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	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	
United States*	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	41,399
Germany*	2	2	3	5	4	5	2	3	3	6	5	5	2	2	1	3	2	4	30,579
Finland*	3	3	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	1	8	8	6	2	4	3	31,208
Switzerland*	4	8	9	8	7	4	4	8	9	8	6	3	4	6	8	8	9	5	32,571
Denmark*	5	4	4	4	6	8	6	4	4	3	4	8	6	5	10	7	8	10	34,737
Netherlands*	6	7	8	9	8	3	5	7	7	10	8	4	7	9	5	9	7	2	30,862
Sweden*	7	11	5	3	5	6	8	13	6	4	7	6	3	7	4	4	5	7	29,898
United Kingdom*	8	5	6	7	3	9	7	6	5	9	3	10	9	4	7	6	3	8	30,470
Japan*	9	9	7	13	11	16	9	9	8	19	16	17	5	3	3	5	6	9	30,615
Hong Kong SAR*	10	17	11	16	21	18	10	15	11	14	21	18	12	20	12	23	25	19	33,411
Singapore*	11	6	12	6	10	10	11	5	12	5	10	9	21	14	14	11	13	12	28,100
Austria*	12	12	16	19	14	12	14	11	17	18	13	12	10	11	15	16	15	13	33,615
Iceland*	13	16	20	14	16	15	12	17	20	12	15	15	19	15	18	18	17	15	35,586
Norway*	14	19	17	21	20	17	13	18	16	21	19	16	20	21	23	21	22	24	42,364
Canada*	15	14	15	12	12	11	16	14	15	11	11	11	18	17	16	14	18	14	34,273
France*	16	10	14	11	17	7	18	12	14	13	20	7	11	10	9	10	10	6	29,316
Belgium*	17	18	18	15	13	13	17	20	19	17	12	13	13	13	13	12	11	11	31,244
Australia*	18	13	10	10	9	14	15	10	10	7	9	14	23	23	17	13	14	17	30,897
Israel*	19	22	22	18	18	20	19	22	22	16	18	20	15	19	22	19	20	21	23,416
Malaysia*	20	23	23	24	25	37	20	23	24	24	25	35	14	25	27	26	26	34	11,201
Taiwan, China*	21	15	13	20	15	21	22	16	13	20	14	21	16	12	11	15	12	20	27,572
Ireland*	22	21	21	22	23	22	23	21	21	22	23	22	17	16	21	17	16	18	34,275
New Zealand*	23	20	19	17	19	19	21	19	18	15	17	19	24	22	20	22	24	22	24,769
Estonia*	24	27	24	27	27	26	24	25	25	25	26	26	35	32	30	35	33	32	16,414
Korea, Rep.*	25	24	26	23	22	27	29	24	27	23	22	27	22	18	19	20	19	27	20,590
Tunisia	26	36	36	31	34		25	35	33	31	33		33	45	47	39	39	—	8,255
India*	27	31	31	37	37	38	27	32	31	38	36	36	25	28	29	37	38	41	3,344
Portugal*	28	28	30	34	36	30	26	27	28	32	34	28	40	41	43	50	52	39	19,335
Chile*	29	29	29	30	29	29	28	29	30	28	28	30	29	31	36	33	36	29	11,937
Spain*	30	25	27	25	24	23	31	26	26	26	24	23	31	24	25	24	23	23	26,320
United Arab Emirates	31	32	25	—	—	—	30	30	23	—	—	—	39	35	33	—	—	—	27,957
Czech Republic*	32	26	33	35	32	31	32	28	35	36	30	29	28	27	32	34	34	44	18,375
South Africa*	33	30	28	28	30	28	34	31	29	29	31	31	27	26	24	28	30	25	12,160
Qatar	34	41	—	—	—	—	33	39	—	—	—	—	44	69	—	—	—	—	31,397
Indonesia*	35	59	53	50	66	57	38	58	55	52	67	58	26	52	37	45	59	47	4,458
Slovenia*	36	33	32	32	28	32	36	33	34	33	29	33	34	29	28	29	27	30	21,911
Thailand*	37	35	35	33	33	39	37	36	36	34	35	38	30	33	34	31	32	37	8,319
Italy*	38	37	42	26	26	24	42	38	44	27	27	24	32	30	31	25	21	16	28,760
Hungary*	39	38	40	39	31	25	35	37	38	37	32	25	43	43	52	48	29	31	17,405
Slovak Republic*	40	43	43	43	40	36	39	43	43	43	39	34	45	54	42	46	45	56	16,041
Malta	41	46	46	41	—	—	40	44	45	40	—	—	63	59	64	47	—	—	19,739
Barbados	42	—	—	—	—	—	41	—	—	—	—	—	60	—	—	—	—	—	17,610
Lithuania*	43	39	37	38	38	47	45	41	37	39	38	46	37	42	38	42	40	53	14,158
Kuwait	44	40	—	—	—	—	44	40	—	—	—	—	59	65	—	—	—	—	16,301
Cyprus	45	34	41	—	—	—	43	34	40	—	—	—	67	47	63	—	—	—	21,232
Turkey*	46	49	55	52	51	48	46	49	57	56	51	48	41	38	48	44	51	49	7,950
Latvia*	47	48	50	29	44	41	48	48	49	30	42	41	47	50	51	27	47	43	12,622
Mauritius*	48	50	51	45	49	46	49	50	51	46	50	47	46	44	45	36	46	50	12,966
Greece*	49	45	38	42	42	42	47	47	39	41	41	42	53	46	41	41	43	48	22,392
Costa Rica*	50	52	47	47	41	45	52	55	50	47	47	45	36	36	35	32	31	36	10,434
Bahrain	51	47	34	—	—	—	50	45	32	—	—	—	64	64	49	—	—	—	19,799
Jordan*	52	42	44	36	48	40	51	42	42	35	46	40	70	56	58	56	58	55	4,825
Poland*	53	44	63	44	43	33	53	46	64	44	43	32	49	40	53	40	44	33	12,994
Jamaica*	54	53	56	54	58	43	55	52	56	54	54	44	52	49	56	57	67	35	4,293
Brazil*	55	51	39	40	35	34	58	53	41	42	37	37	38	34	26	30	28	28	8,584
Croatia	56	65	70	60	55	—	54	64	70	62	56	—	56	74	72	67	53	—	12,158
Mexico*	57	58	52	48	59	51	56	57	53	48	60	51	42	55	44	38	48	45	10,186
Panama*	58	56	60	67	54	50	57	61	59	66	53	50	58	37	61	63	55	40	7,283
Colombia*	59	60	62	58	56	59	59	59	63	58	58	59	54	48	55	52	50	54	7,565
El Salvador*	60	57	64	65	62	61	60	56	62	65	62	62	61	63	66	62	62	66	4,511
Guatemala*	61	102	85	85	72	68	66	103	87	86	73	68	50	88	80	71	72	70	4,155
Uruguay*	62	63	69	66	57	44	61	60	68	61	55	43	71	77	81	78	60	52	10,028
Trinidad and Tobago*	63	62	59	51	46	35	64	63	61	51	48	39	65	61	54	54	42	26	14,258
China*	64	54	48	46	39	49	65	54	48	45	40	49	69	53	39	43	37	46	7,204

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Sri Lanka*	65	69	65	59	47	54	68	68	66	59	44	55	68	72	70	51	54	58	4,384
Morocco	66	76	45	49	45	—	62	75	47	49	45	—	80	82	46	49	41	—	4,503
Pakistan	67	67	77	75	20	—	67	66	80	74	19	—	72	66	59	81	22	68	2,628
Kenya	68	73	67	69	—	—	72	74	69	73	—	—	57	62	60	60	—	—	1,445
Botswana	69	55	57	55	53	—	63	51	52	50	52	—	86	76	75	69	61	—	11,410
Kazakhstan	70	64	—	—	—	—	70	62	—	—	—	—	74	73	—	—	—	—	8,318
Peru*	71	79	80	78	68	62	75	80	78	78	68	63	51	70	79	82	63	65	5,983
Philippines*	72	66	71	72	64	53	76	72	74	75	66	53	48	39	50	53	49	42	4,923
Tanzania	73	78	74	62	—	—	71	77	71	63	—	—	75	98	78	65	—	—	723
Romania*	74	71	61	70	67	55	73	71	60	69	64	54	73	68	67	76	70	63	8,785
Namibia	75	80	49	53	50	—	69	79	46	53	49	—	83	81	65	64	57	—	7,101
Egypt	76	—	54	57	—	—	74	—	54	57	—	—	76	58	40	58	74	38	4,317
Azerbaijan	77	72	—	—	—	—	78	73	—	—	—	—	66	67	—	—	—	—	4,601
Argentina*	78	61	72	68	65	52	79	65	73	72	65	52	62	51	62	61	56	51	14,109
Russian Federation*	79	70	58	61	60	58	77	67	58	60	59	57	78	78	69	70	64	62	11,041
Nigeria*	80	75	73	80	70	66	84	76	76	83	70	66	55	60	57	73	68	59	1,188
Ukraine*	81	68	66	73	69	56	80	69	67	71	69	56	82	71	71	77	66	60	7,156
Vietnam*	82	77	78	56	61	64	83	78	77	55	61	64	77	79	82	59	65	64	3,025
Bulgaria*	83	74	68	71	63	63	81	70	65	68	63	60	95	84	86	83	71	72	9,223
Dominican Republic*	84	98	79	64	52	60	86	101	79	67	57	61	79	87	73	55	35	61	7,203
Algeria	85	89	84	86	—	—	82	85	82	81	—	—	112	111	94	96	—	—	7,189
Serbia and Montenegro	86	86	83	81	—	—	85	83	83	80	—	—	110	107	87	89	—	—	5,348
Macedonia, FYR	87	83	87	82	—	—	87	84	86	82	—	—	90	93	88	80	—	—	7,645
Uganda	88	84	75	79	—	—	90	86	72	79	—	—	87	92	84	85	—	—	1,617
Burkina Faso	89	—	—	—	—	—	88	—	—	—	—	—	98	—	—	—	—	—	1,284
Moldova	90	88	—	—	—	—	91	89	—	—	—	—	91	89	—	—	—	—	2,374
Mali	91	85	89	89	—	—	89	82	85	87	—	—	100	109	95	101	—	—	1,154
Gambia	92	93	76	74	—	—	92	91	75	70	—	—	85	99	76	84	—	—	2,002
Venezuela*	93	91	86	83	73	65	94	92	88	84	72	65	81	85	83	74	73	67	6,186
Armenia	94	87	—	—	—	—	93	88	—	—	—	—	101	86	—	—	—	—	4,270
Benin	95	99	—	—	—	—	95	99	—	—	—	—	94	104	—	—	—	—	1,176
Bosnia and Herzegovina	96	101	91	—	—	—	96	100	90	—	—	—	107	103	97	—	—	—	6,035
Madagascar	97	96	88	87	—	—	99	95	89	88	—	—	99	105	89	91	—	—	905
Tajikistan	98	100	—	—	—	—	97	98	—	—	—	—	108	108	—	—	—	—	1,388
Mongolia	99	94	—	—	—	—	98	93	—	—	—	—	104	95	—	—	—	—	2,175
Georgia	100	90	90	—	—	—	101	90	91	—	—	—	97	91	90	—	—	—	3,616
Mauritania	101	—	—	—	—	—	102	—	—	—	—	—	88	—	—	—	—	—	2,402
Nicaragua*	102	103	97	92	76	70	100	102	95	92	77	70	109	110	101	94	76	75	3,636
Zimbabwe*	103	81	82	84	71	67	104	81	84	85	71	67	84	75	74	72	69	57	2,607
Malawi	104	82	81	76	—	—	103	87	81	76	—	—	93	80	85	75	—	—	596
Ecuador*	105	106	92	88	77	71	105	105	93	89	78	71	89	96	92	88	74	71	4,316
Honduras*	106	104	98	91	79	74	106	104	99	94	79	74	92	100	93	90	78	74	3,009
Cambodia	107	107	—	—	—	—	107	106	—	—	—	—	96	101	—	—	—	—	2,399
Bangladesh*	108	97	99	90	74	72	110	97	98	90	74	73	105	97	99	95	75	73	2,011
Suriname	109	—	—	—	—	—	108	—	—	—	—	—	115	—	—	—	—	—	5,683
Mozambique	110	95	93	95	—	—	111	96	96	95	—	—	103	94	91	92	—	—	1,389
Nepal	111	—	—	—	—	—	113	—	—	—	—	—	106	—	—	—	—	—	1,675
Kyrgyz Republic	112	105	—	—	—	—	112	107	—	—	—	—	114	90	—	—	—	—	2,088
Cameroon	113	92	—	—	—	—	114	94	—	—	—	—	102	83	—	—	—	—	2,421
Guyana	114	108	—	—	—	—	115	109	—	—	—	—	111	106	—	—	—	—	4,612
Lesotho	115	—	—	—	—	—	116	—	—	—	—	—	116	—	—	—	—	—	2,113
Zambia	116	—	—	77	—	—	109	—	—	77	—	—	123	—	—	79	—	—	931
Bolivia*	117	110	96	94	78	73	117	110	97	93	76	72	120	115	98	98	79	76	2,817
Ethiopia	118	109	95	93	—	—	118	108	94	91	—	—	121	114	100	97	—	—	823
Albania	119	111	—	—	—	—	120	111	—	—	—	—	113	102	—	—	—	—	4,764
Paraguay*	120	112	94	96	75	69	119	112	92	96	75	69	118	112	96	93	77	69	4,555
Chad	121	113	100	97	—	—	121	113	100	97	—	—	124	116	103	100	—	—	1,519

*country is part of the pooled data set

Note: Countries in italics do not pass the data consistency test in 2006.