-
Wallis and Futuna Is.	D	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	D	-	-
Unknown Oceania	126	7	75	21	8	15	-	-	-
North America	752,825	163	831	132,068	252,633	121,840	185,333	26,807	8,454
Canada	231	NA	NA	NA	96	NA	80	D	D
Greenland	D	NA	NA	NA	D	D	-	-	-
Mexico	870	NA	NA	NA	202	NA	416	100	85
St. Pierre and Miquelon	D	NA	NA	NA	D	-	-	-	-
United States	29	NA	NA	NA	5	NA	20	D	D

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**TABLE 21. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1946-2003—Continued**

Region and country of birth	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-2000	2002	2003
Caribbean	708,540	3	6	131,557	251,825	114,213	154,235	25,706	7,547
Anguilla	5	NA	NA	NA	-	5	-	-	-
Antigua-Barbuda	D	NA	NA	NA	D	-	-	-	-
Bahamas, The	855	NA	NA	NA	D	832	14	4	D
Barbados	5	NA	NA	NA	D	4	-	-	-
Bermuda	7	NA	NA	NA	5	-	D	-	-
British Virgin Islands	D	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	D	-	-
Cayman Islands	12	NA	NA	NA	9	NA	D	D	-
Cuba	695,686	3	6	131,557	251,514	113,367	144,612	24,893	7,047
Dominica	11	NA	NA	NA	4	NA	6	-	D
Dominican Republic	399	NA	NA	NA	152	NA	193	25	16
Grenada	3	NA	NA	NA	D	NA	D	-	D
Guadeloupe	4	NA	NA	NA	-	NA	-	D	-
Haiti	11,426	NA	NA	NA	86	NA	9,364	769	472
Jamaica	64	NA	NA	NA	25	NA	22	6	7
Martinique	4	NA	NA	NA	D	NA	3	-	-
Montserrat	D	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	D	-	-
Netherlands Antilles	9	NA	NA	NA	3	NA	D	3	D
Puerto Rico	5	NA	NA	NA	NA	D	D	-	-
St. Kitts and Nevis	4	NA	NA	NA	D	D	-	-	-
St. Lucia	3	NA	NA	NA	D	D	-	-	-
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	14	NA	NA	NA	13	NA	D	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	14	NA	NA	NA	4	NA	5	3	-
Turks and Caicos Is.	6	NA	NA	NA	D	NA	5	-	-
Central America	40,795	D	D	4	289	6,973	30,582	974	806
Belize	19	NA	NA	NA	8	NA	6	D	D
Costa Rica	344	NA	NA	NA	51	NA	220	23	D
El Salvador	6,078	-	-	D	45	1,383	4,073	187	194
Guatemala	3,183	NA	NA	NA	47	NA	2,033	353	294
Honduras	1,458	NA	NA	NA	69	NA	1,050	116	99
Nicaragua	28,908	D	D	D	27	5,590	22,486	281	169
Panama	805	NA	NA	NA	42	NA	714	D	24
Unknown N. America	2,357	159	824	507	214	653	-	-	-
South America	12,992	32	74	123	1,244	1,986	5,857	1,222	1,518
Argentina	423	NA	NA	NA	101	NA	125	58	122
Bolivia	158	NA	NA	NA	10	NA	91	13	29
Brazil	267	NA	NA	NA	16	NA	136	40	41
Chile	1,231	-	5	4	415	532	171	16	61
Colombia	2,758	NA	NA	NA	217	350	1,132	380	462
Ecuador	464	NA	NA	NA	149	NA	194	43	38
Guyana	56	NA	NA	NA	7	NA	24	8	5
Paraguay	17	NA	NA	NA	4	NA	7	D	3
Peru	4,148	NA	NA	NA	132	251	2,507	402	457
Suriname	71	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	59	D	8
Uruguay	80	NA	NA	NA	43	NA	16	D	11
Venezuela	2,586	NA	NA	NA	83	407	1,395	253	281
Unknown S. America	733	32	69	119	67	446	-	-	-
Unknown or not reported	764	36	55	15	D	19	224	243	39

¹ Prior to 1993, data include independent republics; beginning in 1993 data are for unknown republic only. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions.

² Yugoslavia (unknown republic) prior to February 7, 2003. Prior to 1992, data include independent republics; beginning in 1992, data are for unknown republic only. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ³ Prior to 1992, data include independent republics; beginning in 1992 data are for unknown republic only. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ⁴ Includes People's Republic of China and Taiwan. ⁵ Prior to 2003, includes Palestine; beginning in 2003, Palestine included in Unknown. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ⁶ In May 1997 Zaire was formally recognized as the Democratic Republic of the Congo; the Congo is referred to by its conventional name, the Republic of the Congo. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. ⁷ Prior to 1993, data include Eritrea.

NOTE: See Glossary for fiscal year definitions.

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