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**Tsunami Pushes Marginalized Myanmarse in Southern Thailand Closer to the Edge**  
 by Julie Guyot

Although most famous as tourist spots, Tamala seaport, Phuket, and the neighboring areas were also home to thousands of Myanmarse workers, some of whom have fled the Myanmarse government’s persecution of ethnic minorities. The tsunami not only swept away the livelihood of these largely undocumented workers on rubber plantations, fishing, and construction sites, but also the fragile stability they had managed to create. Thailand has deliberately downplayed the devastation here as part of the Government’s overall marginalization of this community. This is a telling example of how disaster aid can by-pass minorities who are out of favor with local governments.

At the time of the tsunami, about 8,000 Myanmarse worked in restaurants and construction around Ban Bin beach, a tourist area in Ranong province. According to initial reports, 400 Myanmarse workers and families, mostly women and children, died and around 1,000 were missing. Estimates quickly rose to 800 dead

and over 3,000 missing and higher. The exact toll may never be known because no one really knows the number of Myanmarse so called “migrants” working in the areas before the tsunami hit.

As tourists and the Thai population attempted to cope with the disaster, the migrants retreated into obscurity. Aid distribution centers working off of provincial authority registries ignored them, a reflection of their uneasy position in Thailand.

According to a *Radio Free Asia* report, some of the bodies of victims were flown to Myanmar by the Thai military because they were illegal immigrants. Authorities sent a clear message that visibility increased living Myanmarse workers’ risk of deportation, effectively barring them from disaster aid. Some workers took shelter in abandoned construction sites or set up small camps in outlying areas.

According to Surapong Kongchanthuek, deputy chairman of the Law Society of Thailand’s committee on

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human rights for stateless and displaced people, there were nearly 128,000 Myanmarese working in the five Thai provinces the tsunami hit, but only about 22,500, or less than 18 percent, had registered with the Thai Labor Ministry. The Human Rights Education Institute of Burma estimates the total number of Myanmarese workers in Phuket before the tsunami at 36,000, with an additional 30,000 in Phang Nga.

The loss of their legal documents or the death of their Thai employers also obliged those with legal status to go into hiding. The Government employment offices offered to reissue work permits to those who can make it to their offices and remember the details of their registration, including their thirteen-digit registration number. It is unclear that anyone is disseminating this information in the countryside where the workers are hiding. In the meantime, they have no protection against arrest.

In an effort to correct the situation, U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants released a statement in which its president and CEO Lavinia Limón expressed concern about “reports that the lack of legal status is making it difficult or impossible for [Myanmarese] to get the disaster relief they desperately need. So we are going there to assist local groups which are in the best position to help this marginalized population, and we’re appealing for help in the effort.”

**Updates**

**Summary of UNHCR Return Advisory Regarding Iraqi Asylum Seekers and Refugees**

**UN High Commissioner for Refugees  
Geneva, September 2004**

**by Shelley Goldfarb**

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) warns that despite the transition of power and restoration of sovereignty on June 28, 2004, Iraq continues to be extremely unstable. Before the handover of power, insurgents primarily targeted soldiers and nationals of the coalition forces. Now they increasingly threaten Iraqi civilians and foreign nationals who work for international organizations and contractors, especially those Iraqis who support the new Interim Iraqi Government.

Islamic extremist groups take credit for many of these attacks, announcing them on internet websites. Their goal is to destabilize Iraq and force foreign forces out of the region. On August 24, 2004, two separate attacks targeted the Iraqi Environment and Education Ministers in Baghdad, killing five persons and wounding four.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS): Eligible Groups and Registration Dates**

TPS Country Expiration	Entered U.S. by	Regular Initial Registration Ending	Current TPS
Burundi.....	11:04-97.....	11-03-98.....	11-02-05
El Salvador.....	02-13-01.....	09-09-02.....	09-09-06
Honduras.....	12-30-98.....	08-20-99.....	07-05-06
Liberia.....	10-01-02.....	03-31-03.....	10-24-04
Nicaragua.....	12-30-98.....	08-20-99.....	07-05-06
Somalia.....	09-16-91.....	09-16-92.....	09-17-05
Sudan.....	11-04-97.....	11-03-98.....	11-02-05

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Citizenship and Immigration Services

Insecurity also prevails in other Iraqi cities such as Najaf, Falluja, Diala, Kirkuk, and Mosul where civilians also need more healthcare, food, and water. The violence is also inhibiting reconstruction and international assistance, including UNHCR's relief abilities.

The absence of a functioning judiciary aggravates the lack of law and order. Iraqis either take the law into their own hands, fail to report crimes, or settle disputes through tribal justice mechanisms. Distribution of basic necessities such as electricity continues to be irregular, over half the population is unemployed, and there is a housing shortage. Although an Iraqi Property Claims Commission has formed, adjudications remain difficult and unorganized.

#### UNHCR recommends that States:

- suspend the forced return of Iraqi nationals to all parts of the country until further notice. Significant returns could lead to renewed displacement and could weaken security efforts.
- postpone incentives for Iraqis to return voluntarily, including those with failed asylum claims.
- not return Iraqi asylum seekers to other countries in the region.
- grant refugee status determinations to vulnerable Iraqis outside the region where international protection is not available on a group basis.
- grant refugee status to victims of past persecution as well as those with current international protection needs.
- not reject applications simply for supposed internal flight or relocation alternatives since relocation to areas of Iraq is impractical and unsafe.

UNHCR will continue to use its Voluntary Repatriation Form to transmit requests for return to the Iraqi authorities.


## Extension of McCain Amendment for FY 2005

President Bush signed the McCain Amendment into law December 8, 2004. The amendment makes certain sons and daughters of former Vietnamese reeducation detainees eligible for resettlement as refugees of special humanitarian concern.

The McCain Amendment will expire on September 30, 2005, after which all processing of applicants that the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has not already approved will stop.

To qualify, applicants must be 21 years of age or older and must have been unmarried at the time of their parents' approval for resettlement in the United States. Their parents must have been reeducation detainees or widows of detainees and admitted to the United States under the Orderly Departure Program. The qualifying parent must live in the United States or have approval to resettle if they have not yet left Vietnam.

For more information and application process please visit the website of the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City at <http://hochiminh.usconsulate.gov/wwwmccainpro.html#text>.



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## Building the New American Community Initiative (BNAC)

The Building the New American Community (BNAC) initiative was an experiment in government and civil society cooperation for the positive integration of refugees and immigrants. The National Conference of State Legislatures, National Immigration Forum, Southeast Asia Resource Action Center, Urban Institute, and Migration Policy Institute conducted the program at three demonstration sites: Lowell, MA; Nashville, TN; and Portland, OR. The U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement was its primary funder.

The demonstration sites established coalitions of integration partners in the public and private sectors and developed integration agendas focusing on youth and adult education, workforce and business development, neighborhood socio-economic development, and civic engagement.

One of the most successful aspects of BNAC was in the area of civic engagement. Newcomers not only learned about the American electoral system and the importance of voting, but also participated as partners with public agencies. Policymakers also gained a better understanding of refugee communities, the challenges facing refugees as they become Americans, and how public policies help or hinder integration.

The final report of the project is available in English and Spanish at [www.migrationpolicy.org](http://www.migrationpolicy.org).

### Resources

The 2003 *Yearbook of Immigration Statistics* by the Office of Immigration Statistics, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is now available online and for purchase.

The 1996 to 2003 *Yearbooks* are available on DHS's Immigration Statistics page at <http://www.immigration.gov/graphics/aboutus/statistics/index.html>.

You can purchase the 1965 to 2003 *Yearbooks* (entitled *Annual Report* prior to 1978) from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, VA 22161, or call 703-605-6000 or 1-800-553-6847. The order number for the 2003 edition is PB 2004-105715.

The 1997 to 2003 *Yearbooks* are offered for sale by the Superintendent of Documents (2003 Edition, GPO S/N 015-072295-0). You may place orders via the U.S. Government Online Bookstore (<http://bookstore.gpo.gov>); by phone (202-512-2250, 24 hours a day); or by mail. Send mail orders and payment to: Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA, 15250-1954.

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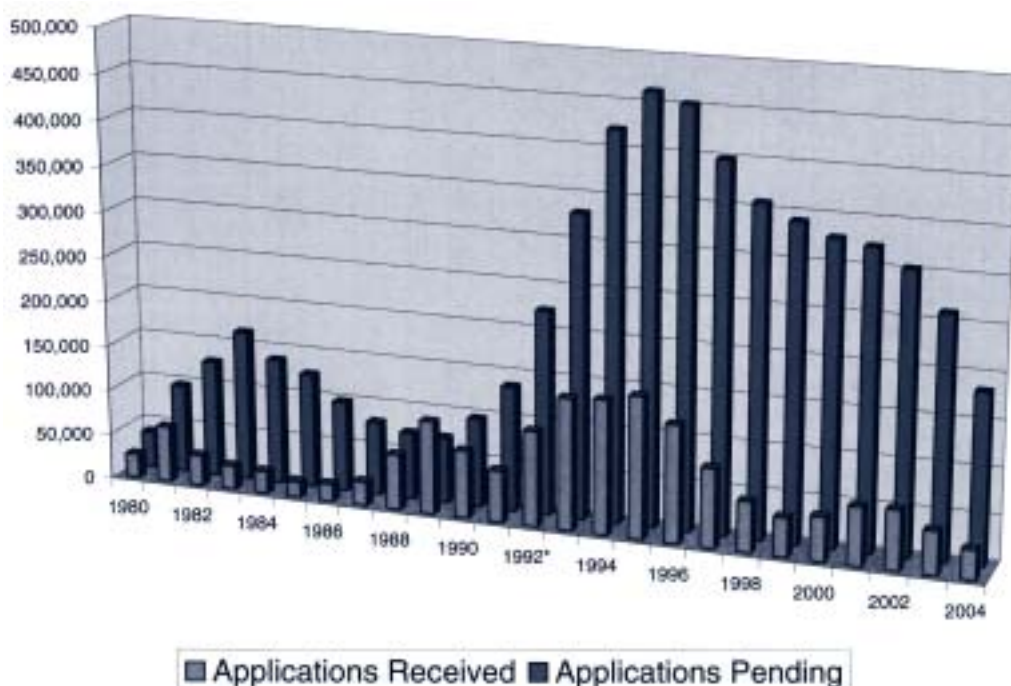
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Shannon Dennett, Managing Editor

## ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH USCIS APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND BACKLOG, FY 1980-2004\*

Year	Applications Received	Applications Pending at End of Year
1980	26,512	40,011
1981	61,568	97,459
1982	33,296	128,387
1983	26,091	165,998
1984	24,295	138,601
1985	16,622	126,311
1986	18,889	99,408
1987	26,107	80,730
1988	60,736	73,109
1989	101,679	71,993
1990	73,637	97,288
1991	56,310	137,046
1992	103,964	223,709
1993	144,166	331,389
1994	146,468	422,105
1995	154,464	464,121
1996	128,190	453,580
1997	85,866	399,826
1998	54,952	358,376
1999	42,207	342,485
2000	48,054	328,820
2001	63,230	323,251
2002	64,644	303,810
2003	46,945	262,106
2004*	31,561	184,643



FY 2004 data is preliminary. FY 1981-82 data was estimated due to changes in reporting procedures.

\* Applications received in FY 2004 include 27,907 newly filed and 3,654 re-opened cases.

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Asylum Division; Compiled by USCRI.

**ASYLUM CASES FILED WITH USCIS  
GRANTED, DENIED, OR REFERRED AFTER INTERVIEW, BY SELECTED COUNTRY FY 2004  
(Preliminary)**

FY 2004 (Preliminary)

Nationality	Cases Received **	Approval Rate for Cases Decided	Cases Granted	Cases Denied or Referred After Interview	Cases Pending as of 9/30/04
<b>TOTAL*</b>	<b>31,561</b>	<b>41.6%</b>	<b>10,278</b>	<b>14,426</b>	<b>184,643</b>
Somalia	182	68.8%	119	54	490
Iran	254	67.8%	141	67	262
Ethiopia	990	64.5%	657	362	457
Eritrea	170	64.1%	107	60	67
Myanmar	268	61.9%	156	96	129
Pakistan	248	59.9%	124	83	320
Azerbaijan	80	58.8%	60	42	58
Zimbabwe	360	57.9%	140	102	179
Cuba	72	57.1%	28	21	1,267
Kenya	311	55.8%	126	100	434
Iraq	162	55.7%	103	82	104
Sudan	74	55.7%	64	51	69
Congo-Brazzaville	181	55.6%	75	60	141
Uganda	82	55.1%	59	48	128
Venezuela	1,421	55.0%	611	499	550
Rwanda	54	53.8%	28	24	40
Togo	485	53.6%	304	263	176
Colombia	2,531	52.7%	1,555	1,398	2,971
Congo-Kinshasa	161	51.7%	61	57	81
Brazil	784	50.0%	23	23	215
Liberia	297	49.9%	256	257	482
Burundi	54	47.6%	20	22	30
Turkmenistan	40	47.5%	19	21	14
Mongolia	74	47.3%	26	29	32
Nepal	301	46.6%	115	132	147
Mali	56	46.4%	13	15	50
Cameroon	1,195	46.3%	558	648	331
Stateless	100	46.2%	48	56	51
Egypt	235	45.9%	101	119	142
Romania	137	43.1%	47	62	658
Bangladesh	109	43.1%	31	41	166
Lebanon	55	42.6%	20	27	128
Ivory Coast	346	42.3%	77	105	165
Niger	62	41.3%	19	27	53
Peru	179	40.8%	62	90	215
Georgia	144	40.5%	49	72	75
Bulgaria	112	40.0%	32	48	308
Chad	46	40.0%	18	27	12

\* Total includes all nationalities, not just those listed here.

\*\* Cases Received includes those filed and those re-opened

In past issues of Refugee Reports, cumulative totals were included. Beginning this year, USCRI will only tabulate data from FY 2004. This method is similar to the method used by USCIS. Please see our archived issues for referencing cumulative data.

Source: USCIS, Asylum Division. Tabulated by USCRI.

**ASYLUM CASES DECIDED BY IMMIGRATION JUDGES  
APPROVED OR DENIED, BY SELECTED COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, FY 2004**

Cumulative FY 1989-2004				FY 2004				
Country	Approval Rate for Cases Decided	Cases Granted	Cases Denied	Cases Received	Approval Rate for Cases Decided	Cases Granted	Cases Denied	Cases Pending as of 9/30/04
Myanmar	68.6%	795	364	261	66.3%	138	70	263
Afghanistan	66.0%	2,890	1,489	115	62.4%	58	35	101
Bosnia-Herzegovina	62.1%	131	80	46	25.0%	6	18	53
Egypt	59.1%	1,619	1,120	466	61.8%	268	166	627
Russia	58.4%	3,088	2,203	783	60.2%	321	212	1,188
Sri Lanka	55.7%	1,377	1,096	249	49.2%	63	65	185
Sudan	55.2%	723	586	136	53.6%	67	58	185
Iraq	54.6%	1,208	1,004	222	35.8%	115	206	371
Iran	52.8%	2,463	2,201	509	55.6%	203	162	586
Somalia	51.8%	2,670	2,485	344	59.3%	89	61	312
Liberia	50.8%	1,423	1,377	415	46.9%	91	103	350
Congo-Brazzaville	50.5%	707	693	263	51.6%	130	122	363
Ethiopia	49.8%	2,630	2,651	795	52.7%	260	233	617
Former Yugoslavia**	47.2%	2,408	2,697	387	51.8%	198	184	610
Ukraine	46.2%	1,133	1,317	266	47.1%	90	101	354
Mauritania	37.1%	1,528	2,586	856	50.9%	219	211	1,433
Colombia	33.7%	4,962	9,774	5,165	32.4%	1,476	3,082	9,008
Lebanon	33.1%	498	1,006	206	32.5%	41	85	299
Indonesia	33.0%	1,472	2,985	2,460	25.9%	429	1,226	4,176
Peru	32.9%	1,828	3,722	456	34.2%	111	214	692
India	32.2%	4,585	9,649	1,353	42.1%	451	621	1,484
Cuba	30.1%	1,812	4,204	459	23.5%	32	104	273
Syria	29.5%	185	442	106	16.7%	10	50	175
Nigeria	28.3%	943	2,386	314	27.5%	50	132	279
Pakistan	28.2%	1,863	4,742	1,016	30.9%	164	367	1,173
Bangladesh	25.9%	1,222	3,499	445	47.9%	149	162	614
China	25.9%	12,535	35,953	6,312	29.0%	1,256	3,068	7,398
Nicaragua	21.1%	3,163	11,854	181	7.0%	7	93	168
Haiti	13.4%	3,449	22,340	5,007	18.3%	535	2,382	6,380
Philippines	10.3%	319	2,792	281	19.9%	26	117	438
El Salvador	9.4%	2,546	24,674	1,802	6.5%	42	609	2,087
Guatemala	9.4%	2,289	22,188	3,415	16.9%	177	869	3,303
Mexico	4.1%	460	10,636	3,336	10.3%	68	594	14,363

Note: This chart shows asylum decisions in proceedings before immigration judges. USCIS asylum officers refer cases they do not grant to immigration judges, who examine the claim in removal proceedings. Other asylum claims may arise in removal proceedings for cases that come directly to immigration courts. FY 89 is the first year for which complete data is available under the Executive Office for Immigration Review's automated data system.

FY 2004 data is preliminary.

\* Totals include all nationalities, not just those listed here.

\*\*Includes applicants who identify their country of origin as Yugoslavia or Serbia/Montenegro.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), Office of Planning and Analysis. Tabulated by USCRI.

**REFUGEE, AMERASIAN, AND ENTRANT ARRIVALS  
BY STATE OF INITIAL RESETTLEMENT, FY 2000-2004\***

<b>STATE</b>	<b>FY 2000</b>	<b>FY 2001</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003*</b>	<b>FY 2004*</b>
Alabama	154	116	44	49	86
Alaska	13	55	19	28	42
Arizona	2,422	2,402	1,034	1,041	2,263
Arkansas	17	14	--	5	20
California	9,646	10,143	4,293	4,205	6,749
Colorado	955	1,027	449	476	798
Connecticut	1,028	990	456	214	427
Delaware	46	63	36	40	10
District of Columbia	233	116	33	107	65
Florida	20,424	16,775	17,162	8,795	19,675
Georgia	3,298	2,522	912	1,100	2,205
Hawaii	28	19	4	15	24
Idaho	671	675	280	257	362
Illinois	3,207	2,701	918	953	1,420
Indiana	647	528	182	262	457
Iowa	1,342	1,054	411	227	461
Kansas	167	162	49	99	138
Kentucky	1,450	1,321	711	553	1,367
Louisiana	522	397	150	108	381
Maine	241	224	92	106	187
Maryland	975	1,354	418	793	935
Massachusetts	1,966	1,969	761	833	1,540
Michigan	2,924	2,634	690	542	1,388
Minnesota	3,492	3,232	701	1,750	5,827
Mississippi	47	107	11	3	12
Missouri	2,489	2,269	769	444	925
Montana	15	10	4	34	7
Nebraska	552	661	199	212	489
Nevada	731	552	333	387	722
New Hampshire	606	538	255	240	561
New Jersey	1,607	1,608	593	660	887
New Mexico	287	282	191	96	194
New York	6,945	6,984	2,798	2,497	3,683
North Carolina	1,064	1,064	1,388	596	1,130
North Dakota	636	367	52	105	222
Ohio	1,780	1,368	561	658	1,437
Oklahoma	102	126	52	61	92
Oregon	1,631	1,496	1,072	866	1,598
Pennsylvania	2,605	2,689	1,115	1,321	1,814
Rhode Island	310	313	40	130	315
South Carolina	82	85	81	116	150
South Dakota	378	301	107	159	329
Tennessee	1,080	924	357	458	952
Texas	4,354	3,798	1,697	1,808	4,086
Utah	1,137	927	251	400	772
Vermont	275	261	89	78	235
Virginia	2,167	1,824	687	850	1,694
Washington	4,378	4,300	2,615	2,751	3,018
West Virginia	11	11	1	2	0
Wisconsin	599	585	187	236	1,670
Wyoming	2	0	0	1	0
Guam	0	0	0	0	--
Puerto Rico	63	49	43	25	30
Unknown	0	0	0	0	--
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91,801</b>	<b>83,992</b>	<b>45,353</b>	<b>37,752</b>	<b>73,851</b>

\* Data is preliminary.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement. Compiled by the U.SCRI.

## REGIONAL REFUGEE CEILINGS AND ADMISSIONS TO THE UNITED STATES, FY 1992-2005

	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	TOTAL
<b>AFRICA</b> (Actual Admissions)	5,491	6,969	5,856	4,779	7,512	6,060	6,662	13,038	17,549	18,979	2,548	10,717	29,125		<b>135,294</b>
(Ceiling)	6,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,700	7,000	7,000	12,000	18,000	21,000	22,000	20,000	30,000	20,000	
<b>EAST ASIA<sup>a</sup></b>	51,848	49,858	43,581	36,926	19,235	8,590	10,848	10,204	4,561	3,725	3,525	1,724	8,079		<b>252,704</b>
	51,850	51,000	45,000	40,000	25,000	10,000	14,000	9,000	8,000	6,000	4,000	4,000	8,500	13,000	
<b>EASTERN EUROPE<sup>b</sup></b>	2,886	2,651	7,477	9,987	12,061	21,376	30,911	38,654	22,551	15,776	5,439	2,525	489		<b>172,805</b>
	2,900	2,725						36,000	27,000	20,000	9,000	2,500	13,000	9,500	
<b>FORMER SOVIET UNION<sup>b</sup></b>	61,298	48,627	43,470	35,716	29,536	27,072	23,349	16,922	14,542	14,868	9,963	8,744	8,765		<b>342,892</b>
	61,400	49,775	53,000	48,000	45,000	48,000	51,000	23,000	20,000	17,000	17,000	14,000	0	0	
<b>LATIN AMERICA &amp; CARIBBEAN</b>	2,924	4,126	6,437	7,618	3,541	2,986	1,587	2,110	3,233	2,972	1,933	452	3,566		<b>43,475</b>
	3,000	4,500	9,000	8,000	6,000	4,000	4,000	3,000	3,000	3,500	3,000	2,500	3,500	5,000	
<b>NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA</b>	6,844	7,000	5,861	4,464	3,788	3,990	3,197	4,078	10,079	12,086	3,702	4,260	2,854		<b>72,203</b>
	6,850	7,000	6,000	5,000	4,300	4,000	4,000	4,000	8,000	12,500	15,000	7,000	3,000	2,500	
<b>UNALLOCATED RESERVE<sup>c</sup></b>	(1,000)	(1,000)	(3,000)	2,000	2,000	5,000	3,000	2,000	*6,000	0	0	20,000	12,000	20,000	
<b>PRIVATELY FUNDED (UNALLOCATED)</b>	882	251	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1,133</b>
	10,000	10,000	1,000	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	132,173	119,482	112,682	99,490	75,693	70,085	76,554	85,006	72,515	68,426	27,110	28,422	70,000	70,000	<b>1,020,506</b>
	142,000	132,000	121,000	112,000	90,000	78,000	83,000	91,000	*90,000	80,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	<b>1,139,000</b>

<sup>a</sup> Ceilings and actual admissions figures for East Asia include both first-asylum resettlement and the Orderly Departure Program (ODP) from Vietnam. ODP figures include American immigrants.

<sup>b</sup> In FY 1992 and FY 1993, Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union had separate ceilings. In all other years, these regions have a combined ceiling. (The FY 1999 - 2003 sub-regional ceilings are represented.) In FY 2004, the State Department changed the name of the combined region to Europe/Central Asia with a ceiling of 13,000.

<sup>c</sup> In FYs 1992 - 1994, admissions numbers included an unallocated reserve. These unallocated places were incorporated into the adjusted regional ceilings, maintaining the overall admissions ceiling.

FY 2005 data is preliminary.

<sup>d</sup> Due to a funding shortfall in its Migration and Refugee Assistance account, PRM reduced the FY 2000 unallocated reserve from 6,000 to 1,000. The "unofficial" ceiling became 85,000.

Source: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM). Tabulated by USCRI.

## REFUGEES ADMITTED TO THE UNITED

	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
<b>EAST ASIA</b>	53,486	51,848	49,858	43,581	36,926	19,235	8,590
Cambodia	38	141	22	6	1	0	0
Chinese	4	1	0	0	0	1	0
Indonesia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Laos	9,250	7,315	6,967	6,272	3,675	2,201	939
Myanmar	14	55	94	75	36	11	182
Vietnamese	44,180	44,336	42,775	37,228	33,214	17,021	7,469
Other	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>NEAR EAST/S. ASIA</b>	5,539	6,844	7,000	5,861	4,464	3,788	3,990
Afghanistan	1,480	1,452	1,233	21	4	0	0
Iran	2,692	1,949	1,161	851	978	1,256	1,305
Iraq	842	3,442	4,605	4,984	3,482	2,528	2,679
Libya	344	1	0	3	0	0	0
Other	1	0	1	2	0	4	6
<b>EUROPE &amp; C. ASIA</b>	45,516	64,184	51,278	50,947	45,703	41,617	48,450
Former Soviet Union***	38,661	61,298	48,627	43,470	35,716	29,536	27,072
Albanian	1,363	1,108	458	171	51	23	9
Bosnia	--	0	1,887	7,197	9,870	12,030	21,357
Bulgaria	585	126	34	5	3	0	0
Croatia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Czech Republic	158	18	3	5	0	1	0
Hungary	7	1	0	1	0	0	0
Poland	290	134	54	31	39	11	6
Romanian	4,452	1,499	215	67	24	16	3
Former Yugoslavia****	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>AFRICA</b>	4,424	5,491	6,969	5,856	4,779	7,512	6,069
Angola	21	4	0	6	1	2	0
Burundi	0	0	3	0	8	8	33
Chad	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Congo-Kinshasa	73	76	199	92	85	38	45
Ethiopia	3,948	2,972	2,765	328	239	194	197
Liberia	1	637	961	610	52	46	231
Mozambique	12	8	0	1	0	0	0
Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	0	34	7
Rwanda	2	3	7	31	88	118	100
Sierra Leone	0	0	0	0	48	13	57
Somalia	192	1,570	2,753	3,555	2,506	6,436	4,974
South African	19	15	8	0	0	1	1
Sudan	24	113	244	1,220	1,705	575	277
Togo	0	0	0	0	25	1	30
Uganda	125	93	24	2	10	10	9
Other	7	0	5	11	12	36	63
<b>L. AMERICA &amp; CARIBBEAN</b>	93	57	1,312	6,437	7,618	3,541	2,986
Cuba	**2,144	**2,867	**2,814	2,670	6,133	3,498	2,911
Haiti	0	54	1,307	3,766	1,485	39	75
Nicaragua	87	1	1	1	0	2	0
EL Salvador	6	2	1	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	3	0	0	2	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>108,878</b>	<b>128,424</b>	<b>116,417</b>	<b>112,682</b>	<b>99,490</b>	<b>75,693</b>	<b>70,085</b>

FY 2003 and FY 2004 data is preliminary.

\* The FY 2002 data by nationality differs from the regional data in the chart on page 9, as it includes 1,098 persons of unreported nationality who do not appear in this chart.

\*\* Private Sector Initiative admissions not included: FY 91—1,789 Cubans; FY 92—882 Cubans; FY 93—251 Cubans.

## STATES, BY NATIONALITY, FY 1991-2004

							CUMULATIVE
FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02*	FY 03	FY 04	FY 1991-2004
10,848	10,204	4,561	3,725	3,036	1,724	8,079	305,701
0	0	0	23	0	7	3	241
0	1	1	12	11	9	3	43
--	--	14	5	18	17	5	59
0	19	64	22	18	13	6,005	42,760
186	295	637	543	125	203	1,056	3,512
10,661	9,863	3,845	3,109	2,855	1,472	1,007	259,035
1	26	0	11	9	3	0	51
3,197	4,078	10,079	12,086	3,554	4,260	2,854	77,414
88	364	1,710	2,964	1,649	1,453	959	13,377
1,699	1,739	5,100	6,582	1,430	2,471	1,787	31,000
1,407	1,955	3,152	2,473	457	298	66	32,30
0	0	0	5	0	0	0	353
3	20	117	62	18	38	42	314
54,260	55,576	37,093	30,664	15,143	11,269	9,254	560,954
23,349	16,922	14,542	14,888	9,757	8,744	8,765	381,347
3	8	1	3	5	2	2	3,207
30,906	22,697	19,027	14,594	4,865	525	244	145,199
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	753
--	1,660	2,995	1,020	408	144	92	6,319
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	186
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
2	2	1	4	0	0	0	574
	2	4	0	1	0	0	6,283
0	14,280	520	151	43	1,852	151	17,000
0	5	2	4	64	2	0	77
6,662	13,038	17,549	18,979	2,367	10,717	29,125	139,537
0	0	2	34	16	21	20	127
0	223	165	109	62	16	276	903
0	22	2	2	1	1	4	77
52	69	1,352	262	106	251	569	3,269
152	1,879	1,346	1,429	311	1,704	2,710	20,174
1,494	2,495	2,613	3,415	520	2,957	7,140	23,172
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
0	0	5	1	0	0	0	6
0	625	50	81	26	57	34	914
86	153	345	94	36	47	176	1,286
0	675	1,128	1,999	101	1,378	1,084	6,483
2,951	4,317	6,026	4,939	295	1,993	13,331	55,838
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
1,252	2,392	3,833	5,958	815	2,140	3,500	24,048
0	93	510	279	14	39	35	1,026
2	12	18	12	2	1	8	328
673	83	154	365	62	112	238	1,821
1,587	2,110	3,233	2,972	1,912	452	3,556	37,866
1,587	2,018	3,184	2,944	1,901	303	2,959	30,108
0	91	49	23	4	0	17	6,910
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
0	1	0	5	7	149	580	747
<b>76,554</b>	<b>85,006</b>	<b>72,515</b>	<b>68,426</b>	<b>26,012</b>	<b>28,422</b>	<b>52,868</b>	<b>1,121,472</b>

\*\*\* Includes nationals of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

\*\*\*\* Includes nationals of Serbia and Montenegro and Macedonia.

Source: U.S. Department of State, PRM. Compiled by USCRI.

ELIGIBILITY FOR REFUGEE PROCESSING PRIORITIES — FY 2005			
P-1		P-2	P-3
All Nationalities Eligible	Burundi		X
	Colombia		X
	Congo Brazzaville		X
	Congo-Kinshasa		X
	Cuba	X	X
	Eritrea		X
	Ethiopia		X
	Former Soviet Union	X	
	Haiti		X
	Iran	X	X
	Liberia		X
	Myanmar		X
	Rwanda		X
	Somalia		X
Sudan		X	
Vietnam	X		

The worldwide processing priority system sets guidelines for processing refugee applications to the United States within the established annual regional ceilings. Those who meet these criteria must also be legally admissible to the United States and be refugees. Falling under a particular processing priority only permits the refugee to apply and does not guarantee admission.

**Priority 1: Individual Referrals**

Priority 1 is for individual compelling protection cases or refugees for whom no other durable solution exists who are referred to the program by UNHCR, a U.S. Embassy, or a non-governmental organization (NGO) and is available to persons of any nationality. The United States typically resettles about 50% of all of UNHCR’s resettlement referrals worldwide.

**Priority 2: Group Referrals**

Priority 2 is for members of groups of special humanitarian concern to the United States. It includes members of specific nationalities, clans, or ethnic groups the Department of State identifies in consultation with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS), NGOs, UNHCR, and other experts. The United States processes the following Priority 2 groups in their country of origin:

**Cuba**

Members of persecuted religious minorities, human rights activists, former political prisoners, forced-labor conscripts (1965-68), persons the Government deprived of professional credentials or subjected to disproportionately harsh or discriminatory treatment for their perceived or actual political or religious beliefs or activities, and persons who have experienced or fear harm because of their relationship—family or social—to someone who falls under this category.

**Former Soviet Union**

Jews, Evangelical Christians, and Ukrainian Catholic and Orthodox religious activists the Lautenberg Amendment, Pub. L. No. 101-167, § 599D, 103 Stat. 1261 (1989), as amended, identifies with close family in the United States.

**Vietnam**

Persons eligible under the former Orderly Departure, Resettlement Opportunity for Vietnamese Returnees, and McCain Amendment programs currently awaiting reauthorization by Congress and Amerasian immigrants, whose numbers the Government counts in the refugee ceiling.

The program will develop the following new Priority 2 groups during FY 2005:

Meskhetian Turks in Russia; Hmong Lao at Wat Tham Krabok in Thailand; Iranian religious minorities, primarily in Austria; Vietnamese in the Philippines; Somali Benadir in Kenya; Burundians in Tanzania; Somali groups in Uganda; Liberian groups in Ghana and Guinea.

Additional populations under active consideration for group designation in FY 2005 include Bhutanese in Nepal, Kunama in Ethiopia, Ethiopians in Yemen, and Myanmar in camps along the Thai border.

**Priority 3: Family Reunification Cases**

In FY 2005, eligibility for a refugee interview is extended to nationals of the 14 countries listed who are the spouses, unmarried children under 21, or parents of persons the United States initially admitted as refugees or granted asylum. The relative in the United States must file an Affidavit of Relationship with USCIS. All applicants must be outside their countries of nationality or habitual residence.

No other priorities will be available in FY 2005.

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