

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

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
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	-	-	-	-

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
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

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
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
Kazakhstan	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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