

Table 50. Persons Obtaining Legal Permanent Resident Status by Country of Birth: 1981 to 2008

[In thousands (7,256.0 represents 7,256,000). For years ending Sept. 30. Persons by country prior to 1996 are unrevised]

Country of birth	1981–1990, total	1991–2000, total	2001–2007, total	2008	Country of birth	1981–1990, total	1991–2000, total	2001–2007, total	2008
All countries ¹	7,256.0	9,080.5	7,220.5	1,107.1					
Europe ¹	705.6	1,309.1	1,043.1	119.1	Philippines	495.3	505.3	415.0	54.0
Albania	(NA)	² 26.2	34.9	5.8	Syria	20.6	26.1	18.2	2.6
Armenia	(X)	² 26.6	19.9	3.6	Taiwan	⁽⁶⁾	106.3	64.1	9.1
Belarus	(X)	² 28.9	18.9	2.4	Thailand	64.4	48.4	41.8	6.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	(X)	² 38.8	85.1	1.5	Turkey	20.9	26.3	27.4	4.2
Bulgaria	(NA)	23.1	30.5	3.0	Vietnam	401.4	420.8	214.8	31.5
France	23.1	27.4	26.4	4.9	Africa ¹	192.3	382.5	526.1	105.9
Germany	70.1	67.6	56.1	7.1	Egypt	31.4	46.7	46.6	8.7
Ireland	32.8	58.9	10.9	1.5	Ethiopia	27.2	49.3	67.1	12.9
Italy	32.9	22.5	18.5	2.5	Ghana	14.9	35.6	41.5	8.2
Poland	97.4	169.5	92.1	8.4	Nigeria	35.3	67.2	70.1	12.5
Portugal	40.0	22.7	8.4	0.8	Somalia	(NA)	20.1	35.5	10.7
Romania	38.9	57.5	39.8	4.9	Oceania ¹	(NA)	47.9	42.0	5.3
Russia	(X)	² 127.8	113.1	11.7	North America ¹	3,125.0	3,910.1	2,500.0	393.3
Serbia and Montenegro ^{3, 4}	19.2	25.8	37.6	3.3	Canada	119.2	137.2	123.6	15.1
Soviet Union ³	84.0	103.8	21.3	5.3	Mexico	1,653.3	2,250.5	1,199.2	190.0
Ukraine	(X)	² 141.0	118.8	10.8	Cuba	159.2	178.7	196.4	49.5
United Kingdom	142.1	135.6	110.6	14.3	Dominican Republic	251.8	340.8	194.0	31.9
Uzbekistan	(X)	² 22.9	19.4	6.4	Haiti	140.2	181.7	140.9	26.0
Asia	2,817.4	2,890.2	2,473.1	383.6	Jamaica	213.8	173.4	120.6	18.5
Bangladesh	15.2	66.0	63.5	11.8	Trinidad and Tobago		39.5	63.2	44.1
Cambodia	116.6	18.5	25.1	3.7	El Salvador	214.6	217.3	194.5	19.7
China ⁵	⁶ 388.8	424.4	447.3	80.3	Guatemala	87.9	103.0	121.8	16.2
Hong Kong	63.0	74.0	32.4	3.4	Honduras	49.5	66.7	46.0	6.5
India	261.9	383.0	472.6	63.4	Nicaragua	44.1	94.6	49.6	3.6
Iran	154.8	112.5	79.3	13.9	Panama	29.0	24.0	12.3	1.7
Iraq	19.6	40.7	28.3	4.8	South America ¹	455.9	539.3	617.4	98.6
Israel	36.3	31.9	30.7	5.9	Argentina	25.7	24.3	34.9	5.4
Japan	43.2	61.4	55.3	6.8	Brazil	23.7	52.2	84.6	12.2
Jordan ⁷	32.6	39.7	26.6	3.9	Colombia	124.4	130.8	170.8	30.2
Korea	338.8	171.1	146.8	26.7	Ecuador	56.0	76.3	77.3	11.7
Laos	145.6	43.5	11.4	2.2	Guyana	95.4	73.8	56.0	6.8
Lebanon	41.6	43.4	27.9	4.3	Peru	64.4	105.6	99.3	15.2
Pakistan	61.3	124.5	97.4	19.7	Venezuela	17.9	29.9	53.3	10.5

NA Not available. X Not applicable. ¹ Includes countries not shown separately. ² Covers years 1992–2000. ³ Prior to 1992, data include independent republics; beginning in 1992, data are for unknown republic only. ⁴ Yugoslavia (unknown republic) prior to February 7, 2003. ⁵ See footnote 4, Table 1296. ⁶ Data for Taiwan included with China. ⁷ Prior to 2003, includes Palestine; beginning in 2003, Palestine included in Unknown.

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration Statistics, *2008 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics*. See also <<http://www.dhs.gov/ximgrn/statistics/publications/yearbook.shtml>>.