

Table 11.
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AND COUNTRY OF LAST RESIDENCE: FISCAL YEAR 2008

Region and country of last residence	Total	Family-sponsored preferences	Employment-based preferences	Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens	Diversity	Refugees and asylees	Other
REGION							
Total	1,107,126	227,761	166,511	488,483	41,761	166,392	16,218
Africa	100,881	5,666	4,683	35,808	17,492	36,838	394
Asia	369,339	86,844	86,517	144,741	8,443	41,941	853
Europe	121,146	6,546	27,401	52,019	13,616	20,335	1,229
North America	394,867	112,797	22,463	196,505	705	50,749	11,648
Oceania	5,926	799	1,457	2,883	634	126	27
South America	96,178	14,384	14,848	53,381	618	12,697	250
Unknown	18,789	725	9,142	3,146	253	3,706	1,817
COUNTRY							
Total	1,107,126	227,761	166,511	488,483	41,761	166,392	16,218
Afghanistan	1,402	109	599	376	15	292	11
Albania	5,434	109	58	2,002	1,885	1,377	3
Algeria	898	24	63	297	455	56	3
Angola	187	18	24	82	5	58	-
Anguilla	26	D	D	16	-	-	-
Antigua-Barbuda	510	234	D	264	D	-	-
Argentina	5,170	180	1,741	2,794	64	374	17
Armenia	3,598	213	224	780	674	1,686	21
Aruba	40	-	3	31	6	-	-
Australia	3,031	189	1,096	1,479	236	11	20
Austria	1,505	25	131	220	34	1,089	6
Azerbaijan	636	7	69	193	66	293	8
Bahamas	736	119	67	526	9	9	6
Bahrain	172	25	70	67	5	3	2
Bangladesh	11,299	3,107	1,052	3,836	2,897	374	33
Barbados	619	170	D	388	D	-	1
Belarus	2,296	28	299	574	625	740	30
Belgium	829	42	374	325	60	24	4
Belize	1,113	316	71	707	4	5	10
Benin	384	4	32	103	147	97	1
Bermuda	111	12	27	66	5	-	1
Bhutan	30	-	3	10	5	12	-
Bolivia	2,350	307	507	1,362	69	97	8
Bosnia-Herzegovina	850	12	51	537	39	207	4
Botswana	78	3	19	31	15	10	-
Brazil	11,813	350	3,183	7,955	45	244	36
British Virgin Islands	85	D	D	43	-	-	1
Brunei	23	D	7	8	-	D	-
Bulgaria	2,805	62	411	1,142	1,007	170	13
Burkina Faso	271	-	17	131	71	47	5
Burma	2,193	372	69	498	59	1,193	2
Burundi	99	D	D	17	5	74	-
Cambodia	3,802	402	52	2,771	107	465	5
Cameroon	3,591	79	76	699	678	2,052	7
Canada	22,366	2,338	10,803	8,536	298	188	203
Cape Verde	1,901	916	8	972	-	4	1
Cayman Islands	88	17	20	46	-	5	-
Central African Republic	70	-	D	D	-	57	-
Chad	92	-	D	20	D	67	-
Chile	1,988	156	353	1,291	19	163	6
China, People's Republic	75,410	15,466	13,257	25,540	21	21,082	44
Colombia	29,349	3,590	2,956	14,835	10	7,909	49
Congo, Democratic Republic	644	6	13	33	132	459	1
Congo, Republic	978	18	15	132	181	632	-
Costa Rica	2,287	191	212	1,626	8	243	7
Cote d'Ivoire	2,028	78	49	531	395	912	63
Croatia	631	16	79	175	16	344	1

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Region and country of last residence	Total	Family-sponsored preferences	Employment-based preferences	Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens		Refugees and asylees	Other
				Diversity			
Cuba	48,057	2,505	5	3,113	220	42,160	54
Cyprus	143	0	44	81	9	0	1
Czech Republic	166	17	59	55	28	4	3
Czechoslovakia (former)	867	8	159	646	35	15	4
Denmark	551	17	261	247	20	4	2
Djibouti	88	16	0	48	0	18	-
Dominica	428	130	0	293	0	-	-
Dominican Republic	31,801	9,922	346	21,352	0	0	25
Ecuador	11,541	2,963	1,473	6,691	88	278	48
Egypt	10,728	804	855	2,609	3,345	3,094	21
El Salvador	18,937	6,738	783	6,302	-	560	4,554
Eritrea	776	23	28	201	124	399	1
Estonia	289	7	42	184	14	42	-
Ethiopia	11,703	575	108	4,867	2,818	3,324	11
Fiji	1,113	337	14	375	273	111	3
Finland	287	5	131	133	9	7	2
France	5,246	246	2,653	1,935	344	52	16
French Polynesia	30	4	5	21	-	-	-
Gabon	110	-	5	38	11	55	1
Gambia	844	26	16	457	11	269	65
Georgia	1,264	15	182	552	240	273	2
Germany	8,456	440	2,451	4,360	798	380	27
Ghana	9,954	677	337	5,673	1,073	2,185	9
Greece	943	74	150	460	191	67	1
Grenada	763	199	45	512	0	0	2
Guadeloupe	32	11	-	21	-	-	-
Guatemala	15,791	2,791	661	8,255	24	886	3,174
Guinea	3,158	21	19	345	57	2,667	49
Guinea-Bissau	17	0	0	0	-	0	-
Guyana	6,302	3,421	150	2,668	8	45	10
Haiti	25,522	9,626	0	8,854	0	5,498	1,446
Honduras	6,389	2,060	387	3,630	14	175	123
Hong Kong	4,389	2,653	588	1,096	30	17	5
Hungary	1,071	28	266	677	76	16	8
Iceland	125	0	57	58	0	-	3
India	59,728	14,101	23,715	18,271	60	3,475	106
Indonesia	3,328	159	665	1,194	166	1,130	14
Iran	9,920	2,683	1,430	4,133	678	975	21
Iraq	1,888	100	417	592	7	765	7
Ireland	1,499	23	451	948	59	8	10
Israel	6,682	315	3,107	2,927	249	65	19
Italy	2,738	159	763	1,521	200	91	4
Jamaica	18,077	5,623	650	11,754	3	22	25
Japan	7,510	177	2,820	4,184	279	36	14
Jordan	5,692	1,718	975	2,639	39	292	29
Kazakhstan	1,345	20	118	796	108	258	45
Kenya	15,866	185	395	2,411	1,516	11,353	6
Korea ¹	26,155	2,008	15,110	8,878	137	8	14
Kuwait	937	139	240	455	41	57	5
Kyrgyzstan	585	8	43	260	96	165	13
Laos	1,064	90	38	795	3	137	1
Latvia	442	7	62	282	16	71	4
Lebanon	4,210	1,266	626	2,022	45	241	10
Lesotho	15	-	0	0	-	0	-
Liberia	3,478	179	30	1,105	470	1,686	8
Libya	177	20	15	119	18	5	-

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				Diversity			
Lithuania	928	25	105	655	112	27	4
Luxembourg	45	-	25	13	D	D	-
Macau	325	254	13	51	7	-	-
Macedonia	1,248	167	64	570	204	239	4
Madagascar	66	D	19	24	14	D	-
Malawi	122	5	20	78	7	12	-
Malaysia	1,912	150	775	759	25	198	5
Mali	552	10	34	282	28	158	40
Malta	64	-	19	39	D	D	-
Marshall Islands	45	D	D	39	-	3	-
Martinique	16	-	D	D	-	D	-
Mauritania	647	D	D	56	-	587	-
Mauritius	84	D	24	24	18	D	-
Mexico	188,015	66,541	7,560	111,410	18	614	1,872
Micronesia, Federated States	14	-	D	D	-	-	-
Moldova	1,587	20	91	416	211	712	137
Monaco	10	D	D	5	-	D	-
Mongolia	450	D	61	210	D	138	1
Montserrat	47	17	3	27	-	-	-
Morocco	4,187	221	157	2,176	1,601	19	13
Mozambique	147	D	6	23	D	110	-
Namibia	37	-	6	20	-	11	-
Nepal	4,029	93	707	645	1,597	981	6
Netherlands	1,423	50	661	600	73	32	7
Netherlands Antilles	81	20	8	50	3	-	-
New Zealand	1,092	D	322	557	106	D	2
Nicaragua	3,486	903	54	2,231	17	169	112
Niger	111	-	6	90	6	9	-
Nigeria	11,907	1,213	577	6,742	3,140	197	38
Norway	386	25	133	208	11	5	4
Oman	188	35	107	39	7	-	-
Pakistan	20,023	6,728	3,701	8,227	9	1,317	41
Palau	10	-	D	D	-	-	-
Panama	1,738	352	120	1,200	9	49	8
Papua New Guinea	19	D	6	10	D	-	-
Paraguay	489	26	106	337	4	16	-
Peru	14,873	2,763	1,352	9,733	184	799	42
Philippines	52,391	13,621	8,345	29,428	8	939	50
Poland	7,896	1,947	1,516	4,327	25	17	64
Portugal	781	116	146	494	D	D	5
Qatar	289	60	51	146	28	4	-
Romania	4,563	262	899	2,428	712	252	10
Russia	15,179	229	3,907	4,078	295	6,583	87
Rwanda	315	D	D	65	30	217	-
Saint Kitts-Nevis	347	165	D	165	D	-	-
Saint Lucia	940	201	37	699	D	D	-
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	541	185	18	335	D	D	-
Samoa	195	D	D	163	-	-	2
Saudi Arabia	1,395	242	272	546	123	209	3
Senegal	1,293	63	71	729	81	330	19
Serbia and Montenegro ²	3,004	109	305	1,417	313	843	17
Seychelles	14	5	-	5	-	4	-
Sierra Leone	2,154	103	48	679	25	1,286	13
Singapore	1,561	59	1,038	379	57	25	3
Slovak Republic	617	31	155	367	55	4	5
Slovenia	79	D	16	49	6	D	1
Solomon Islands	10	D	-	D	-	-	-
Somalia	1,388	11	D	145	D	1,224	-
South Africa	2,638	102	1,071	1,199	182	77	7
Soviet Union (former)	4,208	48	57	3,843	13	82	165
Spain	1,970	116	586	889	68	302	9

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				relatives of U.S. citizens			
Sri Lanka	1,686	179	479	427	362	235	4
Sudan	1,168	42	41	417	191	474	3
Suriname	225	72	14	124	-	10	5
Swaziland	18	D	5	9	-	D	-
Sweden	1,171	69	406	614	41	38	3
Switzerland	936	37	445	355	83	13	3
Syria	3,310	946	725	1,242	47	343	7
Taiwan	9,237	2,859	3,004	3,075	275	16	8
Tajikistan	214	3	13	61	52	84	1
Tanzania	856	64	93	394	62	242	1
Thailand	8,498	329	568	3,448	39	4,044	70
Togo	1,577	33	21	295	371	855	2
Tonga	348	121	D	208	D	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	5,836	1,356	390	4,008	53	5	24
Tunisia	371	21	58	245	32	14	1
Turkey	4,953	132	1,175	1,845	796	988	17
Turkmenistan	236	D	D	58	35	132	1
Turks and Caicos Islands	41	6	4	31	-	-	-
Uganda	1,451	23	62	447	100	818	1
Ukraine	10,262	279	1,075	3,561	2,412	2,568	367
United Arab Emirates	1,260	336	305	431	129	52	7
United Kingdom	16,189	1,378	7,079	7,294	311	64	63
Uruguay	1,380	D	228	975	D	128	2
Uzbekistan	3,682	41	136	612	1,914	941	38
Venezuela	10,689	509	2,785	4,608	126	2,634	27
Vietnam	29,807	15,701	257	12,096	5	1,462	286
Yemen	2,044	214	49	1,372	38	369	2
Zambia	741	16	74	358	34	258	1
Zimbabwe	889	41	146	338	31	330	3
All other countries	56	7	9	37	-	3	-
Unknown	18,789	725	9,142	3,146	253	3,706	1,817

D Data withheld to limit disclosure.

- Represents zero.

¹ Korea includes both North and South Korea.

² Yugoslavia (unknown republic) prior to February 7, 2003.

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.