
REFUGEES, ASYLEES, FISCAL YEAR 1999

This report will appear as chapters in the forthcoming *1999 Statistical Yearbook of the Immigration and Naturalization Service*. All references to Appendixes, Charts, Tables, and other sections of the *Statistical Yearbook*, as well as detailed table numbers, appear as they will in the final *Yearbook* edition.

II. 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.* (See Appendix 2, p. A.2-9.) Claims of persecution must be based on race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. Persons within their country of nationality may be treated as refugees, provided that the President, after consultation with Congress, declares that they are of special humanitarian concern to the United States. The definition of refugee set forth in the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended by the Refugee Act of 1980, conforms to the 1967 United Nations Protocol on Refugees.

U.S. Refugee Program

The United States first recognized refugees for entry into the country in fiscal year 1946. After that time many different refugee programs were enacted on an ad hoc basis, including the Displaced Persons Act and the Cuban and Indochinese Refugee Adjustment Acts. During the first decade of refugee programs, virtually all refugees entered the United States as immigrants. Since 1957, most refugees either have been paroled into the United States under special authority granted to the Attorney General by the Immigration and Nationality Act, or have entered in a statutory refugee status. Each of these refugees may be adjusted to lawful permanent resident status at a later date.

Chart C depicts initial refugee admissions and adjustments to lawful permanent resident status for the period 1946-99. This graph demonstrates the time lag between initial admission and adjustment to immigrant status. At the onset of parole programs there generally were no mechanisms for adjustment to permanent status, thus creating a recurring need for special legislation. The Refugee Act of 1980 addressed this situation by allowing refugees to adjust status one year after arrival. Some refugees do not adjust status for several years and some refugees never adjust status.

Admission ceilings

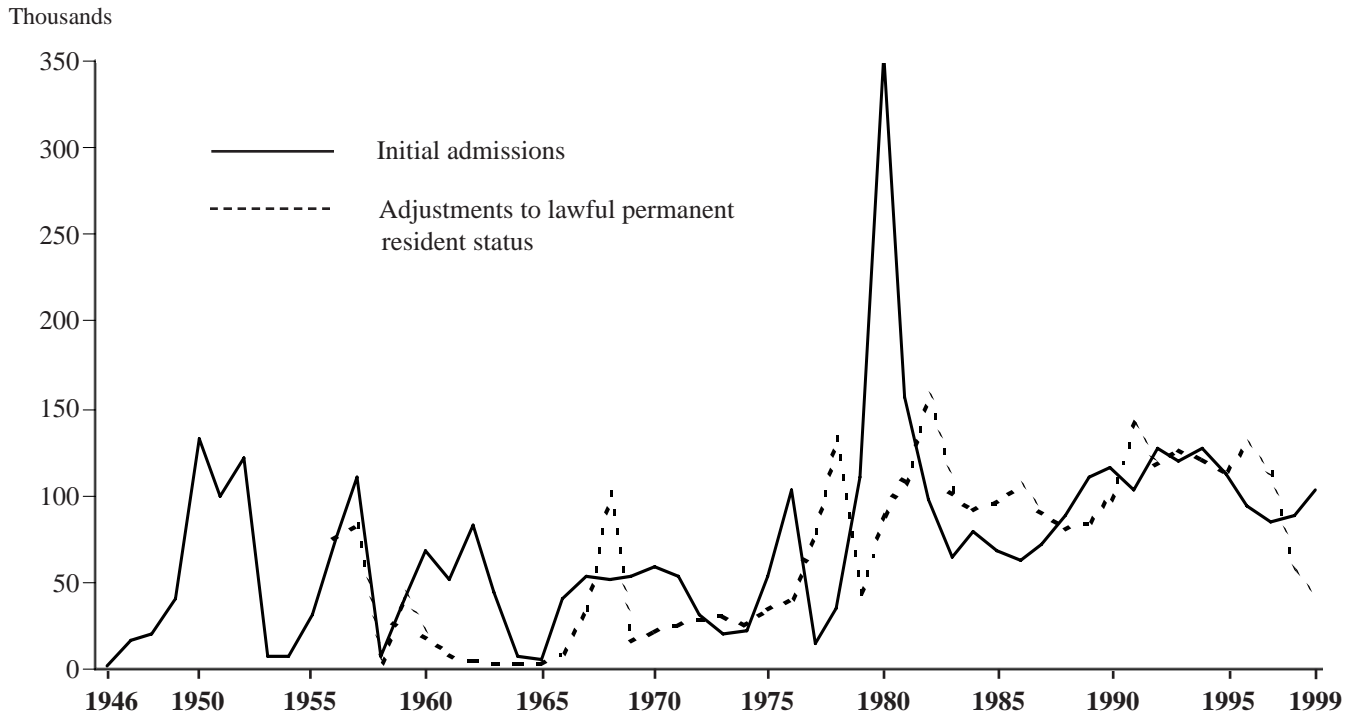
At the beginning of each fiscal year, the President, after consultation with Congress to review the worldwide refugee situation, determines the number of refugees in need of resettlement who are of special humanitarian concern to the United States. The President then establishes the authorized number of admissions for that fiscal year. During the year, changes in the need for resettlement may require revisions in the overall limit on refugee admissions or reallocation among areas of the world. The admission ceiling of 78,000 for 1999 was established and later raised and reallocated among geographic regions as follows:

Geographic region of origin	Initial ceiling	Final ceiling
Total	78,000	91,000
Africa	12,000	13,000
East Asia	9,000	10,500
Europe	48,000	61,000
Latin America / Caribbean	3,000	2,250
Near East / South Asia	4,000	4,250
Unallocated, funded	2,000	-

- Represents zero.

The authorized admission levels set the maximum number of refugees allowed to enter the United States in a fiscal year from each of the geographic areas of chargeability. The authorized ceiling was decreased from 83,000 in 1998 to 78,000 in 1999, resuming a downward trend since the peak of 142,000 in 1992. An unallocated funded reserve of 2,000 was placed in the 1999 ceiling to allow for small increases in one or more areas as needed without subtracting refugee authorized admissions from other areas. However, the need to resettle more Kosovar refugees during 1999 caused the President to raise the limit for Europe to 61,000 and the overall limit to 91,000.

Chart C
Refugee and Asylee Initial Admissions and Adjustments to Lawful Permanent Resident Status: Fiscal Years 1946-99



Major refugee programs

1949-53	Displaced Persons Act	1978-84	Indochinese Refugee Adjustment Act	3/75-3/80	Indochinese refugees paroled
1954-57	Refugee Relief Act			1980	Refugee-Parolee adjustments began
11/56-7/58	Hungarians paroled	2/70-3/80	Refugee-Parolees admitted	4/80	Refugee Act admissions began
1959	Hungarian adjustments began	1/59-3/80	Cubans paroled	1981	Refugee Act adjustments began
1966-80	Refugee conditional entrants	1967	Cuban adjustments began	4/80-10/80	Marinel boatlift
				1985-87	Marinel adjustments

NOTE: For the period 1946-56, admissions to lawful permanent resident status and initial admissions were the same. See Glossary for fiscal year definitions. Source: Tables 23, 24, 27, and 32.

The ceiling 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 241 Amerasians, including their family members, entered the United States in 1999. They are included in the immigrant rather than the refugee tables in the *Statistical Yearbook*. The Amerasian program is ending, since most of the eligible persons have already been identified and entered the United States.

Criteria for refugee status

During 1999, refugees were interviewed and approved for admission to the United States by officers in 15 of the Service's 39 overseas offices. 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 the Refugee Act of 1980; be among the types of refugees determined to be of special humanitarian concern to the United States; be admissible under the Immigration and Nationality Act; and not be firmly resettled in any foreign country. Spouses and minor children of qualifying refugees also enter the United States as refugees, either accompanying or following to join the principal refugee. Occasionally these family members gain refugee status after arriving in the United States; this was the case with 109 people in 1999.

Special program for applicants from the former Soviet Union

Beginning in 1990, the administrative processing of refugee applicants residing in the Soviet Union was shifted to the United States. Applicants from the former Soviet

Table B
Refugee-Status Applications Filed and Approved, and Refugees Admitted, by Selected Nationality: Fiscal Year 1999

Nationality	Refugee applications filed	Refugee applications approved	Refugee arrivals
All nationalities	111,576	85,592	85,076
Bosnia-Herzegovina	30,190	24,766	22,699
Yugoslavia ¹	18,415	17,970	14,280
Soviet Union ²	16,882	11,696	16,962
Vietnam	8,856	6,253	9,622
Cuba	7,339	2,701	2,018
Somalia	6,722	5,668	4,320
Liberia	4,640	2,122	2,495
Iran	3,696	2,252	1,750
Sudan	3,262	2,858	2,393
Iraq	2,906	1,861	1,955
Ethiopia	1,863	2,581	1,873
Croatia	1,681	1,215	1,660
Sierra Leone	814	633	675
Togo	758	629	93
Afghanistan	699	586	365
Nigeria	676	661	625
Other	2,177	1,140	1,291

¹ Data exclude republics of the former Yugoslavia. Refugee applications filed include 18,261 from Kosovo; applications approved, 17,831; and refugee arrivals, 14,161. ² Data are for republics of the former Soviet Union. Source: Tables 22 and 24.

Union are now required to submit an initial questionnaire to the State Department's Washington Processing Center (WPC) in Rosslyn, Virginia. The WPC establishes interview priority for applications based on information supplied on the initial questionnaires and schedules interviews in Moscow. On the day of their interview, applicants submit completed refugee applications to Service officers in Moscow. Since 1990, those applications have been counted as filed on the interview date.

Applicants from the former Soviet Union who were in other countries at the start of fiscal year 1990 are still allowed to submit applications for refugee status directly to other INS refugee processing posts. Only 10 Soviet applications were filed outside of Moscow in 1999, including 4 spouses and children who received refugee status in the United States.

Data Overview

Applications (Tables B, 21-22)

The number of applications for refugee status filed with the INS decreased from 1998 (124,777) to 1999 (111,576) (Table 21). The leading countries of chargeability of the applicants were Bosnia-Herzegovina with 27 percent of the

applications, Yugoslavia (17—principally Kosovars), the former Soviet Union (15), Vietnam (8), Cuba (7), and Somalia (6) (Table B and Table 22). Among those countries of chargeability from which at least 1,000 applications were filed in 1999, the largest percentage increases over 1998 were in applications filed by nationals from Yugoslavia (from 3 to 18,415), Somalia (from 2,638 to 6,722, 154.8 percent), Iran (1,691 to 3,696, 118.6 percent), and Liberia (4,228 to 4,640, 9.7 percent); the largest percentage decreases were in applications filed by nationals of the former Soviet Union (from 35,008 to 16,882, -51.8 percent), Vietnam (17,240 to 8,856, -48.6 percent), and Croatia (3,111 to 1,681, -46.0 percent). Overall, among the five geographic regions of chargeability from which applications for refugee status were filed in 1999, applications filed by nationals from the Near East/South Asia and Africa increased about 53 and 34 percent, respectively, while those filed by nationals from the East Asia, Europe, and Latin America/Caribbean geographic regions decreased 46, 15, and 8 percent, respectively, over 1998.

Approvals (Tables B, 21-23)

The total number of refugees approved for admission to the United States was 17 percent higher in 1999 (85,592) than in 1998 (73,198) (Table 23). The leading countries of

chargeability were Bosnia-Herzegovina with 24,766 approvals, Yugoslavia (17,970—principally Kosovars), the former Soviet Union (11,696), Vietnam (6,253), Somalia (5,668), Sudan (2,858), Cuba (2,701), and Ethiopia (2,581) (Table B and Table 22). These eight countries accounted for 87 percent of all approvals in 1999. The number approved from the former Soviet Union decreased 38 percent from 1998, reflecting a downward trend in applications in the past seven years. The numbers of refugees approved from the Latin America, Africa, the Near East, and Europe regions increased by 131, 84, 20, and 19 percent, respectively, in 1999. The significant increase in the Latin America geographic region was attributed to a large increase (131 percent) in the number of refugees approved from Cuba. Refugee approvals for Vietnam decreased more than 50 percent. All Vietnamese refugee processing centers outside Vietnam were closed by the end of 1997. Residents of former refugee camps were asked to return to Vietnam. Their cases are processed through a special program called the Resettlement Opportunity for Vietnamese Returnees (ROVR) in Vietnam. The ROVR program adjudicated 4,073 cases and approved 3,684 cases in 1999.

Dependents

Refugee figures include spouses and children who are cleared to join principal refugees already in the United States, and they count against the annual ceiling. Because of these family reunification cases, the data continue to show refugees being approved and arriving for some time after active refugee processing has ended for nationals of certain countries. Most of the refugee flow from Europe in fiscal year 1999, other than from the former Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, was family reunification cases. Overall, 2.0 percent of the applications and 2.1 percent of the approvals were family reunification cases. In comparison with the number of applications filed and refugees approved within each geographic region, the Africa region had the highest percentage of family reunification cases among applications, 4.8 percent. The Near East region had the highest percentage among approvals, 5.3 percent.

More than 85,000 refugees arrived in the United States during 1999.

Arrivals (Tables 23, 24)

Refugee arrivals into the United States increased to 85,076 in 1999 from 76,181 in 1998 (Tables B, 23, and 24).¹ The

¹ Refugee arrival data are from the Bureau for Refugee Programs, Department of State. See Data Collection section.

increase was largely attributed to the increase in refugee arrivals from Yugoslavia, Croatia, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, and Liberia. Bosnia-Herzegovina (22,699), Yugoslavia (14,280), Vietnam (9,622), Ukraine (8,649), Somalia (4,320), and Russia (4,386) were the leading countries for refugee arrivals in 1999, comprising 75 percent of the total. The time lag between approval of a refugee application and the refugee's arrival in the United States may be several months or more. After approval, refugees must undergo health and security clearances, have sponsorship and placement arranged, and in some cases go through orientation and English language training. This time lag accounts for the discrepancies between approval and arrival figures in any given year.

Understanding the Data

Data Collection

The Immigration and Naturalization Service 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 INS overseas offices collect data on applicants for refugee status. Each office completes INS 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 Refugee Programs (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 Bureau for Refugee Programs collects data through the Intergovernmental 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 Immigration and Naturalization Service 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). This is the only stage in the refugee process where the INS 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 the *Statistical Yearbook* would present refugee arrival statistics from the Bureau for Refugee Programs, 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 compiled refugee arrival data by country of citizenship on a monthly basis from INS 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.

III. 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 Appendix 2, p. A.2-2.) 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 1967 United Nations Protocol on Refugees.

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 INS 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 and are thus eligible to apply for asylum before an immigration judge. In credible fear interviews, aliens only need to show that there is a significant possibility that they might qualify 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 INS on a credible fear claim. The data reported in this section pertain only to asylum cases filed with INS asylum

officers. Aliens denied asylum by the INS may renew asylum claims with an immigration judge.

Adjudication of claims

On April 2, 1991, the Asylum Officer Corps (AOC) assumed responsibility within INS for the adjudication of asylum claims that were filed with the INS. Before that date, such claims had been heard by examiners in INS district offices. During fiscal year 1999, 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. Applicants who did not live near these locations were interviewed by asylum officers who traveled to other INS offices.

In March 1994, the INS published proposed 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. The final asylum reform regulations were published in December 1994, and took effect on January 4, 1995.

Under asylum reform, the INS 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 INS asylum officer does not find the claim to be grantable, 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, INS 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. The INS 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; this is considered to be 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 INS overseas locations.

More than 42,200 asylum applications were filed in the United States during 1999.

Data Overview

Applications filed (Chart D, Tables 25, 27)

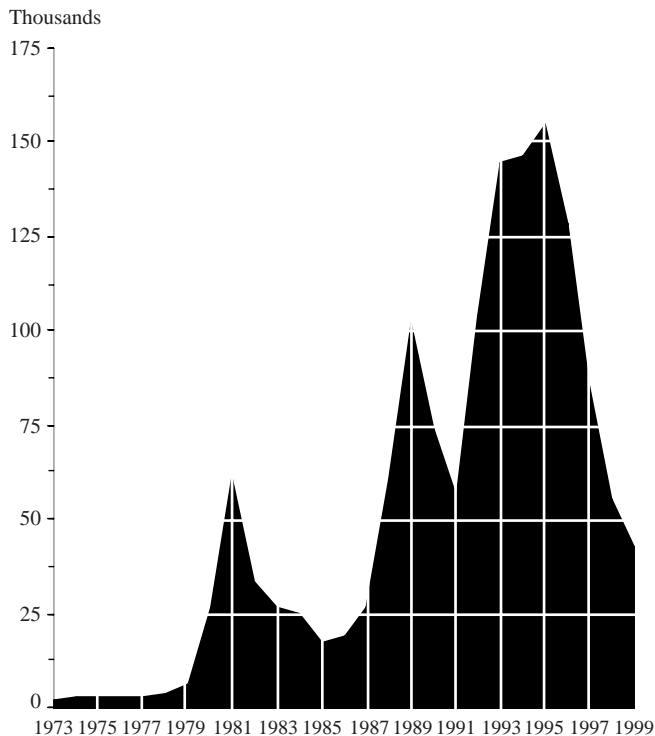
The annual number of asylum applications filed with the INS has fluctuated greatly since the effective date of the Refugee Act of 1980, as shown in Chart D. In fiscal year 1999, 42,207 asylum cases were filed or reopened. These cases involved 60,781 individuals. The number of cases declined 18 percent from the 51,176 cases filed in 1998 (Table 25). The decline in 1999 was largely due to decreases in claims filed or reopened by nationals of Guatemala, El Salvador, India, and Mexico. However, there were large increases in claims by nationals of Indonesia and Somalia.

In 1999, 32,711 new claims for asylum were filed with the INS. The People’s Republic of China, with 4,209 new claims, ranked first, followed by Somalia (3,125), Haiti (2,492), Indonesia (2,330), Mexico (2,251), and El Salvador (2,008) (Table 27). Individuals from the republics of the former Soviet Union filed 2,343 new claims; two-thirds were from Russia and Armenia. A male was the principal applicant in 62 percent (20,172) of the new claims filed. About 56 percent of all individuals involved in new claims are male.

Nearly 9,500 asylum cases were reopened in 1999, which accounted for 22 percent of the applications received (Table 27). The leading countries of nationality of the reopened cases were Guatemala (1,681), El Salvador (1,046), the People’s Republic of China (1,027), and Haiti (548). The republics of the former Soviet Union had 730 cases.

The number of reopened cases in 1999 was less than one-half of the cases reopened in 1998. An automatic function triggers the reopening of cases that were administratively closed when aliens apply for renewal of their employment authorization. Those cases were administratively closed due to a failure to appear for the asylum interview or an invalid mailing address. This function also automatically reschedules an interview. Some of these reopened cases may qualify under the terms of the American Baptist Churches (ABC) vs. Thornburgh settlement.

**Chart D
Asylum Applications Filed with the INS:
Fiscal Years 1973-99**



NOTE: See Glossary for fiscal year definitions. Source: Table 27.

Trends in asylum applications filed by nationals from Central America (Tables C, 27)

For over a decade, nationals from Central America dominated the annual number of asylum applications filed in the United States. From 1986 to 1992, about half of all asylum applications were filed by Central Americans. By 1993 and 1994, that percentage had fallen somewhat, but it remained at about 40 percent of the total applications filed. Then, the number of applicants from Central America surged to a new height in the next two years, well over half of all asylum applicants. A sharp decline in cases filed by Nicaraguans was later offset by a sharp increase in cases filed by Guatemalans and Salvadorans. 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 Americans accounted for about 10 percent of the new claims and 16 percent of the total filed and reopened in 1999. The trend in claims from Central America is shown in Table C.

During the 1990s, the trend in asylum claims filed or reopened by nationals from Central America has been driven in large part by ABC cases. Under the terms of this

Table C
Asylum Applications Filed with the INS by Central Americans: Fiscal Years 1993-99

Area of citizenship	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Central America	54,898	62,310	104,228	83,410	21,599	13,904	6,581
El Salvador	14,616	18,600	75,860	65,588	8,156	6,345	3,054
Guatemala	34,198	34,433	23,202	13,892	9,811	5,896	2,788
Nicaragua	3,180	4,682	1,908	2,034	1,674	819	344
Honduras	2,805	4,385	3,163	1,836	1,851	809	319
Other	99	209	95	60	107	35	76

Source: Table 27; applications received and reopened during year.

1991 class action lawsuit settlement, 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. 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 which 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 Salvadorans surged during fiscal year 1996 before the filing deadline. These claims are heard under the pre-reform regulations. 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 the latter cases are identified by the INS, they are treated as ABC filings instead of reform filings. During 1999, 2,498 cases were identified as either filed or reopened as ABC cases.

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 are permitted to remain in the United States as lawful permanent resident aliens. All ABC class members, who are eligible for ABC benefits and have asylum applications pending with the INS, also are eligible to apply for the NACARA benefits with the INS Asylum Program.

Cases completed (Tables 25, 27, 28)

During fiscal year 1999, the Asylum Officer Corps completed work on 55,196 claims and adjudicated about 63 percent (34,544) of them (Table 25). The number of cases granted in 1999 was 13,241, representing 38.3 percent of the cases adjudicated compared to the 23.3 percent approval rate in fiscal year 1998. The 13,241 granted cases included 17,800 individuals—principals, spouses, and children (Tables 27 and 28). The leading countries of nationality were Somalia with 2,108 granted cases, Indonesia (1,120), the People’s Republic of China (940), and Ethiopia (914) (Table 27).

There are special procedures 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 the INS and the 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 (currently, there are more than 1,000 conditional grants in a year). At the beginning of a new fiscal year, the INS Asylum Office 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. At the beginning of fiscal year 2000, the INS issued the 1,000 fiscal year 1999 final grants for asylum status to 168 individuals who received their conditional grants from the INS, 810 whose conditional grants were made by

immigration judges, and 22 whose conditional grants were made by the Board of Immigration Appeals. China was the country of origin of all grants. No one was granted refugee status in fiscal year 1999 based on coercive population-control measures.

Cases pending (Tables 27, 28)

The number of asylum cases pending for adjudication decreased about 4 percent, from 358,255 in 1998 to 342,485 in 1999. Cases filed by nationals of El Salvador (178,868), Guatemala (100,379), Haiti (15,180), and Nicaragua (13,708), accounted for about 90 percent of the pending cases. The ABC cases, which also can be handled under the NACARA provisions, comprised 90 percent of the Salvadoran and Guatemalan cases filed, and 79 percent of all pending cases. A large number of Nicaraguan and Haitian pending cases also will be eligible for the NACARA benefits.

Credible fear interviews

During fiscal year 1999, about 6,503 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 (2,150), followed by Haiti (1,004) and Sri Lanka (728). These three countries accounted for almost 60 percent of all applications in 1999. Some applicants change their mind and decide to withdraw their asylum applications before a credible fear interview takes place. The Asylum Officer Corps made 5,829 credible fear determinations in 1999. The total approval rate for the cases not withdrawn was 97.9 percent.

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 for selected nationalities since July 1980, and for all nationalities since June 1983.

As with refugees, the Immigration and Naturalization Service 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 27 and 28 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.

Limitations of Data

The figures shown here for fiscal year 1999 differ slightly from preliminary statistics released by the Asylum Division in November 1999. The data presented here were tabulated from the RAPS system three months after the close of the fiscal year and incorporate late additions and corrections to the database. Cases entered into the RAPS system during fiscal year 1999 with filing dates in previous fiscal years were treated as new cases in these tabulations. Other corrections resulted in a decrease from 360,247 to 358,255 in the pending caseload as reported in the 1998 *Statistical Yearbook* and at the beginning of fiscal year 1999 in this edition. Another change between 1998 and 1999 concerns the identification of applicants from the former Soviet Union. Due to improvements in data collection, only 1 new filing in 1999 was assigned to an unspecified republic.

It is possible for an asylum case to have more than one action during a year, particularly if the claimant fails to pursue a claim and later reopens it. Therefore, some claims may be double-counted as received and reopened, or closed and denied or granted. For this reason, and due to recent growth in the number of reopened claims, the pending caseload at the end of the year can no longer be calculated by taking the pending caseload at the beginning of the year, adding claims filed, and subtracting claims completed.

Data on applicants for asylum collected by the Immigration and Naturalization Service historically have covered only cases filed with the INS. Information has not been available on cases filed by aliens after the INS has placed the alien in removal proceedings before an immigration judge in the Executive Office for Immigration Review. The two agencies are working to integrate their data systems to provide these data in the future. Asylum was granted by EOIR to approximately 8,400 individuals in 1999; therefore, the total number of individuals granted asylum by both agencies was more than 26,000.

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 the CLAIMS and is not included in any table in this publication. The total number of relatives approved for asylum after the initial appeal of their sponsors is unknown; however, approximately 1,850 relatives in the United States were granted asylee status in 1999. The data collected by the INS at the time asylees adjust to permanent resident status include all aliens who adjust regardless of whether they were granted asylum by the INS, immigration judges, or the Board of Immigration Appeals. Adjustment data also include all spouses and children of persons granted asylum.

TABLE 21. REFUGEE-STATUS APPLICATIONS: FISCAL YEARS 1980-99

Year	Applications pending beginning of year	Applications filed during year	Applications approved during year	Applications denied during year	Applications otherwise closed during year	Applications pending end of year
1980 (April-Sept.)..	16,642	95,241	89,580	6,149	1,197	14,957
1981	14,957	178,273	155,291	15,322	3,998	18,619
1982	18,619	76,150	61,527	14,943	6,631	11,668
1983	11,668	92,522	73,645	20,255	2,489	7,801
1984	7,801	99,636	77,932	16,220	604	12,681
1985	12,681	80,734	59,436	18,430	1,842	13,707
1986	13,707	67,310	52,081	9,679	3,362	15,895
1987	15,895	85,823	61,529	13,911	6,126	20,152
1988	20,152	105,024	80,282	11,821	5,632	27,441
1989	27,441	190,597	95,505	33,179	4,005	85,349
1990	39,524	135,251	99,697	29,805	24,904	20,369
1991	20,369	123,492	107,962	12,644	5,700	17,555
1992	18,238	133,786	115,330	14,886	6,780	15,028
1993	15,028	127,676	106,026	20,280	5,107	11,291
1994	15,582	142,068	105,137	20,557	19,485	12,471
1995	12,471	143,223	78,936	32,412	34,251	10,095
1996	10,095	155,868	74,491	26,317	59,589	5,566
1997	5,566	122,741	77,600	22,725	17,270	10,712
1998	10,712	124,777	73,198	31,001	6,768	24,522
1999	24,522	111,576	85,592	19,094	6,358	25,054

NOTE: The Refugee Act of 1980 went into effect April 1, 1980. Because of an administrative processing change, 45,825 applications pending in Moscow at the end of fiscal year 1989 were administratively closed and added to the pool of initial questionnaires submitted to the Washington Processing Center (WPC) beginning in 1990. Changes in the number of applications pending from 1991 to 1992 and 1993 to 1994 are due to revisions in the data from reporting offices.

**TABLE 22. REFUGEE-STATUS APPLICATIONS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND COUNTRY OF CHARGEABILITY
FISCAL YEAR 1999**

Geographic area and country of chargeability	Applications pending beginning of year	Applications filed during year	Applications approved during year	Applications denied during year	Applications otherwise closed during year	Applications pending end of year
All countries	24,522	111,576	85,592	19,094	6,358	25,054
Africa	4,926	19,954	15,581	2,216	771	6,312
Benin	1	-	-	-	-	1
Burkina Faso	-	2	1	-	1	-
Burundi	18	125	79	2	8	54
Cameroon	4	12	12	-	-	4
Central Africa	4	-	-	-	-	4
Chad	14	34	16	8	-	24
Congo, Democratic Republic	67	456	51	28	3	441
Congo, Republic	-	38	24	6	-	8
Cote d'Ivoire	3	3	3	-	-	3
Djibouti	-	9	9	-	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	-	6	-	6	-	-
Eritrea	1	135	51	81	1	3
Ethiopia	1,788	1,863	2,581	733	120	217
Gambia, The	-	23	18	1	4	-
Ghana	3	10	7	-	-	6
Guinea-Bissau	2	7	6	1	-	2
Kenya	-	2	2	-	-	-
Liberia	733	4,640	2,122	190	245	2,816
Mauritania	1	-	1	-	-	-
Mozambique	-	3	1	2	-	-
Namibia	-	98	-	-	-	98
Nigeria	39	676	661	11	11	32
Rwanda	16	228	130	12	2	100
Sierra Leone	318	814	633	233	25	241
Somalia	193	6,722	5,668	651	122	474
Sudan	1,699	3,262	2,858	220	226	1,657
Togo	21	758	629	22	3	125
Tunisia	-	7	-	7	-	-
Uganda	1	21	18	2	-	2
East Asia	3	9,390	6,728	1,942	718	5
Burma	-	496	447	49	-	-
China, People's Rep.	-	6	5	-	-	1
Indonesia	-	12	4	8	-	-
Laos	-	20	19	1	-	-
Vietnam	3	8,856	6,253	1,884	718	4
Europe	18,952	67,187	55,666	9,805	4,063	16,605
Albania	27	10	11	3	6	17
Bosnia-Herzegovina	18,139	30,190	24,766	4,434	3,780	15,349
Croatia	762	1,681	1,215	11	6	1,211
Poland	11	4	6	-	-	9
Romania	1	5	2	-	-	4
Soviet Union ¹	9	16,882	11,696	5,169	17	9
Yugoslavia ²	3	18,415	17,970	188	254	6
Latin America/Caribbean	-	7,598	2,796	4,012	629	161
Cuba	-	7,339	2,701	4,009	629	-
Haiti	-	259	95	3	-	161

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 22. REFUGEE-STATUS APPLICATIONS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND COUNTRY OF CHARGEABILITY
FISCAL YEAR 1999—Continued**

Geographic area and country of chargeability	Applications pending beginning of year	Applications filed during year	Applications approved during year	Applications denied during year	Applications otherwise closed during year	Applications pending end of year
Near East/						
South Asia	641	7,351	4,725	1,119	177	1,971
Afghanistan	50	699	586	57	57	49
Algeria	-	25	10	14	-	1
Iran	336	3,696	2,252	271	29	1,480
Iraq	250	2,906	1,861	776	91	428
Jordan	-	1	-	-	-	1
Kuwait	-	6	1	-	-	5
Morocco	-	1	1	-	-	-
Pakistan	-	1	1	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	-	11	11	-	-	-
Syria	-	3	1	-	-	2
Turkey	-	1	-	1	-	-
Yemen	5	1	1	-	-	5
Not reported	-	96	96	-	-	-

¹ Data are for the republics of the former Soviet Union.

² Data are for unknown republic; exclude independent republics. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. Refugee applications filed include 18,261 from Kosovo; applications approved, 17,831.

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 23. REFUGEE APPROVALS AND ARRIVALS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF CHARGEABILITY
FISCAL YEARS 1992-99**

Geographic area of chargeability	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Authorized admissions ¹	123,500	116,000	117,500	111,000	90,000	78,000	83,000	91,000
Africa	6,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,770	7,000	7,000	13,000
East Asia	33,350	35,000	41,500	39,000	25,000	10,000	14,000	10,500
Europe	64,300	52,500	53,000	48,000	45,000	52,500	54,000	61,000 ²
Latin America/Caribbean	3,000	4,500	9,000	8,000	6,000	4,000	4,000	2,250
Near East/South Asia	6,850	7,000	6,000	5,000	4,300	4,500	4,000	4,250
Unallocated Reserve	10,000	10,000	1,000	4,000	2,000	-	-	-
Approvals	115,330	106,026	105,137	78,936	74,491	77,600	73,198	85,592
Africa	5,667	6,813	5,748	4,895	9,681	7,854	8,443	15,581
East Asia	31,751	38,314	40,639	23,023	11,891	6,810	12,881	6,728
Europe	68,131	52,090	48,963	45,900	47,611	56,379	46,671	55,666 ²
Latin America/Caribbean	4,121	3,991	2,513	1,933	982	1,860	1,208	2,796
Near East/South Asia	5,660	4,818	7,229	3,068	4,246	4,539	3,931	4,725
Not reported	-	-	45	117	80	158	64	96
Arrivals ³	114,498	107,926	109,593	98,520	74,791	69,276	76,181	85,076
Africa	5,491	6,969	5,861	4,779	7,502	6,069	6,665	13,048
East Asia	34,202	38,302	40,601	35,956	18,343	7,781	10,475	9,963
Europe	64,184	51,278	50,838	45,703	41,617	48,450	54,260	55,877 ²
Latin America/Caribbean	3,777	4,377	6,437	7,618	3,541	2,986	1,587	2,110
Near East/South Asia	6,844	7,000	5,856	4,464	3,788	3,990	3,194	4,078

¹ Previous editions of the *Statistical Yearbook* show authorized initial admissions. Beginning with the 1999 edition, data for all years are for authorized final ceiling admissions. ² Includes a one-time provision for 13,000 Kosovar refugee authorized admissions, 17,831 approvals, and 14,161 arrivals. ³ In editions of the *Statistical Yearbook* prior to 1996, refugee arrival data were derived from the Nonimmigrant Information System of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. However, beginning with the 1996 edition, arrival data are from the Bureau for Refugee Programs, Department of State. Any comparison of refugee arrival data between this and any pre-1996 edition of the *Yearbook* must be made with caution (see Refugees section—Data Overview and Data Collection). Arrivals may be higher than approvals because of the arrival of persons approved in previous years.

NOTE: The authorized admission levels for 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995 were 142,000, 132,000, 121,000, and 112,000, respectively, including 18,500 Amerasians in 1992, 16,000 in 1993, 3,500 in 1994, and 1,000 in 1995. Since Amerasians enter the United States on immigrant visas, they are not included as refugee admissions. As a result, the authorized admission levels for 1992 through 1995 for East Asia have been reduced accordingly. Beginning in fiscal year 1996, there is no specific allocation for Amerasians in authorized admissions.

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 24. REFUGEE ARRIVALS INTO THE UNITED STATES
BY COUNTRY OF CHARGEABILITY
FISCAL YEARS 1993-99**

Country of chargeability	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
All countries	107,926	109,593	98,520	74,791	69,276	76,181	85,076
Europe	51,278	50,838	45,703	41,617	48,450	54,260	55,877
Albania	458	171	51	23	9	3	8
Armenia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	35
Azerbaijan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	210
Belarus	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,008
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1,887	7,088	9,870	12,030	21,357	30,906	22,699
Bulgaria	34	5	3	-	-	-	-
Croatia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,660
Czechoslovakia ¹	3	5	-	1	-	-	-
Estonia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	71
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Hungary	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Kazakhstan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	412
Kyrgyzstan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	140
Latvia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	167
Lithuania	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	20
Macedonia	X	-	-	-	-	-	3
Moldova	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,035
Poland	54	31	39	11	6	2	3
Romania	215	67	24	16	3	-	2
Russia	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4,386
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Soviet Union ²	48,627	43,470	35,716	29,536	27,072	23,349	194
Tajikistan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	9
Turkmenistan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	16
Ukraine	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	8,649
Uzbekistan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	818
Yugoslavia ²	-	-	-	-	3	-	14,280
Asia	45,302	46,457	40,420	22,131	11,771	13,669	14,041
Afghanistan	1,233	21	4	-	-	88	365
Burma	94	75	36	11	182	186	295
Cambodia	22	6	1	-	-	-	-
China, People's Republic	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
India	-	-	-	4	6	-	-
Indonesia	-	-	-	-	-	1	26
Iran	1,161	851	978	1,256	1,305	1,699	1,750
Iraq	4,605	4,984	3,482	2,528	2,679	1,407	1,955
Laos	6,967	6,272	3,675	2,201	939	-	19
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Syria	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Vietnam	31,219	34,248	32,244	16,130	6,660	10,288	9,622
Yemen	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Africa	6,969	5,861	4,779	7,502	6,069	6,665	13,048
Algeria	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Angola	-	6	1	2	-	-	-
Benin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Burundi	3	-	8	8	33	24	223
Cameroon	-	-	2	1	19	15	9
Central African Republic	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Chad	-	-	-	-	45	41	22
Congo, Democratic Republic ³	199	92	85	38	45	52	42
Congo, Republic ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Cote d' Ivoire	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
Djibouti	-	-	-	-	16	15	8
Eritrea	-	6	-	14	7	9	32

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 24. REFUGEE ARRIVALS INTO THE UNITED STATES
BY COUNTRY OF CHARGEABILITY
FISCAL YEARS 1993-99—Continued**

Country of chargeability	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Ethiopia	2,765	328	239	194	197	152	1,873
Gambia, The	-	-	-	-	16	50	13
Ghana	2	5	9	1	4	-	5
Guinea	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kenya	-	-	-	6	-	13	2
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberia	961	610	52	46	231	1,494	2,495
Libya	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Madagascar	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Malawi	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mauritania	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mozambique	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Nigeria	-	-	-	34	7	312	625
Rwanda	7	31	88	118	100	86	153
Sierra Leone	-	-	48	13	57	176	675
Somalia	2,753	3,555	2,506	6,436	4,974	2,951	4,320
South Africa	8	-	-	1	1	-	-
Sudan	244	1,220	1,705	575	277	1,252	2,393
Tanzania	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Togo	-	-	25	1	30	15	93
Tunisia	-	2	-	-	-	3	-
Uganda	24	2	10	10	9	2	12
Zambia	2	-	-	4	-	-	-
North America	4,374	6,437	7,618	3,539	2,986	1,587	2,109
Caribbean	4,372	6,436	7,618	3,537	2,986	1,587	2,109
Cuba	3,065	2,670	6,133	3,498	2,911	1,587	2,018
Haiti	1,307	3,766	1,485	39	75	-	91
Central America	2	1	-	2	-	-	-
El Salvador	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nicaragua	1	1	-	2	-	-	-
South America	3	-	-	2	-	-	1
Argentina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colombia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peru	-	-	-	2	-	-	1
Venezuela	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Data include independent and unknown republics. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions.

² Data are for unknown republic only. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions. For the former Soviet Union, data are not available for independent republics prior to 1999. For the former Yugoslavia, 14,161 refugee arrivals from Kosovo are included for 1999.

³ 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: In editions of the *Statistical Yearbook* prior to 1996, refugee arrival data were derived from the Nonimmigrant Information System of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. However, beginning with the 1996 edition, arrival data are from the Bureau for Refugee Programs, Department of State. Any comparison of refugee arrival data between this and any pre-1996 edition of the *Yearbook* must be made with caution (see Refugees section, Data Overview and Data Collection). Arrivals may be higher than approvals because of the arrival of persons approved in previous years.

- Represents zero. NA Not available. X Not applicable.

**TABLE 25. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND ASYLUM OFFICERS
FISCAL YEARS 1973-99**

Year	Cases received ¹	Cases completed ²	Cases approved	Cases denied	Cases adjudicated ³	Percent approved ⁴
1973-99	1,376,976	1,018,620	133,839	239,683	544,308	24.6
1973.....	1,913	1,510	380	1,130	1,510	25.2
1974.....	2,716	2,769	294	2,475	2,769	10.6
1975.....	2,432	1,664	562	1,102	1,664	33.8
1976-80	42,173	10,847	4,990	5,857	10,847	46.0
1976.....	2,733	1,914	590	1,324	1,914	30.8
1976, TQ ⁵	896	370	97	273	370	26.2
1977.....	2,529	1,939	754	1,185	1,939	38.9
1978.....	3,702	2,312	1,218	1,094	2,312	52.7
1979.....	5,801	2,312	1,227	1,085	2,312	53.1
1980.....	26,512	2,000	1,104	896	2,000	55.2
1981-85	161,872	124,142	25,162	73,928	99,090	25.4
1981.....	61,568	4,521	1,175	3,346	4,521	26.0
1982.....	33,296	11,326	3,909	7,255	11,164	35.0
1983.....	26,091	25,447	7,215	16,811	24,026	30.0
1984.....	24,295	54,320	8,278	32,344	40,622	20.4
1985.....	16,622	28,528	4,585	14,172	18,757	24.4
1986-90	281,048	310,071	24,067	75,621	99,688	24.1
1986.....	18,889	45,792	3,359	7,882	11,241	29.9
1987.....	26,107	44,785	4,062	3,454	7,516	54.0
1988.....	60,736	68,357	5,531	8,582	14,113	39.2
1989.....	101,679	102,795	6,942	31,547	38,489	18.0
1990.....	73,637	48,342	4,173	24,156	28,329	14.7
1991-95	593,609	205,161	31,661	70,055	137,307	23.1
1991.....	56,310	16,552	2,108	4,167	6,275	33.6
1992.....	103,964	21,996	3,919	6,506	10,425	37.6
1993 ⁶	142,680	31,970	5,053	17,610	22,664	22.3
1994 ⁶	143,225	46,527	8,133	28,183	36,336	22.4
1995 ⁶	147,430	88,116	12,448	13,589	61,607	20.2
1996-99	291,213	362,456	46,723	9,515	191,433	24.4
1996 ⁶	118,195	106,090	13,452	2,365	61,692	21.8
1997 ⁶	79,635	119,135	10,082	2,334	52,641	19.2
1998 ⁶	51,176	82,035	9,948	3,079	42,556	23.4
1999.....	42,207	55,196	13,241	1,737	34,544	38.3

¹ Beginning in 1992, includes cases newly filed and cases reopened. ² Includes approvals, denials, and cases otherwise closed. Beginning in 1995, also includes cases referred to an immigration judge (interviewed and not interviewed). Cases otherwise closed are those in which the applicant withdrew the case from consideration, never acknowledged the request for an interview with the INS, or died. ³ Includes approvals and denials. Beginning in 1995, also includes cases referred to an immigration judge following an interview. ⁴ Cases approved divided by cases adjudicated. ⁵ The three-month period—July 1 through September 30, 1976—between fiscal year 1976 and fiscal year 1977. At that time, the fiscal year definition was changed from July 1-June 30 to October 1-September 30. ⁶ Data for 1993-98 have been updated from previous editions of the *Yearbook*.

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 INS Asylum Officer Corps. See Glossary for fiscal year definitions.

**TABLE 26. NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED ASYLUM BY INS DISTRICT DIRECTORS
AND ASYLUM OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEARS 1993-99**

Nationality	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
All nationalities	7,344	11,644	17,374	18,475	15,799	12,924	17,800
Europe	1,828	2,387	3,420	4,517	2,249	2,534	2,739
Albania	28	47	145	431	377	539	403
Armenia	28	75	406	332	241	312	380
Austria	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	4	25	75	127	80	160	148
Belarus	1	2	14	10	19	26	32
Belgium	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
Bosnia-Herzegovina	15	164	289	193	40	20	23
Bulgaria	75	40	58	45	57	74	64
Croatia	9	52	59	62	47	38	40
Czechoslovakia ¹	2	2	2	1	3	1	-
Estonia	2	2	2	-	4	7	-
France	1	2	5	1	-	-	-
Georgia	5	36	81	70	60	67	120
Germany	4	6	2	4	1	1	1
Greece	-	-	9	5	-	1	1
Hungary	2	13	25	13	4	2	2
Italy	2	-	2	1	-	-	-
Kazakhstan	3	1	17	15	17	27	18
Kyrgyzstan	-	-	6	5	12	4	11
Latvia	5	15	6	18	7	3	1
Lithuania	5	5	6	-	-	3	2
Macedonia	X	-	11	10	34	22	3
Moldova	3	8	15	12	6	3	2
Norway	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poland	3	3	10	12	1	6	1
Portugal	3	-	-	-	-	-	1
Romania	257	181	181	80	55	44	37
Russia	237	564	577	471	368	432	564
San Marino	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Slovak Republic	-	-	4	-	2	3	4
Slovenia	1	6	-	1	-	-	-
Soviet Union ¹	579	240	68	128	50	63	15
Spain	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Sweden	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
Tajikistan	1	7	10	11	6	15	18
Turkmenistan	-	1	-	3	17	12	2
Ukraine	54	191	218	213	190	142	98
United Kingdom	1	1	1	2	9	5	4
Uzbekistan	3	22	62	43	37	53	32
Yugoslavia ¹	491	676	1,052	2,196	505	444	712
Asia	2,385	3,837	5,185	5,321	8,366	3,341	5,766
Afghanistan	69	155	330	216	262	284	332
Bahrain	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Bangladesh	33	86	349	246	118	101	121
Bhutan	-	-	1	2	1	-	4
Burma	42	87	215	151	176	270	346
Cambodia	-	4	41	7	10	122	128
China, People's Republic	332	412	533	428	488	667	1,193
India	352	574	1,081	1,690	850	392	396
Indonesia	1	1	6	6	3	15	1,526
Iran	339	624	784	605	407	707	775
Iraq	100	207	199	917	5,538	176	204
Israel	28	29	12	15	6	1	6
Japan	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 26. NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED ASYLUM BY INS DISTRICT DIRECTORS
AND ASYLUM OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEARS 1993-99—Continued**

Nationality	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Jordan	35	38	53	20	19	23	33
Korea	1	9	9	7	5	2	1
Kuwait	31	24	38	22	8	13	23
Laos	77	82	33	17	15	15	18
Lebanon	65	89	91	74	37	62	50
Malaysia	3	1	-	5	1	5	15
Maldives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Nepal	5	5	16	4	3	17	13
Oman	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
Pakistan	169	218	506	441	261	275	370
Philippines	55	74	52	37	15	19	27
Qatar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saudi Arabia	1	13	3	6	1	7	9
Singapore	-	1	7	1	1	5	3
Sri Lanka	16	62	69	32	45	53	45
Syria	620	1,023	679	304	35	44	33
Taiwan	-	-	-	1	-	-	6
Thailand	-	2	3	-	-	4	-
Turkey	4	3	31	15	27	20	32
United Arab Emirates	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Vietnam	3	3	4	5	6	10	13
Yemen	1	11	40	43	28	31	41
Africa	1,115	2,008	4,349	4,040	3,044	4,910	7,132
Algeria	7	25	98	82	79	184	142
Angola	-	2	3	7	3	12	35
Benin	-	-	2	-	1	-	8
Burkina-Faso	-	-	3	2	2	1	6
Burundi	-	19	98	91	58	44	50
Cameroon	26	74	159	95	75	154	244
Cape Verde	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Central African Republic	1	-	-	-	-	3	1
Chad	1	5	7	8	2	13	20
Congo, Democratic Republic ²	45	93	213	136	140	205	213
Congo, Republic of ²	-	1	9	4	5	110	266
Cote d' Ivoire	2	15	49	29	15	12	17
Djibouti	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Egypt	28	54	196	136	125	355	398
Equatorial Guinea	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Eritrea	-	5	12	34	44	101	166
Ethiopia	348	662	1,093	816	440	543	1,092
Gabon	-	3	4	1	2	1	3
Gambia, The	-	1	62	74	56	42	45
Ghana	14	42	67	28	19	16	12
Guinea	3	13	37	39	13	53	48
Guinea-Bissau	4	7	-	-	-	-	2
Kenya	17	24	40	18	27	68	108
Lesotho	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Liberia	240	298	614	694	470	489	665
Libya	22	20	20	6	7	10	12
Malawi	1	6	-	-	-	2	4
Mali	-	3	14	9	6	2	9
Mauritania	10	16	273	405	101	139	101
Mauritius	4	2	29	24	2	3	-
Morocco	2	1	5	1	4	5	6
Namibia	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
Niger	13	41	78	64	87	109	99
Nigeria	4	27	126	119	101	146	116

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 26. NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED ASYLUM BY INS DISTRICT DIRECTORS
AND ASYLUM OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEARS 1993-99—Continued**

Nationality	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Rwanda	12	43	145	69	101	81	106
Senegal	1	4	24	10	7	9	21
Sierra Leone	22	48	70	59	25	157	183
Somalia	119	149	285	529	704	1,308	2,368
South Africa	7	11	7	15	4	-	6
Sudan	133	246	397	342	266	397	437
Tanzania	2	-	6	5	-	9	4
Togo	4	24	57	54	33	50	57
Tunisia	1	-	-	2	5	2	2
Uganda	22	20	36	28	14	71	55
Zambia	-	1	1	-	-	2	-
Zimbabwe	-	2	10	-	1	-	3
Oceania	67	29	51	34	8	2	34
Australia	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Fiji	67	29	51	33	8	2	33
North America	1,514	2,722	3,324	3,799	1,735	1,684	1,334
Canada	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Mexico	-	9	79	43	32	40	54
Caribbean	945	1,546	1,274	2,112	1,009	596	450
Bahamas, The	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Barbados	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Cuba	315	492	524	631	308	196	255
Dominican Republic	1	-	-	-	-	2	1
Haiti	626	1,054	746	1,481	694	389	190
Jamaica	3	-	2	-	7	6	1
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Trinidad and Tobago	-	-	2	-	-	1	2
Central America	569	1,165	1,971	1,644	694	1,048	830
El Salvador	73	185	234	195	171	383	294
Guatemala	170	372	1,062	888	343	468	433
Honduras	32	91	192	139	52	49	64
Nicaragua	288	516	481	415	127	147	31
Panama	6	1	2	7	1	1	8
South America	291	546	889	590	316	393	710
Argentina	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Bolivia	4	4	22	12	-	-	11
Brazil	2	2	16	15	4	27	45
Chile	1	-	8	5	1	4	21
Colombia	36	68	104	91	48	107	228
Ecuador	3	6	15	-	-	2	4
Guyana	-	1	14	1	2	2	-
Paraguay	-	-	-	-	6	-	2
Peru	239	462	683	463	243	221	375
Suriname	6	-	5	-	1	15	6
Uruguay	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Venezuela	-	3	19	3	10	14	18
Stateless	117	87	147	159	79	49	83
Unknown	27	28	9	15	2	11	2

¹ Data are for unknown republic only. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions.

² 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.

- Represents zero. X Not Applicable.

**TABLE 27. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEAR 1999**

Nationality	Cases pending beginning of year ¹	Cases filed during year	Cases reopened during year	Cases granted during year	Percent approved ²	Individuals granted asylum during year
All nationalities	358,255	32,711	9,496	13,241	38	17,800
Europe	7,097	4,298	1,372	1,829	44	2,739
Albania	300	784	44	260	34	403
Armenia	276	803	41	264	43	380
Austria	-	-	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	81	203	12	96	59	148
Belarus	37	66	8	27	40	32
Belgium	2	-	1	-	-	-
Bosnia-Herzegovina	45	23	3	14	45	23
Bulgaria	481	86	52	53	47	64
Croatia	73	33	17	26	57	40
Czech Republic	-	1	-	-	-	-
Czechoslovakia ⁴	82	6	17	-	-	-
Denmark	-	1	-	-	-	-
Estonia	21	4	2	-	-	-
Finland	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	5	9	-	-	-	-
Georgia	87	140	15	60	43	120
Germany	13	7	1	1	11	1
Greece	3	-	-	1	-	1
Hungary	112	5	17	2	29	2
Ireland	7	-	2	-	-	-
Italy	1	5	-	-	-	-
Kazakhstan	27	47	6	11	32	18
Kyrgyzstan	8	26	1	11	41	11
Latvia	32	11	3	1	6	1
Lithuania	48	11	11	1	7	2
Macedonia	14	24	3	2	7	3
Moldova	14	10	1	2	18	2
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	1	-	1	-	-	-
Poland	429	18	131	1	4	1
Portugal	9	-	1	-	-	1
Romania	1,259	45	163	24	29	37
Russia	1,238	769	194	332	43	564
San Marino	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovak Republic	16	3	6	1	11	4
Slovenia	2	3	-	-	-	-
Soviet Union ⁴	1,040	1	387	1	100	15
Spain	7	6	2	-	-	-
Sweden	2	-	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	2	1	-	-	-	-
Tajikistan	10	13	2	10	77	18
Turkmenistan	4	5	-	2	50	2
Ukraine	439	191	57	72	30	98
United Kingdom	22	4	2	4	36	4
Uzbekistan	29	69	6	27	48	32
Yugoslavia ⁴	819	865	163	523	65	712
Asia	15,949	10,230	2,535	4,154	39	5,766
Afghanistan	254	232	15	206	82	332
Bahrain	2	2	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh	652	123	286	77	22	121
Bhutan	2	8	2	4	80	4
Brunei	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burma	245	374	22	284	73	346
Cambodia	262	56	5	85	52	128
China, People's Rep.	4,690	4,209	1,027	940	24	1,193
Cyprus	1	-	1	-	-	-
Hong Kong	2	-	-	-	-	-
India	3,204	1,180	445	337	21	396
Indonesia	167	2,330	42	1,120	68	1,526
Iran	906	778	96	507	64	775
Iraq	142	148	8	120	74	204
Israel	87	13	19	6	29	6

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 27. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEAR 1999—Continued**

Nationality	Cases pending beginning of year ¹	Cases filed during year	Cases reopened during year	Cases granted during year	Percent approved ²	Individuals granted asylum during year
Japan	1	1	-	-	-	-
Jordan	210	33	14	20	39	33
Korea	16	4	1	-	-	1
Kuwait	72	9	3	11	73	23
Laos	1,101	8	27	16	23	18
Lebanon	390	32	41	27	43	50
Malaysia	22	25	5	14	74	15
Maldives	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	-	7	-	1	20	1
Nepal	61	51	16	12	19	13
Oman	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	1,214	354	272	235	45	370
Philippines	1,613	43	100	16	8	27
Qatar	2	-	-	-	-	-
Saudi Arabia	14	5	2	2	50	9
Singapore	-	9	-	3	75	3
Sri Lanka	102	66	19	28	41	45
Syria	115	37	5	21	48	33
Taiwan	9	1	3	3	50	6
Thailand	87	-	7	-	-	-
Turkey	104	35	18	20	54	32
United Arab Emirates	2	1	-	2	100	2
Vietnam	43	19	3	6	24	13
Yemen	155	37	31	31	41	41
Africa	8,837	9,069	735	5,805	61	7,132
Algeria	233	97	21	125	69	142
Angola	16	40	1	20	59	35
Benin	7	4	2	4	80	8
Botswana	-	1	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	13	11	2	3	21	6
Burundi	40	119	9	43	42	50
Cameroon	218	349	22	208	61	244
Cape Verde	41	-	-	1	50	1
Central African Rep.	2	7	1	1	17	1
Chad	11	30	5	19	70	20
Comoros	1	-	-	-	-	-
Congo, Dem. Rep.	193	194	17	157	63	213
Congo, Republic	100	340	6	199	66	266
Cote d'Ivoire	120	15	28	13	37	17
Djibouti	-	2	-	1	100	1
Egypt	323	434	39	234	52	398
Equatorial Guinea ...	1	1	-	-	-	-
Eritrea	76	241	13	123	59	166
Ethiopia	1,386	1,101	74	914	77	1,092
Gabon	8	2	1	3	75	3
Gambia, The	165	33	29	29	41	45
Ghana	375	15	48	10	15	12
Guinea	131	109	18	46	40	48
Guinea Bassau	21	5	1	1	33	2
Kenya	121	93	7	73	63	108
Lesotho	1	-	-	-	-	-
Liberia	1,432	651	94	541	64	665
Libya	21	8	1	8	80	12
Madagascar	2	-	-	-	-	-
Malawi	4	-	-	2	100	4
Mali	115	7	25	7	21	9
Mauritania	270	765	26	101	15	101
Mauritius	8	1	-	-	-	-
Morocco	23	6	-	3	43	6
Mozambique	3	-	-	-	-	-
Namibia	-	1	-	-	-	-
Niger	192	56	22	60	61	99
Nigeria	636	96	59	84	37	116
Rwanda	59	119	7	75	68	106

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 27. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEAR 1999—Continued**

Nationality	Cases pending beginning of year ¹	Cases filed during year	Cases reopened during year	Cases granted during year	Percent approved ²	Individuals granted asylum during year
Sao Tome and Principe	1	-	-	-	-	-
Senegal	133	41	30	18	32	21
Seychelles	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sierra Leone	231	336	16	137	46	183
Somalia	1,486	3,125	61	2,108	72	2,368
South Africa	76	19	8	3	14	6
Sudan	296	391	26	324	75	437
Tanzania	6	7	3	1	25	4
Togo	79	77	6	53	59	57
Tunisia	3	6	1	2	29	2
Uganda	126	108	4	50	44	55
Uruguay	18	4	1	-	-	-
Zambia	2	-	1	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	11	2	-	1	25	3
Oceania	751	93	18	13	10	34
Australia	2	1	1	-	-	1
Fiji	749	91	17	13	10	33
New Zealand	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palau	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samoa	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tonga	-	1	-	-	-	-
North America	321,797	8,272	4,294	987	11	1,334
Canada	9	3	-	-	-	-
Mexico	1,369	2,251	307	41	2	54
Caribbean	18,773	2,739	685	348	15	450
Antigua-Barbuda	4	-	3	-	-	-
Bahamas, The	11	1	1	-	-	-
Barbados	2	1	2	-	-	-
Cuba	3,618	237	75	187	78	255
Dominica	8	1	1	-	-	-
Dominican Rep. ...	42	1	1	1	50	1
Grenada	4	-	1	-	-	-
Haiti	14,823	2,492	548	157	8	190
Jamaica	128	1	23	1	13	1
St. Kitts-Nevis	2	-	-	-	-	-
St Lucia	9	-	-	-	-	-
St. Vincent and the Grenadines ..	1	1	-	1	100	1
Trinidad and Tobago	121	4	30	1	8	2
Central America	301,646	3,279	3,302	598	13	830
Belize	3	3	3	-	-	-
Costa Rica	30	2	6	-	-	-
El Salvador	180,149	2,008	1,046	206	11	294
Guatemala	104,668	1,107	1,681	325	14	433
Honduras	1,507	67	252	42	12	64
Nicaragua	15,058	92	252	22	61	31
Panama	231	-	62	3	8	8
South America	3,548	564	498	384	33	710
Argentina	10	4	1	-	-	-
Bolivia	104	3	6	4	40	11
Brazil	812	48	30	31	34	45
Chile	49	8	11	10	40	21
Colombia	722	334	93	122	39	228
Ecuador	309	10	75	3	15	4
Guyana	114	2	38	-	-	-
Paraguay	6	2	-	2	100	2
Peru	1,309	131	217	193	30	375
Suriname	66	4	20	3	16	6
Venezuela	47	18	7	16	57	18
Stateless	256	80	31	69	55	83
Unknown	20	105	13	-	-	2

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 27. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEAR 1999—Continued**

Nationality	Cases denied during year	Individuals denied asylum during year	Cases otherwise closed during year ³	Cases to immigration judge, not interviewed	Cases to immigration judge, interviewed	Cases pending end of year
All nationalities	1,737	2,351	17,888	2,764	19,566	342,485
Europe	270	414	1,192	157	2,022	7,014
Albania	45	65	29	22	450	292
Armenia	76	107	34	23	273	424
Austria	-	-	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	6	6	6	12	60	106
Belarus	3	6	4	2	37	32
Belgium	-	-	1	-	1	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	2	2	10	-	15	28
Bulgaria	6	9	61	4	53	430
Croatia	5	5	26	1	15	45
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	1	-
Czechoslovakia ⁴	1	1	17	1	3	81
Denmark	-	-	-	-	1	-
Estonia	-	-	3	-	2	22
Finland	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	1	1	-	1	6	6
Georgia	8	18	13	4	71	78
Germany	1	4	2	3	7	6
Greece	-	-	-	-	-	2
Hungary	1	1	6	1	4	119
Ireland	-	-	3	-	1	3
Italy	1	1	-	-	3	2
Kazakhstan	1	2	3	1	22	38
Kyrgyzstan	-	-	-	-	16	7
Latvia	2	2	1	-	14	28
Lithuania	1	2	12	1	12	41
Macedonia	-	-	-	1	25	12
Moldova	1	2	5	1	8	8
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	-	-	-	1	-	-
Poland	5	6	99	5	18	441
Portugal	-	-	6	-	1	3
Romania	12	13	140	6	46	1,228
Russia	52	106	238	26	381	1,103
San Marino	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovak Republic	-	-	3	-	8	12
Slovenia	-	-	1	-	4	-
Soviet Union ⁴	-	-	232	-	-	1,185
Spain	-	-	3	1	6	4
Sweden	-	-	-	-	2	-
Switzerland	-	-	-	-	3	-
Tajikistan	-	-	-	1	3	9
Turkmenistan	-	-	-	-	2	5
Ukraine	8	8	71	17	157	340
United Kingdom	-	1	1	2	7	12
Uzbekistan	3	4	4	1	26	42
Yugoslavia ⁴	29	42	158	19	258	819
Asia	890	1,195	4,386	438	5,635	12,551
Afghanistan	3	3	44	7	43	189
Bahrain	-	-	-	-	1	3
Bangladesh	25	27	342	17	247	305
Bhutan	-	-	-	-	1	5
Brunei	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burma	16	17	17	9	87	213
Cambodia	11	21	2	5	66	149
China, People's Rep.	380	494	1,215	149	2,656	4,333
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hong Kong	1	1	-	-	1	-
India	62	78	946	122	1,234	2,022
Indonesia	227	301	16	37	297	817
Iran	60	98	140	36	224	775
Iraq	7	15	11	4	36	117
Israel	4	7	32	2	11	61
Japan	-	-	-	-	1	1

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 27. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEAR 1999—Continued**

Nationality	Cases denied during year	Individuals denied asylum during year	Cases otherwise closed during year ³	Cases to immigration judge, not interviewed	Cases to immigration judge, interviewed	Cases pending end of year
Jordan	5	11	63	4	26	136
Korea	2	5	7	1	4	7
Kuwait	1	1	16	-	3	52
Laos	5	5	98	-	48	956
Lebanon	6	9	124	2	30	249
Malaysia	1	1	6	2	4	22
Maldives	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	-	-	-	-	4	2
Nepal	-	1	17	1	50	40
Oman	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	51	68	576	16	235	667
Philippines	7	11	499	8	186	1,022
Qatar	-	-	-	-	-	2
Saudi Arabia	-	-	5	-	2	12
Singapore	1	1	-	-	-	5
Sri Lanka	2	2	38	5	38	71
Syria	1	1	31	1	22	79
Taiwan	1	1	2	1	2	2
Thailand	-	-	25	-	5	64
Turkey	4	4	55	3	13	59
United Arab Emirates	-	-	-	-	-	1
Vietnam	2	2	8	3	17	29
Yemen	5	10	51	3	40	84
Africa	358	438	1,354	502	3,337	6,924
Algeria	1	1	26	6	54	129
Angola	1	1	2	2	13	18
Benin	-	-	2	-	1	6
Botswana	-	-	-	-	-	1
Burkina Faso	1	1	4	-	10	7
Burundi	1	1	4	19	58	37
Cameroon	12	16	28	7	120	198
Cape Verde	-	-	6	-	1	33
Central African Rep.	-	-	1	-	5	2
Chad	2	2	1	-	6	14
Comoros	-	-	1	-	-	-
Congo, Dem. Rep. ...	6	7	10	18	88	113
Congo, Republic	9	13	4	13	92	122
Cote d'Ivoire	2	2	44	2	20	74
Djibouti	-	-	-	-	-	1
Egypt	33	56	56	13	187	251
Equatorial Guinea ...	-	-	-	-	-	2
Eritrea	13	14	3	6	74	102
Ethiopia	42	50	120	18	233	1,191
Gabon	-	-	-	-	1	7
Gambia, The	5	5	41	2	36	107
Ghana	11	11	151	3	47	202
Guinea	7	7	26	5	63	108
Guinea Bassau	1	1	4	1	1	19
Kenya	7	7	9	5	36	84
Lesotho	-	-	1	-	-	-
Liberia	84	96	217	10	225	1,064
Libya	-	-	1	-	2	18
Madagascar	-	-	-	-	-	2
Malawi	-	-	-	-	-	2
Mali	6	6	55	-	20	55
Mauritania	8	8	24	82	555	269
Mauritius	-	-	3	-	1	5
Morocco	-	-	9	1	4	12
Mozambique	-	-	-	-	-	3
Namibia	-	-	-	-	-	1
Niger	4	7	48	4	35	104
Nigeria	17	28	231	9	129	312
Rwanda	5	5	4	11	30	54
Sao Tome and Principe	-	-	-	-	1	-

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 27. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEAR 1999—Continued**

Nationality	Cases denied during year	Individuals denied asylum during year	Cases otherwise closed during year ³	Cases to immigration judge, not interviewed	Cases to immigration judge, interviewed	Cases pending end of year
Senegal	3	3	53	1	35	90
Seychelles	-	-	1	-	-	-
Sierra Leone	23	31	38	18	137	220
Somalia	10	10	46	226	823	1,405
South Africa	1	3	23	3	18	50
Sudan	36	38	28	9	70	228
Tanzania	-	-	5	1	3	5
Togo	4	4	4	3	33	62
Tunisia	1	2	-	1	4	2
Uganda	2	2	15	2	62	106
Uruguay	-	-	2	1	1	19
Zambia	-	-	2	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	-	-	1	-	3	8
Oceania	14	29	56	5	109	657
Australia	-	-	-	-	3	1
Fiji	14	29	56	4	106	656
New Zealand	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palau	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samoa	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tonga	-	-	-	1	-	-
North America	161	180	9,595	1,608	7,566	313,156
Canada	-	-	5	-	4	3
Mexico	15	18	620	394	1,735	966
Caribbean	55	61	1,029	331	1,915	18,353
Antigua-Barbuda	-	-	3	-	-	4
Bahamas, The	-	-	6	-	3	3
Barbados	1	3	1	-	-	3
Cuba	5	5	669	21	49	2,979
Dominica	-	-	5	-	1	4
Dominican Rep.	-	-	7	-	1	34
Grenada	-	-	1	1	-	3
Haiti	46	50	193	307	1,845	15,180
Jamaica	2	2	67	1	5	72
St. Kitts-Nevis	-	-	-	-	-	2
St. Lucia	1	1	5	-	-	3
St. Vincent and the Grenadines ..	-	-	-	-	-	1
Trinidad and Tobago	-	-	72	1	11	65
Central America	91	101	7,941	883	3,912	293,834
Belize	-	-	3	-	3	2
Costa Rica	-	-	12	-	8	14
El Salvador	41	45	1,600	578	1,547	178,868
Guatemala	22	23	4,021	268	2,030	100,379
Honduras	22	27	516	31	281	831
Nicaragua	6	6	1,627	5	8	13,708
Panama	-	-	162	1	35	32
South America	40	86	1,230	49	730	2,014
Argentina	-	-	5	-	2	7
Bolivia	-	-	39	-	6	60
Brazil	2	4	153	8	57	632
Chile	3	10	20	-	12	15
Colombia	11	24	266	18	183	516
Ecuador	5	8	154	6	12	209
Guyana	-	-	64	-	9	73
Paraguay	-	-	2	-	-	4
Peru	18	37	461	17	422	459
Suriname	-	2	48	-	16	18
Venezuela	1	1	18	-	11	21
Stateless	3	4	74	2	54	157
Unknown	1	5	1	3	113	12

¹ The total number of cases pending at the beginning of fiscal year 1999 is lower than the 360,247 reported at the end of fiscal year 1998 because of corrections to the data base. ² The number of cases granted divided by the sum of: cases granted; denied; and referred to an immigration judge following an interview. See Asylum section of text. ³ Include ABC interview no show cases. ⁴ Data are for unknown republic; exclude independent republics. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions.
- Represents zero.

**TABLE 28. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY
ASYLUM OFFICE AND STATE OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEAR 1999**

Asylum office and state of residence	Cases pending beginning of year ¹	Cases filed during year	Cases reopened during year	Cases granted during year	Percent approved ²	Individuals granted asylum during year
Total	358,255	32,711	9,496	13,241	38	17,800
Asylum office:						
Arlington	44,326	3,124	802	2,164	54	2,829
Chicago	12,869	2,079	289	644	35	1,027
Houston	21,269	1,626	185	587	35	811
Los Angeles	143,819	10,046	1,590	4,145	51	5,372
Miami	44,720	3,507	1,903	832	20	1,293
Newark	31,458	3,292	1,791	1,252	26	1,664
New York	26,713	4,145	2,421	1,249	29	1,710
San Francisco	33,081	4,892	515	2,368	42	3,094
State:						
Alabama	931	39	32	20	18	32
Alaska	320	8	3	4	29	7
Arizona	1,608	130	65	82	43	119
Arkansas	1,109	57	9	7	8	9
California	164,029	13,702	1,900	5,835	46	7,646
Colorado	1,638	237	26	104	39	151
Connecticut	1,021	128	50	89	55	118
Delaware	829	25	65	23	40	33
District of Columbia	5,896	314	55	181	65	203
Florida	44,023	3,421	1,861	825	20	1,291
Georgia	6,669	469	236	273	31	363
Hawaii	230	31	4	9	90	13
Idaho	190	12	1	5	33	7
Illinois	1,974	451	56	175	40	251
Indiana	523	95	16	42	41	63
Iowa	1,164	80	12	24	28	33
Kansas	1,224	37	12	22	47	35
Kentucky	567	144	12	5	8	7
Louisiana	214	21	8	15	48	21
Maine	161	20	3	12	44	18
Maryland	12,028	1,064	190	769	61	958
Massachusetts	11,915	453	151	235	27	308
Michigan	923	298	57	136	43	256
Minnesota	1,947	357	57	326	53	438
Mississippi	69	6	4	4	40	5
Missouri	611	60	13	26	46	29
Montana	14	2	1	1	14	1
Nebraska	2,705	196	25	11	21	22
Nevada	3,177	173	48	48	36	54
New Hampshire	115	20	3	8	33	9
New Jersey	8,660	586	528	275	37	373
New Mexico	112	15	1	4	24	4
New York	31,534	5,720	3,305	1,546	24	2,081
North Carolina	2,692	132	108	135	49	197
North Dakota	5	2	1	1	33	1
Ohio	1,456	357	32	126	47	180
Oklahoma	304	38	4	38	68	54
Oregon	3,004	106	18	76	59	107
Pennsylvania	1,056	395	82	249	55	335
Rhode Island	3,051	61	25	44	25	61
South Carolina	349	30	14	14	27	18
South Dakota	226	13	3	1	5	3
Tennessee	799	469	23	123	25	152
Texas	16,712	762	102	304	44	428
Utah	701	46	12	22	37	27
Vermont	62	8	2	1	100	3
Virginia	16,036	1,060	193	761	65	1,045
Washington	2,931	413	35	91	51	106
West Virginia	22	3	1	3	43	4
Wisconsin	158	186	13	47	30	53
Wyoming	15	1	1	-	-	-
Unknown	1	-	-	-	-	-
Guam	379	160	3	49	43	52
Puerto Rico	66	9	10	15	65	16
U.S. Virgin Islands	100	89	5	-	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 28. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY
ASYLUM OFFICE AND STATE OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEAR 1999—Continued**

Asylum office and state of residence	Cases denied during year	Individuals denied asylum during year	Cases otherwise closed during year	Cases to immigration judge, not interviewed	Cases to immigration judge, interviewed	Cases pending end of year
Total	1,737	2,351	17,888	2,764	19,566	342,485
Asylum office:						
Arlington	131	172	2,638	229	1,751	40,960
Chicago	141	211	334	150	1,081	12,783
Houston	122	165	221	167	959	20,974
Los Angeles	486	713	1,882	1,036	3,537	143,827
Miami	86	132	5,480	414	3,236	39,421
Newark	384	445	3,062	191	3,119	28,175
New York	187	242	2,503	319	2,822	25,767
San Francisco	200	271	1,768	258	3,061	30,578
State:						
Alabama	2	4	136	8	92	725
Alaska	1	1	5	-	9	312
Arizona	11	13	74	17	96	1,490
Arkansas	1	1	21	18	80	1,043
California	646	933	3,453	1,205	6,171	161,601
Colorado	16	22	21	13	144	1,599
Connecticut	9	19	74	3	64	955
Delaware	1	1	54	-	34	798
District of Columbia ...	10	14	113	21	87	5,821
Florida	91	139	5,363	389	3,183	38,818
Georgia	8	13	1,145	67	615	5,157
Hawaii	1	1	4	1	-	249
Idaho	-	-	3	4	10	180
Illinois	34	45	55	22	226	1,950
Indiana	14	15	19	3	47	504
Iowa	4	4	13	16	59	1,136
Kansas	3	5	18	13	22	1,191
Kentucky	4	6	13	14	54	625
Louisiana	2	5	9	2	14	200
Maine	1	1	11	4	14	140
Maryland	74	92	389	50	416	11,486
Massachusetts	20	25	553	59	610	10,985
Michigan	29	50	86	13	152	842
Minnesota	30	42	108	27	254	1,590
Mississippi	3	3	7	-	3	61
Missouri	5	6	14	2	26	610
Montana	2	4	-	-	4	10
Nebraska	-	-	9	6	41	2,856
Nevada	7	7	42	25	79	3,182
New Hampshire	3	3	11	1	13	101
New Jersey	38	53	830	51	433	8,075
New Mexico	4	7	3	1	9	107
New York	454	532	3,757	372	4,459	29,364
North Carolina	6	8	303	15	137	2,293
North Dakota	1	4	-	-	1	5
Ohio	12	18	25	25	131	1,514
Oklahoma	4	4	8	2	14	278
Oregon	7	10	3	9	45	2,981
Pennsylvania	32	37	178	9	176	870
Rhode Island	8	8	121	20	122	2,808
South Carolina	4	7	67	4	34	264
South Dakota	-	-	8	2	19	212
Tennessee	6	8	57	53	361	679
Texas	77	109	122	77	304	16,668
Utah	5	6	16	2	33	677
Vermont	-	-	3	-	-	66
Virginia	29	38	510	66	383	15,449
Washington	5	8	14	14	82	3,163
West Virginia	-	-	1	-	4	18
Wisconsin	12	19	8	3	96	182
Wyoming	-	-	1	-	-	16
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	1
Guam	1	1	19	11	65	394
Puerto Rico	-	-	9	4	8	48
U.S. Virgin Islands	-	-	2	21	31	136

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**TABLE 29. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT
RESIDENT STATUS BY ENACTMENT
FISCAL YEARS 1946-99**

Enactment	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-99
Total	3,426,953	213,347	492,371	212,843	539,447	1,013,620	955,325
Presidential Directive of 12/22/45	40,324	40,324	X	X	X	X	X
Displaced Persons Act of 6/25/48	409,696	173,023	236,669	4	X	X	X
Orphan Act of 7/29/53	466	X	466	X	X	X	X
Refugee Relief Act of 8/7/53	189,025	X	188,993	28	2	2	X
Refugee-Escapee Act of 9/11/57	29,462	X	24,263	5,199	X	X	X
Hungarian Refugee Act of 7/25/58	30,752	X	30,491	258	2	1	X
Azores & Netherlands Refugee Act of 9/2/58	22,213	X	10,057	12,156	X	X	X
Refugee Relatives Act of 9/22/59	1,820	X	1,432	388	X	X	X
Fair Share Refugee Act of 7/14/60	19,800	X	X	19,714	82	3	1
Refugee Conditional Entrants Act of 10/3/65	142,103	X	X	39,149	102,625	329	X
Cuban Refugee Act of 11/2/66	597,222	X	X	135,947	252,119	105,898	103,258
Indochinese Refugee Act of 10/28/77	175,167	X	X	X	137,309	37,752	106
Refugee Parolee Act of 10/5/78	139,292	X	X	X	46,058	92,971	263
Refugee Act of 1980, 3/17/80	1,629,611	X	X	X	1,250	776,664	851,697
Refugees	1,495,962	X	X	X	X	734,259	761,703
Asylees	133,649	X	X	X	1,250	42,405	89,994

NOTE: See Glossary for fiscal year definitions.

X Not applicable.

**TABLE 30. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1946-99**

Region and country of birth	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-99	1998 ¹	1999
All countries	3,426,953	213,347	492,371	212,843	539,447	1,013,620	955,325	52,193	42,852
Europe	1,344,193	211,983	456,146	55,235	71,858	155,512	393,459	19,048	21,801
Albania	7,263	29	1,409	1,952	395	289	3,189	56	44
Armenia	2,047	X	X	X	X	X	2,047	158	130
Austria	17,502	4,801	11,487	233	185	424	372	6	16
Azerbaijan	11,617	X	X	X	X	X	11,617	196	372
Belarus	23,354	X	X	X	X	X	23,354	557	766
Belgium	75	NA	NA	NA	21	33	21	2	6
Bosnia-Herzegovina	25,964	X	X	X	X	X	25,964	4,060	5,298
Bulgaria	7,152	139	1,138	1,799	1,238	1,197	1,641	33	20
Croatia	1,118	X	X	X	X	X	1,118	211	254
Czechoslovakia ²	37,974	8,449	10,719	5,709	3,646	8,204	1,247	9	12
Denmark	23	NA	NA	NA	1	5	17	1	-
Estonia	12,075	7,143	4,103	16	2	25	786	18	33
Finland	17	NA	NA	NA	2	5	10	1	-
France	536	NA	NA	NA	139	268	129	3	5
Georgia	2,459	X	X	X	X	X	2,459	100	100
Germany	102,026	36,633	62,860	665	143	851	874	55	115
Gibraltar	1	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-	-	-
Greece	31,533	124	28,568	586	478	1,408	369	8	8
Hungary	76,446	6,086	55,740	4,044	4,358	4,942	1,276	14	7
Iceland	4	NA	NA	NA	2	2	-	-	-
Ireland	19	NA	NA	NA	8	6	5	-	-
Italy	63,642	642	60,657	1,198	346	394	405	7	6
Kazakhstan	3,797	X	X	X	X	X	3,797	152	210
Kyrgyzstan	1,074	X	X	X	X	X	1,074	49	46
Latvia	40,941	21,422	16,783	49	16	48	2,623	69	126
Liechtenstein	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	1	-	-
Lithuania	28,501	18,694	8,569	72	23	37	1,106	27	33
Luxembourg	2	NA	NA	NA	-	2	-	-	-
Macedonia	103	X	X	X	X	X	103	32	8
Malta	11	NA	NA	NA	6	5	-	-	-
Moldova	10,988	X	X	X	X	X	10,988	272	373
Monaco	1	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	17,654	129	14,336	3,134	8	14	33	5	8
Norway	17	NA	NA	NA	4	7	6	-	1
Poland	210,263	78,529	81,323	3,197	5,882	33,889	7,443	54	36
Portugal	5,078	12	3,650	1,361	21	21	13	-	-
Romania	75,645	4,180	12,057	7,158	6,812	29,798	15,640	116	63
Russia	56,419	X	X	X	X	X	56,419	2,225	2,842
San Marino	1	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-	-	-
Slovak Republic	26	X	X	X	X	X	26	6	5
Slovenia	79	X	X	X	X	X	79	16	17
Soviet Union ³	236,707	14,072	30,059	871	31,309	72,306	88,090	5,524	4,394
Spain	10,816	1	246	4,114	5,317	736	402	31	25
Sweden	17	NA	NA	NA	3	NA	14	3	4
Switzerland	46	NA	NA	NA	12	NA	34	3	4
Tajikistan	2,499	X	X	X	X	X	2,499	24	45
Turkmenistan	370	X	X	X	X	X	370	10	25
Ukraine	101,997	X	X	X	X	X	101,997	3,641	4,956
United Kingdom	360	NA	NA	NA	58	192	110	9	4
Uzbekistan	18,574	X	X	X	X	X	18,574	292	759
Yugoslavia ³	89,609	9,816	44,755	18,299	11,297	324	5,118	993	625
Unknown Europe	9,750	1,082	7,687	778	123	80	-	-	-
Asia	1,315,203	1,106	33,422	19,895	210,683	712,092	338,005	11,745	9,300
Afghanistan	33,101	-	1	-	542	22,946	9,612	137	54
Bahrain	5	NA	NA	NA	-	NA	5	-	-
Bangladesh	473	NA	NA	NA	2	NA	471	159	84
Bhutan	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-

**TABLE 30. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1946-99—Continued**

Region and country of birth	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-99	1998 ¹	1999
Burma	740	NA	NA	NA	70	NA	670	79	45
Cambodia	128,155	-	-	-	7,739	114,064	6,352	62	39
China ⁴	46,444	319	12,008	5,308	13,760	7,928	7,121	898	431
Cyprus	57	NA	NA	NA	48	NA	9	-	-
Hong Kong	9,163	-	1,076	2,128	3,468	1,916	575	5	16
India	2,119	NA	NA	NA	41	NA	2,078	373	118
Indonesia	17,705	-	8,253	7,658	222	1,385	187	4	1
Iran	70,862	118	192	58	364	46,773	23,357	754	1,030
Iraq	33,714	-	130	119	6,851	7,540	19,074	1,001	1,835
Israel	247	NA	NA	NA	76	NA	171	6	5
Japan	4,546	3	3,803	554	56	110	20	1	1
Jordan	411	NA	NA	NA	88	NA	323	21	14
Korea	4,637	-	3,116	1,316	65	120	20	2	1
Kuwait	464	NA	NA	NA	11	NA	453	29	9
Laos	201,211	-	-	-	21,690	142,964	36,557	1,110	383
Lebanon	1,593	NA	NA	NA	595	NA	998	39	16
Macau	32	NA	NA	NA	29	NA	3	1	-
Malaysia	544	NA	NA	NA	189	NA	355	-	13
Maldives	2	NA	NA	NA	-	NA	2	-	-
Mongolia	28	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	28	-	3
Nepal	32	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	31	1	3
Oman	6	NA	NA	NA	1	5	-	-	-
Pakistan	1,536	NA	NA	NA	20	NA	1,516	130	54
Philippines	1,159	NA	NA	NA	213	NA	946	16	7
Qatar	18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	18	-	1
Saudia Arabia	838	NA	NA	NA	10	NA	828	79	57
Singapore	41	NA	NA	NA	28	NA	13	1	-
Sri Lanka	362	NA	NA	NA	24	NA	338	27	17
Syria	5,963	4	119	383	1,336	2,145	1,976	707	160
Thailand	53,477	-	15	13	1,241	30,259	21,949	1,134	380
Turkey	7,139	603	1,427	1,489	1,193	1,896	531	21	15
United Arab Emirates	58	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	58	5	1
Vietnam	676,009	-	2	7	150,266	324,453	201,281	4,921	4,503
Yemen	111	NA	NA	NA	22	11	78	22	4
Unknown Asia	12,200	59	3,280	862	422	7,577	-	-	-
Africa	80,698	20	1,768	5,486	2,991	22,149	48,284	4,225	2,184
Algeria	121	NA	NA	NA	1	5	115	33	12
Angola	348	NA	NA	NA	4	255	89	2	1
Benin	14	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	14	1	1
Botswana	94	NA	NA	NA	NA	85	9	-	-
Burkina Faso	7	NA	NA	NA	2	-	5	1	3
Burundi	138	NA	NA	NA	NA	8	130	43	6
Cameroon	295	NA	NA	NA	NA	9	286	55	12
Cape Verde.....	23	NA	NA	NA	4	13	6	-	-
Central African Republic	5	NA	NA	NA	1	1	3	-	-
Chad	36	NA	NA	NA	7	NA	29	1	12
Congo, Democratic Republic ⁵	1,077	NA	NA	NA	7	192	878	55	21
Congo, Republic ⁵	19	NA	NA	NA	1	1	17	2	2
Cote d' Ivoire	107	NA	NA	NA	1	1	105	20	3
Djibouti	38	NA	NA	NA	NA	19	19	7	-
Egypt	9,051	8	1,354	5,396	1,473	426	394	54	32
Equatorial Guinea	2	NA	NA	NA	-	2	-	-	-
Eritrea	601	X	X	X	X	X	601	27	14
Ethiopia ⁶	37,507	NA	61	2	1,307	18,542	17,595	507	183
Gabon	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	6	1	1
Gambia, The	39	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	39	23	3
Ghana	523	NA	NA	NA	3	135	385	42	14
Guinea	63	NA	NA	NA	NA	15	48	-	-
Guinea-Bissau	22	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	22	14	5

**TABLE 30. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1946-99—Continued**

Region and country of birth	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-99	1998 ¹	1999
Kenya	1,297	NA	NA	NA	4	87	1,206	234	131
Lesotho.....	39	NA	NA	NA	1	29	9	-	-
Liberia	3,677	NA	NA	NA	2	109	3,566	225	124
Libya	963	NA	NA	NA	14	363	586	4	-
Madagascar	1	NA	NA	NA	-	1	-	-	-
Malawi	64	NA	NA	NA	8	33	23	2	1
Mali	11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	11	4	2
Mauritania	148	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	147	64	16
Mauritius	19	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	18	-	2
Morocco	36	NA	NA	NA	3	11	22	2	2
Mozambique	106	NA	NA	NA	3	72	31	-	-
Namibia	111	NA	NA	NA	3	71	37	3	-
Niger	28	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	27	-	-
Nigeria	385	NA	NA	NA	6	14	365	112	43
Reunion	1	NA	NA	NA	-	1	-	-	-
Rwanda	340	NA	NA	NA	-	3	337	34	53
Sao Tome and Principe ..	1	NA	NA	NA	-	1	-	-	-
Senegal	31	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	30	3	4
Seychelles	15	NA	NA	NA	NA	12	3	-	-
Sierra Leone	253	NA	NA	NA	2	21	230	52	18
Somalia	15,096	NA	NA	NA	6	70	15,020	2,270	1,279
South Africa	493	NA	NA	NA	14	285	194	1	1
Sudan	5,724	NA	NA	NA	4	739	4,981	287	153
Swaziland	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-
Tanzania	24	NA	NA	NA	2	7	15	1	-
Togo	115	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	114	22	7
Tunisia	8	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	7	-	-
Uganda	786	NA	NA	NA	58	301	427	15	22
Zambia	108	NA	NA	NA	3	53	52	1	1
Zimbabwe	57	NA	NA	NA	3	24	30	1	-
Unknown Africa	623	12	353	88	40	130	-	-	-
Oceania	429	7	75	21	37	22	267	20	2
American Samoa	1	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-	-	-
Australia	28	NA	NA	NA	21	NA	7	-	1
Fiji	256	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	256	20	1
French Polynesia	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-
Guam	2	NA	NA	NA	2	-	-	-	-
New Caledonia	2	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	1	-	-
New Zealand	6	NA	NA	NA	2	4	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	5	NA	NA	NA	2	3	-	-	-
Wallis and Futuna Islands	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	-	-
Unknown Oceania	126	7	75	21	8	15	-	-	-
North America	677,635	163	831	132,068	252,633	121,840	170,100	16,372	9,086
Canada	165	NA	NA	NA	96	NA	69	6	6
Greenland	2	NA	NA	NA	1	1	-	-	-
Mexico	567	NA	NA	NA	202	NA	365	41	33
St. Pierre and Miquelon ..	1	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-	-	-
United States	22	NA	NA	NA	5	NA	17	2	2
Caribbean	637,124	3	6	131,557	251,825	114,213	139,520	15,480	8,730
Anguilla	5	NA	NA	NA	-	5	-	-	-
Antigua-Barbuda	1	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-	-	-
Bahamas, The	847	NA	NA	NA	1	832	14	-	1
Barbados	5	NA	NA	NA	1	4	-	-	-
Bermuda	5	NA	NA	NA	5	-	-	-	-
British Virgin Islands	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	-	-
Cayman Islands	11	NA	NA	NA	9	NA	2	2	-
Cuba	626,697	3	6	131,557	251,514	113,367	130,250	14,915	8,588
Dominica	10	NA	NA	NA	4	NA	6	1	-

**TABLE 30. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1946-99—Continued**

Region and country of birth	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-99	1998 ¹	1999
Dominican Republic	322	NA	NA	NA	152	NA	170	18	18
Grenada	2	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	1	-	-
Haiti	9,128	NA	NA	NA	86	NA	9,042	537	122
Jamaica	42	NA	NA	NA	25	NA	17	2	1
Martinique	3	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	2	-	-
Montserrat	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	2	-
Netherlands Antilles	4	NA	NA	NA	3	NA	1	-	-
Puerto Rico	4	NA	NA	NA	NA	3	1	-	-
St. Kitts and Nevis	4	NA	NA	NA	3	1	-	-	-
St. Lucia	2	NA	NA	NA	1	1	-	-	-
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	14	NA	NA	NA	13	NA	1	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	9	NA	NA	NA	4	NA	5	2	-
Turks and Caicos Islands	6	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	5	1	-
Central America	37,397	1	1	4	289	6,973	30,129	843	315
Belize	13	NA	NA	NA	8	NA	5	-	-
Costa Rica	257	NA	NA	NA	51	NA	206	10	6
El Salvador	5,426	-	-	1	45	1,383	3,997	129	47
Guatemala	1,941	NA	NA	NA	47	NA	1,894	264	105
Honduras	1,056	NA	NA	NA	69	NA	987	108	48
Nicaragua	27,959	1	1	3	27	5,590	22,337	316	103
Panama	745	NA	NA	NA	42	NA	703	16	6
Unknown North America	2,357	159	824	507	214	653	-	-	-
South America	8,503	32	74	123	1,244	1,986	5,044	712	417
Argentina	199	NA	NA	NA	101	NA	98	13	13
Bolivia	88	NA	NA	NA	10	NA	78	12	5
Brazil	119	NA	NA	NA	16	NA	103	14	8
Chile	1,105	-	5	4	415	532	149	12	13
Colombia	1,484	NA	NA	NA	217	350	917	171	121
Ecuador	313	NA	NA	NA	149	NA	164	30	28
Guyana	29	NA	NA	NA	7	NA	22	4	-
Paraguay	8	NA	NA	NA	4	NA	4	-	1
Peru	2,612	NA	NA	NA	132	251	2,229	338	117
Suriname	56	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	56	-	1
Uruguay	55	NA	NA	NA	43	NA	12	-	-
Venezuela	1,702	NA	NA	NA	83	407	1,212	118	110
Unknown South America	733	32	69	119	67	446	-	-	-
Unknown or not reported	292	36	55	15	1	19	166	71	62

¹ Data for fiscal year 1998 have been revised due to changes in the counts for asylees. The previously reported total was 54,645. See text, p.17.

² Prior to 1993, data include independent republics; beginning in 1993, data are for unknown republic only.

³ Prior to 1992, data include independent republics; beginning in 1992, data are for unknown republic only.

⁴ Includes People's Republic of China and Taiwan.

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.

⁶ Prior to 1993, data include Eritrea.

NOTE: See Glossary for fiscal year definitions.

- Represents zero. NA Not available. X Not applicable.

**TABLE 31. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS BY AGE AND SEX
FISCAL YEARS 1992-99**

Age and sex	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998 ¹	1999
Total	117,037	127,343	121,434	114,664	128,565	112,158	52,193	42,852
Under 5 years	5,760	5,563	5,181	4,509	4,303	3,424	1,589	1,281
5-9 years	11,304	11,496	10,198	9,163	9,525	8,721	4,146	3,164
10-14 years	9,250	9,971	9,451	9,287	10,737	9,963	4,510	3,541
15-19 years	12,224	11,654	9,596	8,076	8,153	7,669	3,976	3,331
20-24 years	13,280	13,869	13,115	13,199	14,210	11,573	4,814	3,618
25-29 years	11,895	12,094	11,148	11,491	14,009	12,816	5,997	4,631
30-34 years	10,738	10,703	9,978	9,433	11,897	11,900	5,952	4,241
35-39 years	9,170	9,151	8,420	7,860	9,226	8,867	4,746	3,664
40-44 years	8,078	9,068	8,031	7,546	8,620	7,806	3,611	2,929
45-49 years	6,130	7,949	7,827	7,707	9,078	7,402	3,201	2,584
50-54 years	5,207	6,294	5,969	5,574	6,467	5,654	2,453	2,327
55-59 years	4,008	5,491	6,064	5,862	6,663	4,994	2,003	1,778
60-64 years	3,481	4,747	5,053	4,594	4,846	3,704	1,736	1,924
65-69 years	3,002	4,281	4,945	4,267	4,587	3,238	1,346	1,469
70-74 years	1,655	2,443	3,143	2,905	3,062	2,001	957	1,140
75-79 years	991	1,305	1,649	1,502	1,494	1,077	561	609
80 years and over	819	1,223	1,641	1,676	1,674	1,335	592	607
Unknown age	45	41	25	13	14	14	3	14
Male	60,583	64,885	61,790	59,023	67,386	59,598	27,793	21,977
Under 5 years	3,062	2,836	2,660	2,279	2,198	1,798	804	662
5-9 years	5,766	5,910	5,259	4,776	4,950	4,496	2,115	1,618
10-14 years	4,913	5,122	4,841	4,835	5,619	5,105	2,435	1,826
15-19 years	6,724	6,170	5,067	4,282	4,342	4,020	2,088	1,742
20-24 years	7,131	7,337	6,987	7,190	7,590	6,207	2,519	1,828
25-29 years	6,381	6,518	6,290	6,457	8,196	7,389	3,480	2,570
30-34 years	5,487	5,481	5,415	5,274	6,832	7,060	3,466	2,370
35-39 years	4,640	4,544	4,176	3,901	4,867	4,806	2,625	1,942
40-44 years	4,079	4,280	3,748	3,582	4,135	3,910	1,844	1,425
45-49 years	3,293	4,248	4,019	3,816	4,538	3,776	1,637	1,297
50-54 years	2,726	3,383	3,168	3,034	3,575	3,142	1,329	1,184
55-59 years	2,037	2,699	2,860	2,839	3,325	2,598	1,069	868
60-64 years	1,630	2,344	2,421	2,289	2,375	1,896	835	883
65-69 years	1,295	1,924	2,306	2,112	2,313	1,669	707	765
70-74 years	702	1,072	1,321	1,209	1,305	915	412	537
75-79 years	395	535	644	575	626	408	237	253
80 years and over	297	457	592	569	591	396	190	200
Unknown age	25	25	16	4	9	7	1	7
Female	56,415	62,448	59,633	55,638	61,178	52,517	24,245	20,847
Under 5 years	2,698	2,727	2,519	2,230	2,105	1,626	777	618
5-9 years	5,534	5,584	4,937	4,387	4,574	4,221	2,022	1,543
10-14 years	4,336	4,847	4,608	4,452	5,118	4,854	2,059	1,713
15-19 years	5,496	5,483	4,527	3,794	3,811	3,645	1,878	1,585
20-24 years	6,145	6,531	6,128	6,009	6,620	5,359	2,278	1,788
25-29 years	5,506	5,576	4,857	5,034	5,813	5,418	2,502	2,054
30-34 years	5,244	5,222	4,563	4,159	5,065	4,839	2,464	1,870
35-39 years	4,528	4,606	4,243	3,958	4,359	4,060	2,111	1,719
40-44 years	3,998	4,787	4,282	3,964	4,485	3,890	1,753	1,503
45-49 years	2,834	3,699	3,808	3,891	4,540	3,625	1,556	1,286
50-54 years	2,479	2,911	2,801	2,540	2,892	2,511	1,119	1,142
55-59 years	1,970	2,792	3,204	3,023	3,338	2,394	927	909
60-64 years	1,849	2,403	2,632	2,304	2,471	1,806	897	1,040
65-69 years	1,707	2,357	2,639	2,155	2,274	1,568	636	704
70-74 years	953	1,371	1,822	1,696	1,757	1,086	543	603
75-79 years	596	770	1,005	926	868	669	321	356
80 years and over	522	766	1,049	1,107	1,083	939	401	407
Unknown age	20	16	9	9	5	7	1	7
Unknown sex	39	10	11	3	1	43	155	28
Percent distribution	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	51.8	51.0	50.9	51.5	52.4	53.1	53.3	51.3
Female	48.2	49.0	49.1	48.5	47.6	46.8	46.5	48.6
Unknown	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	.3	.1

¹ Data for fiscal year 1998 have been revised due to changes in the counts for asylees. The previously reported total was 54,645. See text, p.17.

- Represents zero. Z Rounds to less than .05 percent.

**TABLE 32. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1990-99**

Region and country of birth	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998 ¹	1999
All countries	97,364	139,079	117,037	127,343	121,434	114,664	128,565	112,158	52,193	42,852
Europe	33,111	62,946	42,721	53,195	54,978	46,998	51,977	39,795	19,048	21,801
Albania	64	75	539	1,198	733	314	154	76	56	44
Armenia	X	X	479	329	342	214	182	213	158	130
Austria	84	131	90	54	25	15	15	20	6	16
Azerbaijan	X	X	1,551	2,790	2,668	1,594	1,446	1,000	196	372
Belarus	X	X	3,008	4,480	5,156	3,421	3,480	2,486	557	766
Belgium	1	1	1	-	2	-	3	4	2	6
Bosnia-Herzegovina	X	X	-	-	337	3,818	6,246	6,205	4,060	5,298
Bulgaria	178	311	562	303	138	105	100	69	33	20
Croatia	X	X	-	2	11	117	236	287	211	254
Czechoslovakia ²	883	659	319	119	41	36	21	31	9	12
Denmark	1	3	-	1	-	2	9	1	1	-
Estonia	5	9	155	125	176	83	98	89	18	33
Finland	3	2	2	3	-	2	-	-	1	-
France	34	34	13	15	10	7	24	18	3	5
Georgia	X	X	255	213	392	383	591	425	100	100
Germany	154	214	94	82	84	61	90	79	55	115
Greece	315	127	28	39	65	50	33	11	8	8
Hungary	868	817	229	80	37	28	40	24	14	7
Ireland	-	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Italy	86	206	105	32	11	7	17	14	7	6
Kazakhstan	X	X	460	544	595	600	624	612	152	210
Kyrgyzstan	X	X	123	114	210	155	177	200	49	46
Latvia	6	34	315	493	568	387	359	272	69	126
Liechtenstein	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	11	75	157	228	214	151	136	85	27	33
Macedonia	X	X	X	X	4	20	20	19	32	8
Moldova	X	X	1,588	2,546	2,154	1,597	1,415	1,043	272	373
Netherlands	4	5	2	7	3	-	-	3	5	8
Norway	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	1
Poland	3,903	4,205	1,512	731	334	245	183	143	54	36
Portugal	2	2	-	4	2	3	1	1	-	-
Romania	3,186	4,276	4,971	3,654	1,199	592	447	322	116	63
Russia	X	X	7,122	8,965	10,359	8,176	9,745	6,985	2,225	2,842
Slovak Republic	X	X	X	-	-	2	4	9	6	5
Slovenia	X	X	X	-	-	11	17	18	16	17
Soviet Union ³	23,186	51,551	3,824	6,126	5,719	5,060	3,303	2,589	5,524	4,394
Spain	84	96	50	37	55	33	46	29	31	25
Sweden	1	-	2	1	-	-	3	1	3	4
Switzerland	5	10	4	3	2	1	3	4	3	4
Tajikistan	X	X	167	301	534	654	535	239	24	45
Turkmenistan	X	X	30	40	50	71	78	66	10	25
Ukraine	X	X	13,347	16,977	19,366	14,937	16,636	12,137	3,641	4,956
United Kingdom	23	34	7	7	17	9	11	12	9	4
Uzbekistan	X	X	1,550	2,475	3,211	3,258	4,144	2,885	292	759
Yugoslavia ³	23	66	58	75	154	778	1,301	1,068	993	625
Asia	51,867	49,762	53,422	51,783	45,768	43,314	42,076	30,835	11,745	9,300
Afghanistan	2,144	2,100	2,082	2,233	1,665	616	369	356	137	54
Bahrain	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Bangladesh	-	15	10	7	19	36	50	91	159	84
Bhutan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Burma	2	16	19	78	114	136	101	82	79	45
Cambodia	4,719	2,550	1,695	808	557	268	210	163	62	39
China, People's Republic	330	620	884	1,153	774	803	845	692	898	429
Cyprus	8	4	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-
Hong Kong	30	75	193	90	82	48	47	19	5	16
India	14	47	34	103	133	323	485	462	373	118
Indonesia	28	12	13	16	41	62	30	8	4	1
Iran	8,649	8,515	3,093	3,875	2,186	1,245	1,212	1,447	754	1,030
Iraq	141	193	365	1,856	4,400	3,848	3,802	1,774	1,001	1,835
Israel	16	10	10	20	29	34	32	25	6	5
Japan	1	4	5	3	4	2	-	-	1	1

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 32. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1990-99—Continued**

Region and country of birth	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998 ¹	1999
Jordan	17	15	15	42	48	64	58	46	21	14
Korea	2	1	-	1	3	5	4	3	2	1
Kuwait	4	11	13	114	94	63	74	46	29	9
Laos	9,824	9,127	8,026	6,547	4,482	3,364	2,155	1,363	1,110	383
Lebanon	118	318	140	204	88	48	77	68	39	16
Macau	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Malaysia	59	93	88	37	49	44	15	16	-	13
Maldives	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	-	2	3	4	4	2	3	7	-	3
Nepal	-	-	-	3	-	5	7	12	1	3
Pakistan	157	166	129	185	181	197	194	280	130	54
Philippines	290	249	221	122	103	80	80	68	16	7
Qatar	-	-	6	2	5	3	1	-	-	1
Saudi Arabia	15	33	19	24	75	126	280	135	79	57
Singapore	3	2	2	-	1	1	1	5	1	-
Sri Lanka	6	59	22	62	33	30	42	46	27	17
Syria	393	252	96	115	34	258	208	146	707	160
Taiwan	3	5	10	1	-	2	2	1	-	2
Thailand	4,077	3,603	4,048	3,724	3,076	2,932	1,940	1,112	1,134	380
Turkey	276	109	16	79	156	58	42	35	21	15
United Arab Emirates	1	6	2	15	7	9	4	9	5	1
Vietnam	20,537	21,543	32,155	30,249	27,318	28,595	29,700	22,297	4,921	4,503
Yemen	3	5	5	9	4	4	6	19	22	4
Africa	2,212	4,731	4,480	5,944	6,078	7,527	5,464	7,651	4,225	2,184
Algeria	3	-	-	2	3	3	16	46	33	12
Angola	14	22	25	13	7	4	11	4	2	1
Benin	-	9	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Botswana	6	-	5	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
Burundi	-	4	5	4	6	4	17	41	43	6
Cameroon	-	3	-	12	14	33	68	89	55	12
Cape Verde	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Central African Republic	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Chad	-	1	1	3	2	3	4	2	1	12
Congo, Democratic Republic ⁴	14	57	72	109	113	130	175	146	55	21
Congo, Republic ⁴	-	6	1	-	-	2	-	4	2	2
Cote d'Ivoire	-	2	-	3	15	19	24	19	20	3
Djibouti	4	1	2	3	6	-	-	-	7	-
Egypt	69	52	18	35	37	29	66	71	54	32
Eritrea	X	X	X	43	200	204	68	45	27	14
Ethiopia	1,682	3,582	3,268	3,682	2,530	1,802	985	1,056	507	183
Gabon	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	1
Gambia, The	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	10	23	3
Ghana	59	64	16	35	37	54	56	67	42	14
Guinea	-	-	1	2	7	7	21	10	-	-
Guinea Bassau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	14	5
Kenya	31	32	42	42	98	165	171	291	234	131
Lesotho	5	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberia	26	42	25	239	851	855	700	505	225	124
Libya	84	175	143	172	27	28	24	13	4	-
Malawi	3	9	3	-	4	2	-	2	2	1
Mali	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	4	2
Mauritania	-	-	1	7	4	10	10	35	64	16
Mauritius	-	-	2	1	3	1	5	4	-	2
Morocco	1	4	1	3	3	1	5	1	2	2
Mozambique	8	3	9	16	3	-	-	-	-	-
Namibia	5	6	6	17	5	-	-	-	3	-
Niger	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	-
Nigeria	1	20	9	14	21	26	40	80	112	43
Rwanda	1	-	1	4	8	13	84	140	34	53
Senegal	-	2	2	2	-	1	7	9	3	4
Seychelles	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sierra Leone	-	4	3	2	4	25	44	78	52	18
Somalia	38	282	330	885	1,572	3,095	1,700	3,607	2,270	1,279

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 32. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1990-99—Continued**

Region and country of birth	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998 ¹	1999
South Africa	35	77	33	37	6	23	9	7	1	1
Sudan	60	184	369	443	402	935	1,089	1,119	287	153
Swaziland	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Tanzania	1	3	3	1	-	1	3	3	1	-
Togo	-	-	1	2	5	8	17	52	22	7
Tunisia	1	2	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
Uganda	54	54	64	87	79	36	24	46	15	22
Zambia	-	17	4	10	3	7	6	3	1	1
Zimbabwe	6	3	4	6	2	-	9	5	1	-
Oceania	-	1	9	34	23	63	56	59	20	2
Australia	-	1	-	2	1	-	2	-	-	1
Fiji	-	-	8	31	22	61	54	59	20	1
French Polynesia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
New Caledonia	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wallis and Futuna Islands	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
North America	9,910	21,317	15,962	15,926	14,204	16,265	28,070	32,898	16,372	9,086
Canada	5	14	5	8	10	5	3	12	6	6
Mexico	60	74	29	29	15	37	47	60	41	33
United States	2	3	-	1	-	-	1	8	2	2
Caribbean	7,700	8,005	9,969	11,700	12,672	14,888	26,597	31,479	15,480	8,730
Bahamas, The	1	3	2	4	-	1	2	1	-	1
British Virgin Islands	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cayman Islands	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Cuba	7,668	7,953	9,919	11,603	11,998	12,355	22,542	30,377	14,915	8,588
Dominica	4	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	-
Dominican Republic	20	14	27	18	8	22	19	26	18	18
Grenada	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Haiti	-	31	16	68	664	2,502	4,028	1,074	537	122
Jamaica	5	2	1	3	1	4	3	-	2	1
Martinique	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Montserrat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Netherlands Antilles	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	-
Turks and Caicos Islands	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Central America	2,143	13,221	5,959	4,188	1,507	1,335	1,422	1,339	843	315
Belize	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-
Costa Rica	37	64	31	29	20	8	18	20	10	6
El Salvador	245	1,249	743	811	275	283	262	198	129	47
Guatemala	58	296	169	210	131	158	234	327	264	105
Honduras	66	133	105	165	81	119	119	109	108	48
Nicaragua	1,694	11,233	4,668	2,892	966	727	766	666	316	103
Panama	43	246	243	81	33	38	21	19	16	6
South America	264	320	443	461	383	497	922	890	712	417
Argentina	21	8	15	4	9	11	13	12	13	13
Bolivia	10	6	3	6	10	9	17	10	12	5
Brazil	6	10	7	11	9	10	18	16	14	8
Chile	20	38	16	17	8	10	21	14	12	13
Colombia	63	46	74	63	70	102	116	154	171	121
Ecuador	17	14	6	25	25	11	15	10	30	28
Guyana	-	1	-	4	3	3	-	7	4	-
Paraguay	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1
Peru	35	73	74	176	153	241	568	489	338	117
Suriname	1	2	27	16	2	4	3	1	-	1
Uruguay	3	2	-	4	2	1	-	3	-	-
Venezuela	87	120	220	135	91	95	150	173	118	110
Unknown or not reported	-	22	1	-	-	-	-	30	71	62

¹ Data for fiscal year 1998 have been revised due to changes in the counts for asylees. The previously reported total was 54,645. See text, p.17. ² Prior to 1993, data include independent republics; beginning in 1993, 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 On May 30, 1997, Zaire was formally recognized as the Democratic Republic of the Congo. With this change of Zaire, the Congo is shown in the long form, Republic of the Congo.
- Represents zero. X Not applicable.

**TABLE 33. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS BY SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH AND SELECTED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEAR 1999**

Metropolitan statistical area ¹	All countries	Belarus	Bosnia-Herzegovina	China, People's Republic	Cuba	Iran	Iraq	Laos	Moldova
Total	42,852	766	5,298	429	8,588	1,030	1,835	383	373
New York, NY	7,685	295	115	346	50	72	5	-	112
Miami, FL	5,553	-	2	1	4,982	1	-	-	-
Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA	2,936	56	98	31	153	729	8	1	22
Detroit, MI	1,494	19	440	-	2	2	532	18	5
Chicago, IL	1,490	6	538	1	85	11	29	1	1
Orange County, CA	1,312	5	27	2	28	28	7	9	3
Atlanta, GA	947	3	225	-	60	9	73	-	1
St. Louis, MO-IL	864	18	487	-	16	-	82	-	-
San Jose, CA	835	-	102	4	13	14	5	2	2
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	727	14	32	1	13	-	2	96	21
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA	663	5	79	1	8	2	34	-	27
Sacramento, CA	661	18	4	1	2	-	-	43	12
Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA	621	6	61	-	39	1	48	1	17
Philadelphia, PA-NJ	608	19	17	5	14	1	26	-	16
Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT	583	4	257	-	22	5	46	2	2
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	545	1	103	1	291	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Lowell-Brockton, MA	488	3	79	-	30	1	21	2	1
Las Vegas, NV	429	-	81	-	297	21	2	1	-
Rochester, NY	397	8	65	-	62	-	1	2	11
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI	354	-	183	-	22	-	7	-	-
Kansas City, MO-KS	348	3	2	-	47	2	94	17	3
Louisville, KY	325	-	57	-	188	-	16	-	-
Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	316	60	50	-	6	-	52	-	7
Jersey City, NJ	314	-	-	-	292	-	-	-	1
Pittsburgh, PA	309	20	85	3	23	1	10	-	3
Denver, CO	302	18	43	-	10	2	29	4	2
San Francisco, CA	293	2	4	3	13	-	1	-	12
Dallas, TX	292	-	62	-	59	6	22	4	-
Utica-Rome, NY	272	3	216	-	-	-	2	-	-
Riverside-San Bernardino, CA	266	-	12	1	21	3	-	2	-
Newark, NJ	264	12	15	1	114	-	-	-	8
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH	258	17	28	-	3	-	1	-	6
Phoenix-Mesa, AZ	257	-	72	-	35	-	18	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	248	-	8	-	15	5	106	-	-
Fort Lauderdale, FL	246	-	-	-	138	-	-	-	-
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA	245	1	26	-	36	-	6	-	-
Richmond-Petersburg, VA	214	3	95	-	5	3	-	-	1
Jacksonville, FL	208	-	100	-	24	2	8	-	-
Spokane, WA	205	42	6	-	5	1	-	-	2
Orlando, FL	203	-	53	-	99	-	-	1	-
Lansing-East Lansing, MI	181	-	10	-	31	1	19	8	-
San Diego, CA	173	1	9	-	37	2	15	-	-
Syracuse, NY	171	-	34	-	16	-	1	4	-
Boise, ID	164	-	85	-	3	-	18	-	-
Bergen-Passaic, NJ	160	11	7	1	32	-	-	-	3
Erie, PA	153	-	42	1	-	-	23	-	5
Nashville, TN	148	-	6	-	17	16	48	-	-
Rockford, IL	146	-	100	-	26	-	3	1	-
Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	143	-	23	-	15	1	17	-	-
Des Moines, IA	141	-	94	-	1	-	-	1	-
Other MSA	5,101	84	705	19	678	66	330	143	50
Non-MSA	1,592	9	254	6	410	22	68	20	17
Unknown	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 33. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS BY SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH AND SELECTED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEAR 1999—Continued**

Metropolitan statistical area ¹	Russia	Somalia	Soviet Union ²	Thailand	Ukraine	Uzbekistan	Vietnam	Yugo- slavia ²	Other
Total	2,842	1,279	4,394	380	4,956	759	4,503	625	4,412
New York, NY	954	1	2,414	-	1,821	498	28	161	813
Miami, FL	25	-	45	-	2	4	4	-	487
Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA	168	6	307	9	386	27	348	21	566
Detroit, MI	81	16	87	17	77	8	13	44	133
Chicago, IL	44	55	470	-	68	2	58	19	102
Orange County, CA	25	10	15	17	13	2	1,011	13	97
Atlanta, GA	42	173	20	-	28	15	232	-	66
St. Louis, MO-IL	25	49	2	-	60	4	42	13	66
San Jose, CA	36	34	14	1	26	-	509	3	70
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	39	238	10	86	44	-	42	-	89
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA	80	59	28	-	194	8	64	10	64
Sacramento, CA	80	-	66	30	283	18	65	-	39
Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA	104	17	33	-	183	12	58	4	37
Philadelphia, PA-NJ	72	10	132	-	139	14	47	7	89
Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT	17	61	20	1	17	2	62	5	60
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	9	-	-	2	3	-	95	10	30
Boston-Lawrence-Lowell-Brockton, MA	40	27	151	5	32	-	55	3	38
Las Vegas, NV	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	8	9
Rochester, NY	5	25	55	-	114	4	5	3	37
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI	10	39	10	-	-	-	50	12	21
Kansas City, MO-KS	3	51	2	9	31	8	40	-	36
Louisville, KY	4	2	18	-	3	-	27	3	7
Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	1	26	46	-	20	-	34	5	9
Jersey City, NJ	7	-	-	-	3	-	7	-	4
Pittsburgh, PA	46	-	4	-	76	-	22	3	13
Denver, CO	62	5	18	-	20	4	26	5	54
San Francisco, CA	68	-	7	-	135	4	22	-	22
Dallas, TX	11	24	11	1	5	4	50	2	31
Utica-Rome, NY	1	-	1	-	24	-	1	1	23
Riverside-San Bernardino, CA	15	-	7	7	25	-	101	2	70
Newark, NJ	43	-	8	-	44	4	6	1	8
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH	41	-	25	-	109	6	1	2	19
Phoenix-Mesa, AZ	1	-	7	-	5	4	81	6	28
Washington, DC-MD-VA	6	4	1	-	3	2	15	-	83
Fort Lauderdale, FL	16	-	26	-	7	3	7	-	49
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA	2	-	10	-	9	2	32	82	39
Richmond-Petersburg, VA	34	14	2	-	18	9	13	4	13
Jacksonville, FL	4	3	1	-	5	-	30	11	20
Spokane, WA	65	-	-	-	50	3	3	4	24
Orlando, FL	2	2	3	-	-	-	12	4	27
Lansing-East Lansing, MI	1	44	2	7	-	-	21	7	30
San Diego, CA	15	36	4	-	10	-	15	1	28
Syracuse, NY	1	14	8	5	48	6	21	3	10
Boise, ID	-	-	-	-	20	-	16	11	11
Bergen-Passaic, NJ	43	-	6	-	32	-	-	8	17
Erie, PA	14	3	-	-	23	6	2	3	31
Nashville, TN	1	28	-	-	-	-	11	-	21
Rockford, IL	3	-	-	-	1	-	8	1	3
Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	3	5	1	-	-	-	57	1	20
Des Moines, ID	2	-	4	3	6	-	9	1	20
Other MSA	383	138	207	162	562	65	835	91	583
Non-MSA	88	59	86	18	172	8	183	27	145
Unknown	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

¹ Ranked by the number of refugees and asylees. See Glossary for definition of metropolitan statistical area. ² Data are for unknown republic; exclude independent republics. See Notice of Special Geographic Definitions.

- Represents zero.

**TABLE 34. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY STATE OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEARS 1990-99**

State of residence	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998 ¹	1999
Total	97,364	139,079	117,037	127,343	121,434	114,664	128,565	112,158	52,193	42,852
Alabama	127	136	94	118	106	67	95	56	48	38
Alaska	27	72	56	62	47	20	72	28	26	41
Arizona	682	890	608	973	708	628	333	289	106	398
Arkansas	76	122	99	150	111	91	96	94	45	2
California	38,507	45,594	38,261	39,516	29,284	26,104	20,233	23,046	8,309	7,190
Colorado	578	1,342	1,114	1,106	1,186	1,296	1,416	1,102	553	408
Connecticut	1,162	1,767	1,111	1,116	904	956	864	552	169	371
Delaware	48	107	39	47	51	37	59	17	23	12
District of Columbia	295	508	408	355	413	445	506	457	188	5
Florida	9,145	15,064	14,035	14,344	14,108	14,527	23,535	28,672	14,093	7,214
Georgia	989	1,777	1,467	1,765	2,287	2,672	2,645	3,206	769	1,010
Hawaii	255	261	245	241	239	240	208	70	8	6
Idaho	114	139	169	146	217	190	387	126	55	270
Illinois	3,419	5,679	4,411	3,906	4,122	5,060	5,040	3,798	1,471	1,698
Indiana	130	433	248	457	463	424	585	410	394	161
Iowa	467	544	445	654	467	733	851	1,020	180	233
Kansas	291	508	691	623	655	473	755	359	136	264
Kentucky	66	84	348	286	267	430	486	394	808	391
Louisiana	470	898	938	660	614	376	909	577	219	103
Maine	165	281	141	131	127	135	257	219	80	13
Maryland	1,242	2,148	2,275	1,497	2,774	2,244	2,136	1,716	935	190
Massachusetts	4,724	5,289	3,461	4,303	3,824	3,639	3,445	2,496	793	712
Michigan	1,221	2,384	1,916	2,596	2,594	2,979	3,001	1,597	1,250	2,226
Minnesota	2,656	3,027	2,338	2,678	2,989	3,635	3,787	3,210	1,696	839
Mississippi	124	80	120	66	75	38	116	130	41	35
Missouri	534	908	692	1,029	1,338	1,303	1,733	1,027	516	1,161
Montana	9	131	61	61	42	15	48	19	20	13
Nebraska	175	221	143	663	490	574	362	726	36	65
Nevada	358	464	377	400	297	411	444	572	263	460
New Hampshire	139	189	227	155	144	185	257	236	86	59
New Jersey	1,339	3,141	2,603	3,188	2,680	2,058	3,665	2,068	826	915
New Mexico	26	142	166	215	196	179	282	195	102	100
New York	12,871	22,105	14,097	16,986	20,846	19,721	24,625	13,638	8,430	9,197
North Carolina	337	649	684	887	1,162	863	884	764	422	274
North Dakota	70	42	49	180	311	138	271	281	183	47
Ohio	770	1,375	2,734	2,378	2,254	1,791	1,668	1,362	664	481
Oklahoma	214	204	404	258	419	418	487	133	62	144
Oregon	1,315	2,624	1,746	2,619	1,935	766	1,813	1,958	760	497
Pennsylvania	2,983	3,953	3,827	3,748	3,313	3,125	2,712	2,261	711	1,564
Rhode Island	395	635	488	385	321	287	284	91	71	68
South Carolina	67	130	74	150	120	154	142	173	55	90
South Dakota	52	196	176	213	326	279	200	130	76	39
Tennessee	448	525	668	869	942	1,152	1,030	1,140	331	229
Texas	2,866	4,911	3,957	4,862	4,576	4,272	6,415	2,749	982	742
Utah	364	513	363	441	500	414	650	135	612	606
Vermont	85	139	68	67	70	112	177	183	103	99
Virginia	1,692	2,403	1,891	1,766	2,258	2,054	2,544	1,914	1,096	495
Washington	1,605	2,194	5,063	6,018	6,330	4,793	5,271	6,305	2,874	1,310
West Virginia	5	31	-	6	3	6	10	2	5	9
Wisconsin	1,578	2,011	1,302	1,868	1,814	2,052	561	329	418	205
Wyoming	6	4	3	1	4	1	4	4	-	-
U.S. territories and possessions										
Guam	4	6	16	1	-	13	14	7	4	1
Puerto Rico	77	97	120	133	109	84	194	114	90	152
U.S. Virgin Islands	-	2	-	-	-	5	1	1	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-

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