
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 3, p. A.3-2.) 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 deportation or exclusion hearing. Traditionally, aliens who appear at ports of entry without proper documents and request asylum were referred for exclusion hearings; however, the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA) (see Appendix 1, p. A.1-23) made major revisions to the procedure, that became 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 might have credible fear of persecution and thus be 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 convincing evidence of a well-founded fear of persecution. Those who fail to demonstrate that they have a significant possibility for establishing eligibility for asylum are placed in expedited removal proceedings. However, upon the alien's request, an immigration judge may review

the outcome of the interview. 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 1997, 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 integrate the work of asylum officers with the work of the immigration judges in the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR, an independent Justice Department agency) in the case of claims that do not appear to meet the standards for granting asylum. 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 60 days after the claim is filed, and to identify and grant in a timely fashion those cases that have merit. If the INS asylum officer does not find the claim to be grantable at the interview, the applicant is referred immediately for deportation proceedings before EOIR (unless a nonimmigrant status is still valid). The immigration judge may grant the claim or may issue a denial and an order of deportation. 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. An applicant who fails without good cause to keep a scheduled appointment for an asylum interview is referred immediately to EOIR for deportation; this is considered to be one type of case closure.

Starting in 1997, the AOC also began conducting credible fear interviews as required by IIRIRA, and interviewing applicants for refugee status at the INS overseas locations. During fiscal year 1997, asylum officers interviewed refugee applicants at seven overseas locations—Croatia, Cuba, Germany, Italy, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, and Vietnam.

Nearly 86,000 asylum applications were filed in the United States during 1997.

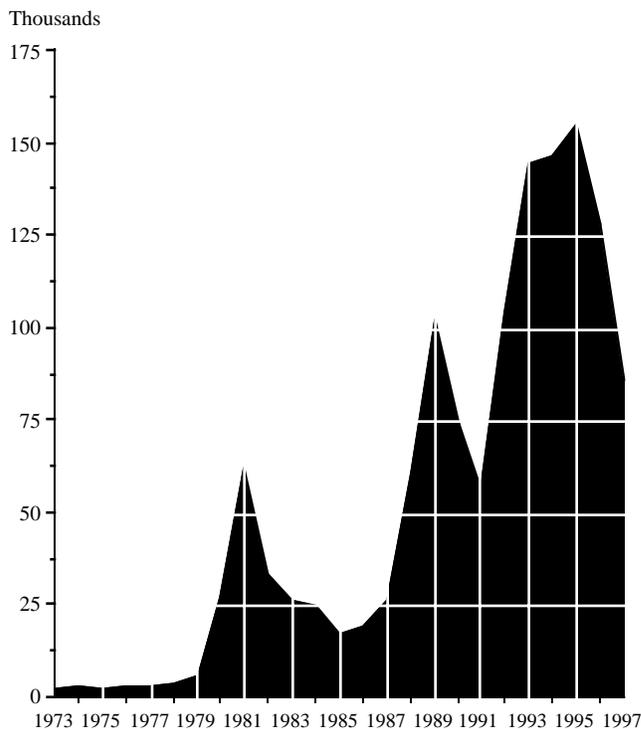
Data Overview

Trends in asylum applications (Chart G, Tables E, 27)

The annual number of asylum applications filed with the INS has fluctuated greatly since the effective date of the Refugee Act of 1980 (see Appendix 1, p. A.1-18), as shown in Chart G. In fiscal year 1997, 85,866 asylum cases were filed or reopened. This represents a 33 percent decrease from the 128,190 cases filed in 1996 (Table 27). The sharp decline in 1997 was due largely to a significant decrease in claims filed or reopened under the terms of the *American Baptist Churches (ABC) v. Thornburgh* settlement (see discussion below) because of the termination of the ABC filing period. As a result, Central Americans accounted for about 16 percent of the new claims and 25 percent of total applications compared with about 67 percent of both categories in 1996. The trend in claims from Central America is shown in Table E.

In the past few years, the trend in asylum claims filed by persons from Central America has been driven in large part by ABC cases. Under the terms of this 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

Chart G
Asylum Applications Filed with the INS:
Fiscal Years 1973-97



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

the latter cases are identified by the INS, they are treated as ABC filings instead of reform filings. During 1997, 3,128 cases were identified as either filed or reopened as ABC cases.

Cases filed (Tables 28, 29)

Nearly 13,700 new claims were filed by Mexicans, with more than 4,700 by Salvadorans. Haiti, with 4,310 new claims, ranked third, followed by India (3,776), Guatemala (2,386), the People's Republic of China (2,377), and Iraq (2,328) (Table 28). Excluding the 3,128 claims filed or reopened under the terms of the ABC settlement, more than 82,700 applications were received during 1997, an increase of nearly 17 percent from fiscal year 1996.

More than 33,600 asylum cases were reopened in 1997, which accounted for 39 percent of the applications received and represents a 60 percent increase over the number of cases reopened in 1996 (Table 29). The number of reopened cases has increased significantly since May 1995. This is due to an automatic function which 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 for an

Table E
Asylum Applications Filed with the INS by Central Americans: Fiscal Years 1991-97

Area of citizenship	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Central America	28,114	53,966	54,898	62,310	104,228	83,410	21,599
Nicaragua	2,219	2,075	3,180	4,682	1,908	2,034	1,674
El Salvador	10,244	6,781	14,616	18,600	75,860	65,588	8,156
Guatemala	14,774	43,915	34,198	34,433	23,202	13,892	9,811
Honduras	808	1,127	2,805	4,385	3,163	1,836	1,851
Other	69	68	99	209	95	60	107

Source: Table 29; applications received and reopened during year.

invalid mailing address. This function also automatically reschedules an interview. Under the new regulation, those who do not appear for the scheduled interview can be placed in removal proceedings immediately. Some of these reopened cases may qualify for ABC treatment.

Cases completed (Table 27)

During fiscal year 1997, the Asylum Officer Corps completed work on 129,716 claims, an increase of more than 4 percent from the 123,706 cases completed in fiscal year 1996. As of April 1, 1997, a procedural change occurred which affected asylum case completions. The IIRIRA requires that a case cannot be granted until identity and record checks have been finalized. Applicants can be recommended for approval; however, the final decision can not be issued by the AOC until FBI fingerprint clearance has been received. Under previous procedure, these cases went directly to final approval, and were, therefore, included as case completions. As a result of the procedural change, case completions declined while interviewed cases moved through the processing pipeline to final decision. However, late in 1997 final approvals increased and have continued to increase in fiscal year 1998. The number of cases granted in 1997 was 10,129, representing 19 percent of the cases adjudicated. These cases encompassed 15,896 persons given asylum. In fiscal year 1996, 13,532 asylum cases were granted, which was 22 percent of the adjudicated cases.

The Asylum Program undertook a project to identify active cases from the pre-reform non-ABC backlog, in fiscal year 1997. Notices were sent to about 90,000 applicants in the backlog to determine their continued interest in pursuing their asylum requests. Applicants no longer interested in pursuing an asylum claim could request withdrawal of the application, cases without good addresses would be administratively closed, and the remaining caseload would be scheduled for interview as slots became available.

Largely due to this project, about 62,900 cases were closed, a 24 percent increase over 1996.

Coercive population-control procedures

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. In fiscal year 1997, the INS and the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) granted asylum status to 606 aliens based on coercive population control methods. The INS AOC made 147 grants, Immigration Judges made 340 grants, and the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) made 119 grants. China was the country of origin of all grants. No one was granted refugee status in fiscal year 1997 based on coercive population control measures.

Adjustment to permanent resident status (Table 5)

No limits are set by law on the number of individuals who may be granted asylum in the United States. Under immigration law, an approved asylee must reside in the United States for 1 year following his or her approval to be eligible to apply for adjustment to lawful permanent resident status. One year of the asylee's residence prior to adjustment is counted toward the naturalization residency requirement. Although asylee adjustments are exempt from the worldwide annual limitation on immigrants, the law places a ceiling on the number of asylees who may adjust each year. The Immigration Act of 1990 (see Appendix 1, p. A.1-20) increased the ceiling from 5,000 to 10,000 per year, effective in fiscal year 1991. It also waived the annual ceiling beginning in fiscal year 1991 for those asylees who had met the required 1-year waiting period and filed for adjustment of status on or before June 1, 1990.

In 1997, 10,106 asylees adjusted to lawful permanent resident status (Table 5). The backlog of registered asylees waiting to adjust status was gone by the end of fiscal year 1993, and the ceiling of 10,000 was sufficient to accommodate all who applied during 1996 and 1997. Because more than 10,000 persons have received asylum each year since fiscal year 1994, a potential backlog is building again. The largest groups of asylees who adjusted status in 1997 included 811 Ethiopians, 779 persons from the former Soviet Union, 775 Haitians, 663 Chinese, 646 persons from the former Yugoslavia, and 605 Nicaraguans. No other nationality adjusting status accounted for as many as 600 asylees.

Approximately 145,900 individuals have been granted asylum by the INS under the provisions of the Refugee Act from 1980 through 1997. During the same period, 122,744 asylees have adjusted to permanent resident status. At times the total number of asylees adjusting status might exceed the number granted asylum by the INS because immigration judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals also grant asylum. In addition, persons whose asylum applications are successful can apply for their spouses and children to join them from abroad, and these relatives also adjust status as asylees.

Understanding the Data

Tables 29 and 30 contain a column showing the number of applications that were reopened during the year. Most of these are cases that had been closed earlier without a decision. The number of asylum applications filed is defined here as the sum of new applications received and applications reopened during the year. The tabulations also contain columns showing 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 approved, divided by the number of cases adjudicated, which is defined as the cases approved, denied, and referred to EOIR following an interview.

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) has been developed to support the processing of the existing caseload and new asylum applications. The system is designed to support case tracking, schedule and control interviews, and generate management and statistical reports. The system is capable of reporting 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 has been the only point at which detailed characteristics of asylees were collected in past years. The RAPS system is now able to provide data on selected characteristics of asylees at an earlier time.

Limitations of Data

The figures shown here for fiscal year 1997 differ slightly from preliminary statistics that were released by the Asylum Division in November 1997. 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 that were entered into the RAPS system during fiscal year 1997 showing filing dates in previous fiscal years were treated as new cases in these tabulations. Other corrections resulted in a decrease from 453,580 to 452,246 in the pending caseload as reported in the 1996 *Statistical Yearbook* and at the beginning of fiscal year 1997 in this edition. Another change between 1996 and 1997 concerns the identification of applicants from the former Soviet Union whose records are being recorded to one of the succeeding republics. Therefore, the pending number of cases from “Unknown republic” decreased, and the numbers for Armenia, Russia, Ukraine, and other republics increased.

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 apprehended aliens or cases denied or referred by the INS and renewed with immigration judges in the Executive Office for Immigration Review. The two agencies are working to integrate their data systems to provide these data in the

future. 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 calculation in this publication. 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 BIA. Adjustment data also include spouses and children of persons granted asylum.

**TABLE 27. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND ASYLUM OFFICERS
FISCAL YEARS 1973-97**

Year	Cases received ¹	Cases completed ²	Cases approved	Cases denied	Cases adjudicated ³	Percent approved ⁴
1973-97	1,311,582	938,642	110,740	236,686	469,373	23.6
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	605,372	234,217	31,624	71,635	138,891	22.8
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	144,166	34,228	5,012	17,979	22,991	21.8
1994	146,468	53,399	8,131	28,892	37,023	22.0
1995	154,464	108,042	12,454	14,091	62,177	20.0
1996	128,190	123,706	13,532	2,504	61,983	21.8
1997	85,866	129,716	10,129	2,434	52,931	19.1

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, 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 shifted from July 1-June 30 to October 1-September 30.

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 28. NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED ASYLUM BY INS DISTRICT DIRECTORS
AND ASYLUM OFFICERS BY SELECTED NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEARS 1991-97**

Nationality	1991	1992 ¹	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
All nationalities	2,908	3,959	7,464	11,764	17,493	18,556	15,896
Afghanistan	46	90	70	159	335	216	262
Albania	-	23	30	47	147	433	378
Bangladesh	1	2	33	87	349	247	118
Bulgaria	22	44	75	40	59	45	64
Burma	7	22	42	87	215	151	176
Burundi	-	-	-	19	98	91	58
Cameroon	4	19	26	74	160	95	77
China, People's Republic	348	277	336	414	535	433	497
Colombia	4	16	36	69	104	92	48
Congo, Democratic Republic ²	7	22	45	93	214	137	141
Cuba	124	214	319	494	524	634	312
Czechoslovakia, former	2	-	2	2	6	1	5
Czech Republic	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovak Republic	X	-	-	-	4	-	2
Unknown republic	2	-	2	2	2	1	3
Egypt	1	11	28	54	196	136	126
El Salvador	185	110	74	187	237	195	172
Eritrea	-	7	2	2	2	-	4
Estonia	-	-	-	5	12	34	44
Ethiopia	405	347	352	667	1,096	818	444
Fiji	4	18	70	29	51	35	8
Guatemala	49	94	172	373	1,065	889	344
Haiti	1	120	636	1,060	749	1,491	694
Honduras	5	19	32	92	194	140	52
Hungary	5	1	2	13	27	13	4
India	13	78	357	584	1,108	1,709	886
Iran	232	231	347	638	785	607	408
Iraq	26	70	101	214	204	918	5,540
Jordan	6	31	35	38	55	20	19
Laos	36	56	79	85	33	17	15
Latvia	-	5	5	15	7	18	7
Lebanon	67	81	65	91	91	76	37
Liberia	53	209	247	305	615	694	471
Libya	6	14	22	20	20	6	7
Lithuania	1	1	5	5	6	-	-
Mauritania	2	1	10	17	275	407	101
Mexico	-	-	-	9	83	43	34
Nicaragua	703	341	291	520	484	418	129
Pakistan	11	83	176	219	512	442	264
Panama	3	3	6	1	2	7	1
Peru	20	113	241	470	688	464	243
Philippines	1	16	58	76	54	37	15
Poland	6	2	58	3	10	13	1
Romania	50	156	258	184	181	80	55
Rwanda	-	-	13	43	148	69	101
Sierra Leone	-	2	22	48	71	59	25
Somalia	117	122	121	150	286	529	708
Soviet Union, former ³	142	442	923	1,175	1,556	1,440	1,108
Armenia	X	2	28	75	409	334	241
Azerbaijan	X	1	4	25	78	127	80
Belarus	X	-	1	2	14	10	19
Georgia	X	-	5	36	81	70	60
Kazakhstan	X	-	3	1	17	15	17

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 28. NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED ASYLUM BY INS DISTRICT DIRECTORS
AND ASYLUM OFFICERS BY SELECTED NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEARS 1991-97—Continued**

Nationality	1991	1992 ¹	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Kyrgyzstan	X	-	-	-	6	5	12
Moldova	X	-	3	8	15	12	6
Russia	X	51	233	565	578	477	371
Tajikistan	X	-	1	7	10	11	6
Turkmenistan	X	-	-	1	-	3	17
Ukraine	X	7	54	191	218	215	190
Uzbekistan	X	-	3	22	62	43	39
Unknown republic	142	381	588	242	68	118	50
Sri Lanka	4	44	16	62	69	32	45
Sudan	31	73	133	248	397	343	266
Syria	9	16	638	1,032	680	304	35
Yugoslavia, former ⁴	3	72	521	906	1,414	2,470	629
Bosnia-Herzegovina	⁴	⁴	15	164	289	192	40
Croatia	⁴	⁴	9	52	59	62	47
Macedonia	⁴	⁴	-	-	11	10	33
Slovenia	⁴	⁴	1	6	-	1	-
Unknown	3	72	496	684	1,055	2,205	509
Other	146	241	334	539	1,284	1,008	718

¹ The 3,959 individuals known to have been granted asylum were in the 2,740 cases in the data system. An additional 1,179 cases were granted asylum, but the number of individuals covered and their nationalities are unknown. ² In May 1997 Zaire was formally recognized as the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

³ Beginning in 1992, some claims filed by persons from the former Soviet Union were recoded under the separate former Soviet republics. ⁴ Data for the independent states of the former Yugoslavia are not available separately from Yugoslavia prior to fiscal year 1993. Yugoslavia was officially dissolved as an independent republic in 1992 (see Notice page).

- Represents zero. X Not applicable.

**TABLE 29. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY SELECTED NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEAR 1997**

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	452,246	52,217	33,649	10,129	19.1	15,896
Afghanistan	491	219	33	151	72.9	262
Albania	316	952	55	262	42.5	378
Algeria	286	139	40	59	51.3	81
Bangladesh	4,686	260	902	73	6.9	118
Brazil	1,382	71	69	4	5.6	4
Bulgaria	992	145	74	46	20.8	64
Burma	239	300	47	159	62.1	176
Cameroon	236	219	45	67	47.2	77
China, People's Rep. ..	15,068	2,377	3,276	404	5.8	497
Colombia	2,132	251	285	27	11.9	48
Congo, Dem. Rep. ³	193	346	29	103	41.7	141
Cote d'Ivoire	433	41	100	9	8.7	15
Cuba	4,791	481	157	245	52.8	312
Ecuador	1,662	255	401	-	Z	-
Egypt	596	180	101	73	33.5	126
El Salvador	190,428	4,706	3,450	131	3.5	172
Ethiopia	1,752	961	126	390	50.5	444
Fiji	831	53	7	6	9.8	8
Gambia, The	402	164	167	44	21.1	56
Ghana	1,597	43	211	15	4.6	19
Guatemala	118,232	2,386	7,425	280	6.9	344
Guinea	281	105	29	13	12.3	13
Haiti	17,736	4,310	1,068	586	15.3	694
Honduras	3,475	473	1,378	39	4.6	52
India	6,801	3,776	1,150	790	26.0	886
Iran	1,172	811	155	282	50.5	408
Iraq	256	2,328	23	2,180	94.7	5,540
Jamaica	790	75	97	3	2.8	7
Jordan	517	68	68	8	7.8	19
Laos	1,310	29	36	9	12.7	15
Lebanon	1,006	70	131	26	14.9	37
Liberia	3,526	707	191	388	44.4	471
Mauritania	254	1,355	55	101	9.2	101
Mexico	5,005	13,663	5,157	20	.3	34
Nicaragua	20,946	658	1,016	72	6.5	129
Niger	537	123	51	57	55.9	88
Nigeria	2,223	288	244	76	14.9	101
Pakistan	5,428	548	893	174	20.0	264
Peru	3,074	416	559	119	18.8	243
Philippines	3,047	437	952	10	2.5	15
Poland	1,979	30	236	1	.6	1
Romania	2,906	111	212	40	10.0	55
Senegal	406	43	92	7	8.2	7
Sierra Leone	284	122	72	15	21.4	25
Somalia	713	1,861	58	664	50.6	708
Soviet Union, former ⁴	8,783	1,817	914	740	27.5	1,108
Armenia	300	420	254	150	40.0	241
Russia	3,320	554	322	251	23.1	371
Ukraine	1,250	366	124	141	21.7	190
Other republics	576	475	88	186	33.1	256
Unknown republic ..	3,337	2	126	12	70.6	50
Sri Lanka	282	73	42	28	31.1	45
Sudan	312	533	51	207	59.8	266
Syria	376	31	116	24	38.7	35
Yemen	489	78	59	19	17.9	28
Yugoslavia, former	2,773	707	195	462	42.9	629
Bosnia-Herzegovina	87	57	4	27	46.6	40
Other & unknown ..	2,686	650	191	435	42.7	589
Stateless	816	99	67	41	25.8	53
Other	7,998	1,923	1,282	380	18.8	477

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 29. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY SELECTED NATIONALITY
FISCAL YEAR 1997—Continued**

Nationality	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
All nationalities	2,434	3,202	62,857	13,928	40,368	399,826
Afghanistan	8	13	110	5	48	409
Albania	22	30	100	16	332	568
Algeria	7	9	87	13	49	232
Bangladesh	45	53	1,976	49	947	2,432
Brazil	2	2	389	17	66	1,020
Bulgaria	38	43	272	4	137	700
Burma	7	9	45	4	90	262
Cameroon	8	10	64	2	67	278
China, People's Rep. ..	156	186	5,509	328	6,449	6,681
Colombia	9	17	848	161	191	1,339
Congo, Dem. Rep. ³	15	29	51	11	129	242
Cote d'Ivoire	6	7	206	12	89	233
Cuba	7	8	976	40	212	3,891
Ecuador	1	1	1,022	283	147	733
Egypt	10	19	177	12	135	449
El Salvador	407	508	5,861	2,081	3,210	185,914
Ethiopia	44	50	269	32	339	1,731
Fiji	19	32	27	6	36	796
Gambia, The	5	7	196	20	160	278
Ghana	8	8	713	21	303	751
Guatemala	284	329	9,607	1,475	3,475	111,957
Guinea	5	5	106	8	88	189
Haiti	368	419	3,134	388	2,867	15,270
Honduras	10	12	1,562	225	792	2,546
India	67	83	2,407	616	2,182	5,358
Iran	24	38	278	30	252	1,237
Iraq	4	7	55	1	117	242
Jamaica	1	3	418	12	104	395
Jordan	8	12	192	8	86	341
Laos	11	14	77	4	51	1,218
Lebanon	17	23	369	8	132	635
Liberia	53	70	951	23	432	2,491
Mauritania	2	2	30	55	995	437
Mexico	21	50	3,363	6,781	7,330	4,731
Nicaragua	230	351	4,689	97	804	16,534
Niger	5	5	242	7	40	343
Nigeria	13	19	973	20	422	1,166
Pakistan	42	46	2,603	87	654	3,103
Peru	20	47	931	86	493	2,329
Philippines	13	26	1,227	326	371	2,352
Poland	35	43	1,160	12	137	832
Romania	54	81	888	10	306	1,875
Senegal	4	4	172	13	74	252
Sierra Leone	1	1	119	3	54	280
Somalia	4	4	94	77	643	1,106
Soviet Union, former ⁴	142	212	3,154	82	1,808	5,283
Armenia	22	33	195	19	203	354
Russia	53	71	1,165	35	781	1,786
Ukraine	34	55	384	16	476	641
Other republics	33	52	140	12	343	384
Unknown republic ..	-	1	1,270	-	5	2,118
Sri Lanka	5	12	96	4	57	191
Sudan	17	24	90	14	122	426
Syria	4	4	181	-	34	230
Yemen	7	7	166	9	80	324
Yugoslavia, former	47	71	916	30	567	1,575
Bosnia-Herzegovina	7	8	20	5	24	62
Other & unknown ..	40	63	896	25	543	1,513
Stateless	2	3	406	3	116	383
Other	90	134	3,303	297	1,547	5,256

¹ The total number of cases pending at the beginning of fiscal year 1997 is lower than the 453,580 reported at the end of fiscal year 1996 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 In May 1997 Zaire was formally recognized as the Democratic Republic of the Congo. ⁴ Some pending cases filed by persons from the former Soviet Union were recoded under the separate former Soviet republics.
- Represents zero. Z Rounds to less than .05 percent.

**TABLE 30. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY
ASYLUM OFFICE AND STATE OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEAR 1997**

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	452,246	52,217	33,649	10,129	19.1	15,896
Asylum office:						
Arlington	45,897	4,434	3,030	933	33.1	1,172
Chicago	13,387	2,232	844	421	20.7	592
Houston	21,734	2,245	538	356	16.2	446
Los Angeles	160,573	16,612	13,768	1,283	10.3	1,742
Miami	61,748	6,908	4,409	938	17.9	1,244
New York	57,751	6,121	5,281	1,821	17.9	2,424
Newark	57,405	3,630	5,192	801	7.7	1,051
San Francisco	33,751	10,035	587	3,576	46.5	7,225
State:						
Alabama	946	55	79	16	25.0	36
Alaska	358	16	14	2	8.7	2
Arizona	1,811	458	184	143	30.2	309
Arkansas	1,073	57	44	-	Z	-
California	182,145	22,610	13,709	2,555	15.6	3,504
Colorado	1,486	295	85	114	35.4	217
Connecticut	1,853	174	135	83	21.4	150
Delaware	1,327	27	192	7	4.3	10
District of Columbia ...	6,408	522	226	190	57.1	350
Florida	60,898	6,767	4,262	971	18.9	1,327
Georgia	6,953	919	704	247	32.9	552
Hawaii	256	13	6	6	33.3	9
Idaho	192	43	11	15	55.6	35
Illinois	2,383	677	211	240	33.2	419
Indiana	427	92	51	39	40.2	51
Iowa	988	85	44	12	16.4	19
Kansas	1,131	86	56	16	47.1	32
Kentucky	469	170	27	48	44.9	91
Louisiana	237	73	13	26	28.6	66
Maine	144	26	9	-	Z	-
Maryland	12,289	1,232	641	291	36.6	383
Massachusetts	12,962	551	237	111	22.0	177
Michigan	2,242	467	214	168	25.7	329
Minnesota	1,523	313	71	72	43.4	100
Mississippi	80	8	9	2	10.0	2
Missouri	537	150	30	105	80.2	267
Montana	10	3	1	-	Z	-
Nebraska	2,440	165	108	44	30.6	109
Nevada	3,144	676	205	34	4.8	39
New Hampshire	145	33	8	25	71.4	88
New Jersey	15,464	840	1,259	206	10.8	322
New Mexico	111	19	-	9	50.0	25
New York	77,558	7,876	8,368	2,192	13.0	2,937
North Carolina	2,925	361	550	51	25.9	95
North Dakota	6	51	2	52	98.1	134
Ohio	1,332	342	83	51	23.3	86
Oklahoma	278	42	12	13	32.5	21
Oregon	2,924	239	46	133	56.6	191
Pennsylvania	2,549	328	198	173	25.1	304
Rhode Island	3,158	122	44	21	26.9	29
South Carolina	367	68	37	16	30.2	51
South Dakota	148	11	7	6	42.9	25
Tennessee	871	634	96	257	40.5	540
Texas	17,410	1,660	280	460	30.8	927
Utah	642	109	33	69	45.4	172
Vermont	71	7	7	3	42.9	10
Virginia	16,659	1,668	868	528	48.5	823
Washington	2,402	582	64	241	62.3	414
West Virginia	28	3	3	2	100.0	2
Wisconsin	193	98	18	30	28.3	51
Wyoming	16	1	3	1	25.0	2
Unknown	2	-	-	-	Z	-
Guam	94	217	1	26	48.1	53
Puerto Rico	80	32	18	4	19.0	4
Virgin Islands	101	144	66	3	2.3	5

See footnotes at end of table.

**TABLE 30. ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH INS ASYLUM OFFICERS BY
ASYLUM OFFICE AND STATE OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEAR 1997—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	2,434	3,202	62,857	13,928	40,368	399,826
Asylum office:						
Arlington	108	151	3,448	1,156	1,775	45,423
Chicago	254	335	1,831	129	1,357	12,182
Houston	132	207	586	404	1,711	21,188
Los Angeles	662	906	14,112	7,204	10,475	155,032
Miami	415	505	11,704	2,010	3,876	52,836
New York	199	256	16,968	1,300	8,142	38,361
Newark	502	603	13,572	639	9,079	40,049
San Francisco	162	239	636	1,086	3,953	34,755
State:						
Alabama	1	1	59	42	47	898
Alaska	1	1	10	3	20	351
Arizona	7	7	87	62	324	1,753
Arkansas	3	6	23	15	84	1,044
California	783	1,093	14,359	8,063	13,056	177,436
Colorado	4	4	79	13	204	1,435
Connecticut	22	22	389	19	283	1,326
Delaware	25	27	290	12	129	1,034
District of Columbia ...	5	5	340	83	138	6,355
Florida	417	510	11,576	1,960	3,742	52,000
Georgia	14	22	636	403	490	6,644
Hawaii	1	1	10	3	11	241
Idaho	2	2	13	2	10	201
Illinois	119	151	338	37	363	2,088
Indiana	13	15	52	9	45	401
Iowa	5	10	44	2	56	987
Kansas	1	1	42	16	17	1,172
Kentucky	3	3	45	2	56	503
Louisiana	8	17	25	5	57	200
Maine	-	-	5	2	4	166
Maryland	38	43	893	192	466	12,152
Massachusetts	13	17	896	78	380	12,189
Michigan	55	75	917	19	431	1,264
Minnesota	13	19	158	9	81	1,549
Mississippi	1	1	21	2	17	54
Missouri	5	5	29	6	21	541
Montana	-	-	4	-	1	9
Nebraska	6	7	104	19	94	2,423
Nevada	20	26	152	79	659	3,026
New Hampshire	2	2	19	-	8	127
New Jersey	149	184	3,614	293	1,549	11,436
New Mexico	-	-	1	1	9	110
New York	444	552	24,528	1,511	14,250	47,505
North Carolina	8	18	430	194	138	2,961
North Dakota	1	1	2	-	-	4
Ohio	18	26	158	23	150	1,324
Oklahoma	3	4	12	-	24	279
Oregon	4	6	54	14	98	2,898
Pennsylvania	36	46	607	32	481	1,684
Rhode Island	2	2	109	6	55	3,115
South Carolina	2	3	46	32	35	336
South Dakota	-	-	10	2	8	138
Tennessee	5	12	70	37	372	844
Texas	111	163	340	330	923	17,091
Utah	2	5	39	4	81	583
Vermont	-	-	8	-	4	69
Virginia	39	52	1,093	220	521	16,654
Washington	13	16	33	34	133	2,581
West Virginia	-	-	3	-	-	29
Wisconsin	7	16	23	3	69	167
Wyoming	-	-	2	-	3	13
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	2
Guam	-	-	2	-	28	255
Puerto Rico	3	3	31	6	14	69
Virgin Islands	-	-	27	29	129	110

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**TABLE 31. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT
RESIDENT STATUS BY ENACTMENT
FISCAL YEARS 1946-97**

Enactment	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80	1981-90	1991-97
Total	3,331,914	213,347	492,371	212,843	539,447	1,013,620	860,286
Presidential Directive of 12/22/45	40,324	40,324	X	X	X	X	-
Displaced Persons Act of 6/25/48	409,696	173,023	236,669	4	X	X	-
Orphan Act of 7/29/53	466	X	466	X	X	X	-
Refugee Relief Act of 8/7/53	189,025	X	188,993	28	2	2	-
Refugee-Escapee Act of 9/11/57	29,468	X	24,263	5,199	X	X	6
Hungarian Refugee Act of 7/25/58	30,752	X	30,491	258	2	1	-
Azores & Netherlands Refugee Act of 7/25/58	22,213	X	10,057	12,156	X	X	-
Refugee Relatives Act of 9/22/59	1,820	X	1,432	388	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	-
Cuban Refugee Act of 11/2/66	577,784	X	X	135,947	252,119	105,898	83,820
Indochinese Refugee Act of 10/28/77	175,165	X	X	X	137,309	37,752	104
Refugee Parolee Act of 10/5/78	139,287	X	X	X	46,058	92,971	258
Refugee Act of 1980, 3/17/80	1,554,011	X	X	X	1,250	776,664	776,097
Refugees	1,431,267	X	X	X	X	734,259	697,008
Asylees	122,744	X	X	X	1,250	42,405	79,089

NOTE: See Glossary for fiscal year definitions. Data for fiscal years 1987-88 have been adjusted. The data no longer include Cuban/Haitian entrants granted immigrant status.

- Represents zero. X Not applicable.

**TABLE 32. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY REGION AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH
FISCAL YEARS 1946-97**

Region and country of birth	Total	1946-50	1951-60	1961-70	1971-80 ¹	1981-90 ¹	1991-95	1996	1997
All countries	3,331,908	213,347	492,371	212,843	539,447	1,013,620	619,557	128,565	112,158
Europe	1,303,344	211,983	456,146	55,235	71,858	155,512	260,838	51,977	39,795
Albania	7,227	29	1,409	1,952	395	353	2,859	154	76
Austria	17,480	4,801	11,487	233	185	424	315	15	20
Bulgaria	7,099	139	1,138	1,799	1,238	1,197	1,419	100	69
Czechoslovakia	37,968	8,449	10,719	5,709	3,646	8,204	1,176	25	40
Estonia	12,024	7,143	4,103	16	2	25	548	98	89
Germany	101,856	36,633	62,860	665	143	851	535	90	79
Greece	31,517	124	28,568	586	478	1,408	309	33	11
Hungary	76,425	6,086	55,740	4,044	4,358	4,942	1,191	40	24
Italy	63,629	642	60,657	1,198	346	394	361	17	14
Latvia	40,746	21,422	16,783	49	16	48	1,797	359	272
Lithuania	28,441	18,694	8,569	72	23	37	825	136	85
Netherlands	17,641	129	14,336	3,134	8	14	17	-	3
Poland	210,173	78,529	81,323	3,197	5,882	33,889	7,027	183	143
Portugal	5,078	12	3,650	1,361	21	21	11	1	1
Romania	75,466	4,180	12,057	7,158	6,812	29,798	14,692	447	322
Soviet Union, former ..	443,684	14,072	30,059	871	31,309	72,306	221,831	42,356	30,880
Russia	51,352	X	X	X	X	X	34,622	9,745	6,985
Ukraine	93,400	X	X	X	X	X	64,627	16,636	12,137
Uzbekistan	17,523	X	X	X	X	X	10,494	4,144	2,885
Other republics	54,620	X	X	X	X	X	39,808	8,528	6,284
Unknown republic	226,789	14,072	30,059	871	31,309	72,306	72,280	3,303	2,589
Spain	10,760	1	246	4,114	5,317	736	271	46	29
Yugoslavia	105,359	9,816	44,755	18,299	11,297	324	5,451	7,820	7,597
Other Europe	10,771	1,082	7,687	778	382	541	203	57	41
Asia	1,294,158	1,106	33,422	19,895	210,683	712,092	244,049	42,076	30,835
Afghanistan	32,910	-	1	-	542	22,946	8,696	369	356
Cambodia	128,054	-	-	-	7,739	114,064	5,878	210	163
China ²	45,113	319	12,008	5,308	13,760	7,928	4,252	847	693
Hong Kong	9,142	-	1,076	2,128	3,468	1,916	488	47	19
Indonesia	17,700	-	8,253	7,658	222	1,385	144	30	8
Iran	69,078	118	192	58	364	46,773	18,914	1,212	1,447
Iraq	30,878	-	130	119	6,851	7,540	10,662	3,802	1,774
Japan	4,544	3	3,803	554	56	110	18	-	-
Korea	4,634	-	3,116	1,316	65	120	10	4	3
Laos	199,718	-	-	-	21,690	142,964	31,546	2,155	1,363
Syria	5,096	4	119	383	1,336	2,145	755	208	146
Thailand	51,963	-	15	13	1,241	30,259	17,383	1,940	1,112
Turkey	7,103	603	1,427	1,489	1,193	1,896	418	42	35
Vietnam	666,585	-	2	7	150,266	324,453	139,860	29,700	22,297
Other Asia	21,640	59	3,280	862	1,890	7,593	5,025	1,510	1,419
Africa	74,289	20	1,768	5,486	2,991	22,149	28,760	5,464	7,651
Egypt	8,965	8	1,354	5,396	1,473	426	171	66	71
Ethiopia	37,289	-	61	2	1,307	18,542	15,311	1,053	1,056
Other Africa	28,035	12	353	88	211	3,181	13,278	4,345	6,524
Oceania	407	7	75	21	37	22	130	56	59
North America	652,177	163	831	132,068	252,633	121,840	83,674	28,070	32,898
Cuba	603,194	3	6	131,557	251,514	113,367	53,828	22,542	30,377
El Salvador	5,250	-	-	1	45	1,383	3,361	262	198
Nicaragua	27,549	1	1	3	36	5,590	20,486	766	666
Other North America ..	16,184	159	824	507	1,038	1,500	5,999	4,500	1,657
South America	7,374	32	74	123	1,244	1,986	2,103	922	890
Chile	1,080	-	5	4	415	532	89	21	14
Colombia	1,192	NA	NA	NA	217	350	355	116	154
Peru	2,157	NA	NA	NA	132	251	717	568	489
Venezuela	1,474	NA	NA	NA	83	407	661	150	173
Other South America	1,471	32	69	119	397	446	281	67	60
Unknown or not reported	159	36	55	15	1	19	3	-	30

¹ Data for fiscal years 1971-90 have been adjusted. ² Includes People's Republic of China and Taiwan. NOTE: See Glossary for fiscal year definitions. The data no longer include Cuban/Haitian entrants granted immigrant status.

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

**TABLE 33. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS BY AGE AND SEX
FISCAL YEARS 1990-97**

Age and sex	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Total	97,364	139,079	117,037	127,343	121,434	114,664	128,565	112,158
Under 5 years	5,315	6,721	5,760	5,563	5,181	4,509	4,303	3,424
5-9 years	9,662	13,578	11,304	11,496	10,198	9,163	9,525	8,721
10-14 years	8,839	12,494	9,250	9,971	9,451	9,287	10,737	9,963
15-19 years	10,237	13,270	12,224	11,654	9,596	8,076	8,153	7,669
20-24 years	10,067	12,859	13,280	13,869	13,115	13,199	14,210	11,573
25-29 years	10,831	14,522	11,895	12,094	11,148	11,491	14,009	12,816
30-34 years	10,250	15,044	10,738	10,703	9,978	9,433	11,897	11,900
35-39 years	8,764	13,275	9,170	9,151	8,420	7,860	9,226	8,867
40-44 years	6,527	10,790	8,078	9,068	8,031	7,546	8,620	7,806
45-49 years	4,032	5,871	6,130	7,949	7,827	7,707	9,078	7,402
50-54 years	3,360	5,148	5,207	6,294	5,969	5,574	6,467	5,654
55-59 years	2,611	3,689	4,008	5,491	6,064	5,862	6,663	4,994
60-64 years	2,309	3,780	3,481	4,747	5,053	4,594	4,846	3,704
65-69 years	2,090	3,782	3,002	4,281	4,945	4,267	4,587	3,238
70-74 years	1,144	2,023	1,655	2,443	3,143	2,905	3,062	2,001
75-79 years	734	1,266	991	1,305	1,649	1,502	1,494	1,077
80 years and over	569	938	819	1,223	1,641	1,676	1,674	1,335
Unknown age	23	29	45	41	25	13	14	14
Male	51,843	72,189	60,583	64,885	61,790	59,023	67,386	59,598
Under 5 years	2,794	3,549	3,062	2,836	2,660	2,279	2,198	1,798
5-9 years	5,057	6,972	5,766	5,910	5,259	4,776	4,950	4,496
10-14 years	4,718	6,595	4,913	5,122	4,841	4,835	5,619	5,105
15-19 years	5,835	7,417	6,724	6,170	5,067	4,282	4,342	4,020
20-24 years	5,748	6,841	7,131	7,337	6,987	7,190	7,590	6,207
25-29 years	5,884	7,690	6,381	6,518	6,290	6,457	8,196	7,389
30-34 years	5,281	7,870	5,487	5,481	5,415	5,274	6,832	7,060
35-39 years	4,629	6,971	4,640	4,544	4,176	3,901	4,867	4,806
40-44 years	3,507	5,714	4,079	4,280	3,748	3,582	4,135	3,910
45-49 years	2,213	3,249	3,293	4,248	4,019	3,816	4,538	3,776
50-54 years	1,787	2,711	2,726	3,383	3,168	3,034	3,575	3,142
55-59 years	1,382	1,814	2,037	2,699	2,860	2,839	3,325	2,598
60-64 years	1,043	1,594	1,630	2,344	2,421	2,289	2,375	1,896
65-69 years	929	1,545	1,295	1,924	2,306	2,112	2,313	1,669
70-74 years	492	828	702	1,072	1,321	1,209	1,305	915
75-79 years	304	478	395	535	644	575	626	408
80 years and over	232	338	297	457	592	569	591	396
Unknown age	8	13	25	25	16	4	9	7
Female	45,475	66,825	56,415	62,448	59,633	55,638	61,178	52,517
Under 5 years	2,514	3,169	2,698	2,727	2,519	2,230	2,105	1,626
5-9 years	4,599	6,597	5,534	5,584	4,937	4,387	4,574	4,221
10-14 years	4,118	5,891	4,336	4,847	4,608	4,452	5,118	4,854
15-19 years	4,398	5,843	5,496	5,483	4,527	3,794	3,811	3,645
20-24 years	4,313	6,011	6,145	6,531	6,128	6,009	6,620	5,359
25-29 years	4,945	6,827	5,506	5,576	4,857	5,034	5,813	5,418
30-34 years	4,962	7,170	5,244	5,222	4,563	4,159	5,065	4,839
35-39 years	4,132	6,303	4,528	4,606	4,243	3,958	4,359	4,060
40-44 years	3,019	5,066	3,998	4,787	4,282	3,964	4,485	3,890
45-49 years	1,816	2,619	2,834	3,699	3,808	3,891	4,540	3,625
50-54 years	1,571	2,437	2,479	2,911	2,801	2,540	2,892	2,511
55-59 years	1,228	1,874	1,970	2,792	3,204	3,023	3,338	2,394
60-64 years	1,265	2,186	1,849	2,403	2,632	2,304	2,471	1,806
65-69 years	1,161	2,235	1,707	2,357	2,639	2,155	2,274	1,568
70-74 years	652	1,193	953	1,371	1,822	1,696	1,757	1,086
75-79 years	430	788	596	770	1,005	926	868	669
80 years and over	337	600	522	766	1,049	1,107	1,083	939
Unknown age	15	16	20	16	9	9	5	7
Unknown sex	46	65	39	10	11	3	1	43
Percent distribution	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	53.2	51.9	51.8	51.0	50.9	51.5	52.4	53.1
Female	46.7	48.0	48.2	49.0	49.1	48.5	47.6	46.8
Unknown	Z	Z	-	-	-	-	-	Z
Median age	27	29	28	30	31	31	31	30
Male	27	28	27	29	30	30	31	30
Female	28	29	29	31	32	32	33	31

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

**TABLE 34. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
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FISCAL YEARS 1988-97**

Region and country of birth	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
All countries	81,719	84,288	97,364	139,079	117,037	127,343	121,434	114,664	128,565	112,158
Europe	11,418	18,348	33,111	62,946	42,721	53,195	54,978	46,998	51,977	39,795
Albania	66	55	64	75	539	1,198	733	314	154	76
Austria	39	26	84	131	90	54	25	15	15	20
Belgium	4	3	1	1	1	2	2	-	3	4
Bulgaria	129	126	178	311	562	303	138	105	100	69
Czechoslovakia, former	1,164	640	883	659	319	119	41	38	25	40
Czech Republic	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-
Slovak Republic	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	2	4	9
Unknown republic	1,164	640	883	659	319	119	41	36	21	31
Denmark	-	-	1	3	-	1	-	2	9	1
Estonia	1	-	5	9	155	125	176	83	98	89
Finland	-	1	3	2	2	3	-	2	-	-
France	19	36	34	34	13	15	10	7	24	18
Germany	X	X	X	214	94	82	84	61	90	79
Germany, East	28	8	4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Germany, West	94	100	150	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greece	54	185	315	127	28	39	65	50	33	11
Hungary	738	588	868	817	229	80	37	28	40	24
Ireland	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	2	-
Italy	26	44	86	206	105	32	11	7	17	14
Latvia	9	8	6	34	315	493	568	387	359	272
Liechtenstein	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	8	5	11	75	157	228	214	151	136	85
Netherlands	2	-	4	5	2	7	3	-	-	3
Norway	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	1
Poland	4,242	3,842	3,903	4,205	1,512	731	334	245	183	143
Portugal	1	-	2	2	-	4	2	3	1	1
Romania	3,028	3,338	3,186	4,276	4,971	3,654	1,199	592	447	322
Soviet Union, former	1,642	9,264	23,186	51,551	33,504	45,900	50,756	40,120	42,356	30,880
Armenia	X	X	X	X	479	329	342	214	182	213
Azerbaijan	X	X	X	X	1,551	2,790	2,668	1,594	1,446	1,000
Belarus	X	X	X	X	3,008	4,480	5,156	3,421	3,480	2,486
Georgia	X	X	X	X	255	213	392	383	591	425
Kazakhstan	X	X	X	X	460	544	595	600	624	612
Kyrgyzstan	X	X	X	X	123	114	210	155	177	200
Moldova	X	X	X	X	1,588	2,546	2,154	1,597	1,415	1,043
Russia	X	X	X	X	7,122	8,965	10,359	8,176	9,745	6,985
Tajikistan	X	X	X	X	167	301	534	654	535	239
Turkmenistan	X	X	X	X	30	40	50	71	78	66
Ukraine	X	X	X	X	13,347	16,977	19,366	14,937	16,636	12,137
Uzbekistan	X	X	X	X	1,550	2,475	3,211	3,258	4,144	2,885
Unknown republic	1,642	9,264	23,186	51,551	3,824	6,126	5,719	5,060	3,303	2,589
Spain	75	37	84	96	50	37	55	33	46	29
Sweden	-	1	1	-	2	1	-	-	3	1
Switzerland	5	1	5	10	4	3	2	1	3	4
United Kingdom	16	17	23	34	7	7	17	9	11	12
Yugoslavia, former	26	23	23	66	58	77	506	4744	7820	7,597
Bosnia-Herzegovina	X	X	X	X	X	-	337	3,818	6,246	6,205
Croatia	X	X	X	X	X	2	11	117	236	287
Macedonia	X	X	X	X	X	-	4	20	20	19
Slovenia	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	11	17	18
Unknown	26	23	23	66	58	75	154	778	1,301	1,068
Asia	56,006	56,751	51,867	49,762	53,422	51,783	45,768	43,314	42,076	30,835
Afghanistan	2,597	2,606	2,144	2,100	2,082	2,233	1,665	616	369	356
Bahrain	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	1
Bangladesh	3	-	-	15	10	7	19	36	50	91
Burma	1	3	2	16	19	78	114	136	101	82
Cambodia	9,255	5,648	4,719	2,550	1,695	808	557	268	210	163
China, People's Republic	588	500	330	620	884	1,153	774	803	845	692
Cyprus	7	11	8	4	-	-	3	2	-	-

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**TABLE 34. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
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FISCAL YEARS 1988-97—Continued**

Region and country of birth	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Hong Kong	147	66	30	75	193	90	82	48	47	19
India	35	27	14	47	34	103	133	323	485	462
Indonesia	81	77	28	12	13	16	41	62	30	8
Iran	6,895	8,167	8,649	8,515	3,093	3,875	2,186	1,245	1,212	1,447
Iraq	268	191	141	193	365	1,856	4,400	3,848	3,802	1,774
Israel	10	8	16	10	10	20	29	34	32	25
Japan	2	4	1	4	5	3	4	2	-	-
Jordan	4	9	17	15	15	42	48	64	58	46
Korea	7	4	2	1	-	1	3	5	4	3
Kuwait	4	4	4	11	13	114	94	63	74	46
Laos	10,348	12,033	9,824	9,127	8,026	6,547	4,482	3,364	2,155	1,363
Lebanon	29	116	118	318	140	204	88	48	77	68
Malaysia	68	72	59	93	88	37	49	44	15	16
Maldives	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	-	-	-	2	3	4	4	2	3	7
Nepal	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	7	12
Pakistan	101	142	157	166	129	185	181	197	194	280
Philippines	429	361	290	249	221	122	103	80	80	68
Qatar	1	1	-	-	6	2	5	3	1	-
Saudi Arabia	4	13	15	33	19	24	75	126	280	135
Singapore	2	4	3	2	2	-	1	1	1	5
Sri Lanka	1	2	6	59	22	62	33	30	42	46
Syria	67	273	393	252	96	115	34	258	208	146
Taiwan	11	2	3	5	10	1	-	2	2	1
Thailand	3,587	4,347	4,077	3,603	4,048	3,724	3,076	2,932	1,940	1,112
Turkey	33	175	276	109	16	79	156	58	42	35
United Arab Emirates	2	2	1	6	2	15	7	9	4	9
Vietnam	21,407	21,883	20,537	21,543	32,155	30,249	27,318	28,595	29,700	22,297
Yemen	11	-	3	5	5	9	4	4	6	19
Other Asia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
Africa	2,121	2,269	2,212	4,731	4,480	5,944	6,078	7,527	5,464	7,651
Algeria	-	-	3	-	-	2	3	3	16	46
Angola	22	19	14	22	25	13	7	4	11	4
Benin	-	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	1	1
Burundi	1	3	-	4	5	4	6	4	17	41
Cameroon	-	-	-	3	-	12	14	33	68	89
Cape Verde	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	1
Central African Republic	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Chad	-	-	-	1	1	3	2	3	4	2
Congo, Democratic Republic ¹	23	20	14	57	72	109	113	130	175	146
Congo, Republic ¹	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	2	-	4
Cote d'Ivoire	-	-	-	2	-	3	15	19	24	19
Djibouti	1	-	4	1	2	3	6	-	-	-
Egypt	25	49	69	52	18	35	37	29	66	71
Eritrea	X	X	X	X	X	43	200	204	68	45
Ethiopia	1,723	1,784	1,682	3,582	3,268	3,682	2,530	1,802	985	1,056
Gabon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Gambia, The	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	10
Ghana	13	21	59	64	16	35	37	54	56	67
Guinea	4	-	-	-	1	2	7	7	21	10
Kenya	18	17	31	32	42	42	98	165	171	291
Lesotho	3	3	5	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
Liberia	6	7	26	42	25	239	851	855	700	505
Libya	54	71	84	175	143	172	27	28	24	13
Malawi	5	-	3	9	3	-	4	2	-	2
Mali	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4
Mauritania	-	-	-	-	1	7	4	10	10	35
Mauritius	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	1	5	4
Morocco	1	1	1	4	1	3	3	1	5	1
Mozambique	8	7	8	3	9	16	3	-	-	-
Namibia	13	8	5	6	6	17	5	-	-	-
Nigeria	-	2	1	20	9	14	21	26	40	80

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**TABLE 34. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
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Region and country of birth	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Rwanda	1	-	1	-	1	4	8	13	84	140
Senegal	-	-	-	2	2	2	-	1	7	9
Seychelles	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sierra Leone	10	-	-	4	3	2	4	25	44	78
Somalia	20	33	38	282	330	885	1,572	3,095	1,700	3,607
South Africa	38	80	35	77	33	37	6	23	9	7
Sudan	80	97	60	184	369	443	402	935	1,089	1,119
Swaziland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Tanzania	1	1	1	3	3	1	-	1	3	3
Togo	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	8	17	52
Tunisia	1	-	1	2	1	2	-	1	1	-
Uganda	31	29	54	54	64	87	79	36	24	46
Zambia	3	9	-	17	4	10	3	7	6	3
Zimbabwe	-	3	6	3	4	6	2	-	9	5
Other Africa	13	5	6	-	5	3	1	-	-	31
Oceania	1	1	-	1	9	34	23	63	56	59
Australia	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	2	-
Fiji	-	-	-	-	8	31	22	61	54	59
New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Oceania	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-
North America	11,912	6,740	9,910	21,317	15,962	15,926	14,204	16,265	28,070	32,898
Canada	12	6	5	14	5	8	10	5	3	12
Mexico	28	46	60	74	29	29	15	37	47	60
Caribbean	10,907	5,272	7,700	8,005	9,969	11,700	12,672	14,888	26,597	31,479
Bahamas, The	1	-	1	3	2	4	-	1	2	1
Cuba	10,846	5,245	7,668	7,953	9,919	11,603	11,998	12,355	22,542	30,377
Dominica	5	3	4	1	-	4	-	-	1	-
Dominican Republic	16	10	20	14	27	18	8	22	19	26
Grenada	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Haiti	39	11	-	31	16	68	664	2,502	4,028	1,074
Jamaica	-	2	5	2	1	3	1	4	3	-
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Trinidad & Tobago	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
Other Caribbean	-	-	1	1	4	-	-	2	-	1
Central America	964	1,416	2,143	13,221	5,959	4,188	1,507	1,335	1,422	1,339
Belize	-	8	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-
Costa Rica	24	22	37	64	31	29	20	8	18	20
El Salvador	170	198	245	1,249	743	811	275	283	262	198
Guatemala	37	33	58	296	169	210	131	158	234	327
Honduras	71	58	66	133	105	165	81	119	119	109
Nicaragua	645	1,075	1,694	11,233	4,668	2,892	966	727	766	666
Panama	17	22	43	246	243	81	33	38	21	19
Other North America	1	-	2	3	-	1	-	-	1	8
South America	260	175	264	320	442	461	383	497	922	890
Argentina	19	8	21	8	15	4	9	11	13	12
Bolivia	5	2	10	6	3	6	10	9	17	10
Brazil	8	7	6	10	7	11	9	10	18	16
Chile	25	19	20	38	16	17	8	10	21	14
Colombia	66	38	63	46	74	63	70	102	116	154
Ecuador	15	9	17	14	6	25	25	11	15	10
Guyana	-	-	-	1	-	4	3	3	-	7
Paraguay	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Peru	59	29	35	73	74	176	153	241	568	489
Suriname	-	-	1	2	27	16	2	4	3	1
Uruguay	5	1	3	2	-	4	2	1	-	3
Venezuela	58	62	87	120	220	135	91	95	150	173
Unknown or not reported	1	4	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	30

¹ 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. NOTE: Data for fiscal years 1987-88 have been adjusted. The data no longer include Cuban/Haitian entrants granted immigrant status. - Represents zero. X Not applicable.

**TABLE 35. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS BY SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH AND SELECTED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEAR 1997**

Metropolitan statistical area ¹	All countries	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Belarus	Cuba	Haiti	Iran	Iraq	Laos	Russia
Total	112,158	6,205	2,486	30,377	1,074	1,447	1,774	1,363	6,985
Miami, FL	23,857	3	5	22,445	244	5	-	1	18
New York, NY	12,613	128	908	191	117	52	-	-	2,037
Orange County, CA	4,306	42	12	19	-	18	26	8	11
Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA	3,988	152	116	111	-	892	11	8	326
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA	3,793	199	47	12	15	13	137	21	295
Chicago, IL	3,608	833	210	124	19	26	191	1	338
Sacramento, CA	3,267	34	167	6	-	16	2	317	294
Washington, DC-MD-VA	2,992	90	8	65	21	75	60	7	54
Atlanta, GA	2,985	316	19	48	9	25	40	12	97
San Jose, CA	2,971	213	23	9	-	34	15	1	168
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	2,795	47	87	19	-	9	15	393	148
Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA	2,604	180	29	123	15	4	7	7	426
San Francisco, CA	2,175	185	90	38	5	14	32	1	316
San Diego, CA	2,035	66	11	44	-	34	235	16	86
Boston-Lawrence-Lowell-Brockton, MA	1,875	174	76	35	29	3	26	2	314
Oakland, CA	1,514	34	39	10	-	18	-	25	92
Philadelphia, PA-NJ	1,361	29	38	40	6	3	9	15	166
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	1,108	42	-	922	15	1	-	-	1
Detroit, MI	1,048	93	22	27	-	1	398	12	77
Dallas, TX	1,011	128	12	99	-	14	68	4	31
Fort Lauderdale, FL	957	2	4	627	136	-	-	-	15
Denver, CO	918	102	65	24	-	2	12	9	133
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL	886	10	-	718	90	2	-	-	-
Houston, TX	830	51	3	72	3	10	6	-	14
Tacoma, WA	757	-	11	1	-	-	3	2	66
Jersey City, NJ	749	5	-	642	4	5	-	-	7
St. Louis, MO-IL	724	387	26	24	1	-	11	-	30
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH	698	71	70	4	-	-	13	3	133
Orlando, FL	690	59	1	322	82	4	1	-	-
Nashville, TN	672	45	-	64	1	2	46	-	6
Des Moines, IA	627	338	1	-	-	-	-	1	4
Baltimore, MD	591	28	26	53	1	12	3	-	94
Las Vegas, NV	525	53	-	350	5	7	3	1	2
Newark, NJ	517	26	8	219	26	-	1	-	35
Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	503	34	-	22	-	4	18	3	-
Riverside-San Bernardino, CA	441	4	4	11	-	8	3	2	19
Yolo, CA	410	1	7	-	1	-	-	23	113
Lincoln, NE	405	20	-	1	-	-	55	-	19
Kansas City, MO-KS	353	13	5	67	9	3	13	8	8
Springfield, MA	343	12	9	1	-	-	-	-	57
Memphis, TN-AR-MS	318	13	5	49	3	-	18	-	1
Spokane, WA	310	32	9	13	-	1	-	19	62
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC	281	27	-	48	-	5	-	1	2
Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point, NC	281	25	-	40	-	-	-	1	2
Bergen-Passaic, NJ	259	10	5	58	2	2	-	-	50
Louisville, KY	256	56	-	81	5	3	12	-	5
Columbus, OH	249	6	18	12	1	-	16	5	35
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA	249	21	1	28	8	-	8	-	3
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI	234	27	1	30	6	-	-	-	-
Utica-Rome, NY	235	107	41	8	-	-	-	-	9
Other MSA	11,247	1,329	212	1,567	174	85	224	378	588
Non-MSA	3,737	303	35	834	21	35	36	56	178

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 35. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS BY SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH AND SELECTED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEAR 1997—Continued

Metropolitan statistical area ¹	Somalia	Soviet Union ²	Sudan	Thailand	Ukraine	Uzbeki- stan	Vietnam	Yugo- slavia ²	Other
Total	3,607	2,589	1,119	1,112	12,137	2,885	22,297	1,068	13,633
Miami, FL	-	7	-	-	13	10	1	3	1,102
New York, NY	4	795	3	-	3,852	2,076	158	202	2,090
Orange County, CA	7	5	2	6	22	1	3,998	4	125
Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA	33	198	2	19	723	99	655	16	627
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA	305	238	22	10	870	52	1,104	47	406
Chicago, IL	24	146	6	-	704	35	366	81	504
Sacramento, CA	6	345	2	226	861	82	425	5	479
Washington, DC-MD-VA	454	7	126	2	40	5	592	19	1,367
Atlanta, GA	204	5	21	1	133	53	1,777	8	217
San Jose, CA	24	28	1	2	134	22	2,072	11	214
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	808	68	93	358	110	11	224	87	318
Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA	9	178	9	4	676	37	515	26	359
San Francisco, CA	5	39	6	-	667	34	192	9	542
San Diego, CA	604	1	97	4	101	12	439	8	277
Boston-Lawrence-Lowell-Brockton, MA	216	65	6	9	288	9	403	19	201
Oakland, CA	11	19	13	21	97	21	641	7	466
Philadelphia, PA-NJ	5	73	4	1	439	16	279	6	232
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	-	-	-	-	1	-	108	4	14
Detroit, MI	16	18	-	15	89	7	36	66	171
Dallas, TX	35	4	26	2	52	10	360	10	156
Fort Lauderdale, FL	3	1	-	-	10	2	19	8	130
Denver, CO	13	8	24	5	91	3	328	13	86
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL	-	-	-	-	12	-	17	1	36
Houston, TX	9	3	9	-	7	2	513	5	123
Tacoma, WA	-	36	-	2	104	-	473	-	59
Jersey City, NJ	1	-	-	1	12	1	14	-	57
St. Louis, MO-IL	45	-	8	-	20	2	109	3	58
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH	1	18	1	1	225	34	32	8	84
Orlando, FL	-	-	-	-	6	3	168	6	38
Nashville, TN	145	2	127	-	8	-	148	-	78
Des Moines, IA	-	1	124	-	3	-	114	3	38
Baltimore, MD	11	30	1	-	119	21	45	1	146
Las Vegas, NV	-	-	6	-	3	-	15	9	71
Newark, NJ	-	2	-	-	54	6	22	18	100
Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	23	1	16	-	-	-	335	4	43
Riverside-San Bernardino, CA	-	4	-	-	16	-	314	-	56
Yolo, CA	-	39	-	15	74	80	-	-	57
Lincoln, NE	-	-	2	-	1	-	285	1	21
Kansas City, MO-KS	14	3	41	7	15	6	99	7	35
Springfield, MA	-	-	3	-	147	8	39	-	67
Memphis, TN-AR-MS	53	-	16	-	18	-	118	4	20
Spokane, WA	-	4	-	4	67	4	51	3	41
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC	54	-	-	1	14	-	101	4	24
Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point, NC ..	10	-	-	1	1	-	170	8	23
Bergen-Passaic, NJ	-	1	1	-	20	6	2	23	79
Louisville, KY	-	-	-	-	17	3	61	-	13
Columbus, OH	42	10	1	-	37	1	15	-	50
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA	1	4	-	-	14	4	93	41	23
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI	5	2	-	-	1	-	134	16	12
Utica-Rome, NY	-	1	-	-	25	-	25	-	19
Other MSA	301	125	244	361	926	73	2,793	194	1,673
Non-MSA	106	55	56	34	198	34	1,300	50	406

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 36. REFUGEES AND ASYLEES GRANTED LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
BY STATE OF RESIDENCE
FISCAL YEARS 1988-97**

State of residence	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Total	81,719	84,288	97,364	139,079	117,037	127,343	121,434	114,664	128,565	112,158
Alabama	230	182	127	136	94	118	106	67	95	56
Alaska	33	41	27	72	56	62	47	20	72	28
Arizona	593	655	682	890	608	973	708	628	333	289
Arkansas	194	190	76	122	99	150	111	91	96	94
California	27,423	36,136	38,507	45,594	38,261	39,516	29,284	26,104	20,233	23,046
Colorado	591	705	578	1,342	1,114	1,106	1,186	1,296	1,416	1,102
Connecticut	933	788	1,162	1,767	1,111	1,116	904	956	864	552
Delaware	39	28	48	107	39	47	51	37	59	17
District of Columbia	169	225	295	508	408	355	413	445	506	457
Florida	11,257	5,750	9,145	15,064	14,035	14,344	14,108	14,527	23,535	28,672
Georgia	1,047	787	989	1,777	1,467	1,765	2,287	2,672	2,645	3,206
Hawaii	449	320	255	261	245	241	239	240	208	70
Idaho	159	125	114	139	169	146	217	190	387	126
Illinois	2,366	3,231	3,419	5,679	4,411	3,906	4,122	5,060	5,040	3,798
Indiana	229	113	130	433	248	457	463	424	585	410
Iowa	534	331	467	544	445	654	467	733	851	1,020
Kansas	530	991	291	508	691	623	655	473	755	359
Kentucky	210	129	66	84	348	286	267	430	486	394
Louisiana	928	706	470	898	938	660	614	376	909	577
Maine	119	137	165	281	141	131	127	135	257	219
Maryland	1,062	1,062	1,242	2,148	2,275	1,497	2,774	2,244	2,136	1,716
Massachusetts	4,169	3,758	4,724	5,289	3,461	4,303	3,824	3,639	3,445	2,496
Michigan	1,071	1,164	1,221	2,384	1,916	2,596	2,594	2,979	3,001	1,597
Minnesota	1,594	2,251	2,656	3,027	2,338	2,678	2,989	3,635	3,787	3,210
Mississippi	191	121	124	80	120	66	75	38	116	130
Missouri	684	510	534	908	692	1,029	1,338	1,303	1,733	1,027
Montana	43	23	9	131	61	61	42	15	48	19
Nebraska	137	104	175	221	143	663	490	574	362	726
Nevada	243	248	358	464	377	400	297	411	444	572
New Hampshire	113	120	139	189	227	155	144	185	257	236
New Jersey	1,632	2,335	1,339	3,141	2,603	3,188	2,680	2,058	3,665	2,068
New Mexico	151	133	26	142	166	215	196	179	282	195
New York	6,259	6,289	12,871	22,105	14,097	16,986	20,846	19,721	24,625	13,638
North Carolina	666	470	337	649	684	887	1,162	863	884	764
North Dakota	40	26	70	42	49	180	311	138	271	281
Ohio	776	1,164	770	1,375	2,734	2,378	2,254	1,791	1,668	1,362
Oklahoma	307	247	214	204	404	258	419	418	487	133
Oregon	881	912	1,315	2,624	1,746	2,619	1,935	766	1,813	1,958
Pennsylvania	2,466	2,343	2,983	3,953	3,827	3,748	3,313	3,125	2,712	2,261
Rhode Island	476	469	395	635	488	385	321	287	284	91
South Carolina	124	62	67	130	74	150	120	154	142	173
South Dakota	59	67	52	196	176	213	326	279	200	130
Tennessee	591	512	448	525	668	869	942	1,152	1,030	1,140
Texas	3,495	2,703	2,866	4,911	3,957	4,862	4,576	4,272	6,415	2,749
Utah	492	306	364	513	363	441	500	414	650	135
Vermont	81	29	85	139	68	67	70	112	177	183
Virginia	2,052	1,808	1,692	2,403	1,891	1,766	2,258	2,054	2,544	1,914
Washington	2,722	2,161	1,605	2,194	5,063	6,018	6,330	4,793	5,271	6,305
West Virginia	9	8	5	31	-	6	3	6	10	2
Wisconsin	989	1,251	1,578	2,011	1,302	1,868	1,814	2,052	561	329
Wyoming	2	-	6	4	3	1	4	1	4	4
U.S. territories and possessions										
Guam	14	-	4	6	16	1	-	13	14	7
Puerto Rico	95	62	77	97	120	133	109	84	194	114
Virgin Islands	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	5	1	1
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-

NOTE: Data for fiscal years 1987-88 have been adjusted. The data no longer include Cuban/Haitian entrants granted immigrant status. - Represents zero.