

Acquisition of nationality

Nationality law can have a significant impact on the measurement of the national and foreign populations. In France and Belgium, for example, where foreigners can fairly easily acquire the nationality of the host country, increases in the foreign population through immigration and births can eventually contribute to a significant rise in the population of nationals. On the other hand, in countries where naturalisation is more difficult, increases in immigration and births amongst foreigners manifest themselves almost exclusively as rises in the foreign population. In addition, changes in rules regarding naturalisation can have significant numerical effects. For example, during the 1980s, a number of OECD countries made naturalisation easier and this resulted in noticeable falls in the foreign population (and rises in the population of nationals).

However, host-country legislation is not the only factor affecting naturalisation. For example, where naturalisation involves forfeiting citizenship of the country of origin, there may be incentives to remain a foreign citizen. Where the difference between remaining a foreign citizen or becoming a national is marginal, naturalisation may largely be influenced by the time and effort required to make the application, and the symbolic and political value individuals attach to being citizens of one country or another.

Data on naturalisations are usually readily available from administrative sources. As with other administrative data, resource constraints in processing applications may result in a backlog of unprocessed applications which are not reflected in the figures. The statistics generally cover all means of acquiring the nationality of a country. These include standard naturalisation procedures subject to criteria such as age or residency, etc. as well as situations where nationality is acquired through a declaration or by option (following marriage, adoption or other situations related to residency or descent), recovery of former nationality and other special means of acquiring the nationality of the country).

Table A.1.6. Acquisition of nationality in OECD countries
Numbers and percentages

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Countries where the national/foreigner distinction is prevalent											
AUT	Austria	24 678	24 320	31 731	36 011	44 694	41 645	34 876	25 746	14 010	10 268
	% of foreign population	3.6	3.5	4.5	5.0	6.0	5.5	4.5	3.2	1.7	1.2
BEL	Belgium	24 273	62 082	62 982	46 417	33 709	34 754	31 512	31 860	36 063	45 204
	% of foreign population	2.7	6.9	7.3	5.5	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.5	3.9	3.9
CHE	Switzerland	20 363	28 700	27 586	36 515	35 424	35 685	38 437	46 711	43 889	44 365
	% of foreign population	1.5	2.1	2.0	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.6	3.1	2.9	2.8
CZE	Czech Republic	8 107	8 335	6 321	4 532	3 410	5 020	2 626	2 346	1 877	1 837
	% of foreign population	3.7	3.6	3.1	2.1	1.5	2.1	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5
DEU	Germany	142 670	186 688	178 098	154 547	140 731	127 153	117 241	124 832	113 030	94 500
	% of foreign population	1.9	2.5	2.4	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.4
DNK	Denmark	12 416	18 811	11 902	17 300	6 583	14 976	10 197	7 961	3 648	5 772
	% of foreign population	4.8	7.3	4.6	6.5	2.5	5.5	3.8	2.9	1.3	1.8
ESP	Spain	16 394	11 999	16 743	21 810	26 556	38 335	42 829	62 339	71 810	..
	% of foreign population	2.2	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.6	..
FIN	Finland	4 730	2 977	2 720	3 049	4 526	6 880	5 683	4 433	4 824	6 682
	% of foreign population	5.6	3.4	3.0	3.1	4.4	6.4	5.2	3.9	4.0	5.0
FRA	France	147 522	150 026	127 548	128 092	144 640	168 826	154 827	147 868	131 738	137 452
	% of foreign population	..	4.6	..	..	..	..	..	4.2	..	..
GBR	United Kingdom	54 902	82 210	90 295	120 125	130 535	148 275	161 700	154 020	164 635	129 310
	% of foreign population	2.5	3.7	3.9	4.6	5.1	5.4	5.7	5.1	4.9	3.4
HUN	Hungary	6 066	7 538	8 590	3 369	5 261	5 432	9 870	6 172	8 505	8 060
	% of foreign population	4.0	4.9	7.8	2.9	4.5	4.2	6.9	4.0	5.1	4.4
IRL	Ireland	1 433	1 143	2 443	2 817	3 993	3 784	4 079	5 763	6 656	..
	% of foreign population	1.3	1.0	1.9	1.8	2.1	1.7	1.8	2.2	..	..
ITA	Italy	11 335	9 563	10 382	10 685	13 406	11 934	19 266	35 766	38 466	39 484
	% of foreign population	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.0
JPN	Japan	16 120	15 812	15 291	14 339	17 633	16 336	15 251	14 108	14 680	13 218
	% of foreign population	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
KOR	Korea	..	..	1 680	3 883	7 734	9 262	16 974	8 125	10 139	15 258
	% of foreign population	..	..	0.8	1.7	2.8	2.0	3.5	1.6	1.5	1.7
LUX	Luxembourg	549	684	496	754	785	841	954	1 128	1 236	1 215
	% of foreign population	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
NLD	Netherlands	62 090	49 968	46 667	45 321	28 799	26 173	28 488	29 089	30 563	28 229
	% of foreign population	9.4	7.7	7.0	6.6	4.1	3.7	4.1	4.2	4.5	3.9
NOR	Norway	7 988	9 517	10 838	9 041	7 867	8 154	12 655	11 955	14 877	10 312
	% of foreign population	4.8	5.3	5.9	4.9	4.0	4.0	5.9	5.4	6.2	3.9
POL	Poland	1 000	975	766	1 186	1 634	1 937	2 866	989	1 528	1 054
	% of foreign population	..	..	..	..	3.3	..	..	..	2.7	1.7
PRT	Portugal	946	721	1 082	1 369	1 747	1 346	939	3 627	6 020	22 408
	% of foreign population	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.8	1.4	5.0
SVK	Slovak Republic	..	..	..	..	3 492	4 016	1 393	1 125	1 478	680
	% of foreign population	..	..	..	..	11.8	13.8	6.3	4.4	4.6	1.3
SWE	Sweden	37 777	42 495	35 458	36 978	32 351	26 130	35 531	46 995	32 473	29 330
	% of foreign population	7.6	8.9	7.6	7.9	7.0	5.9	8.2	10.7	6.8	5.3
TUR	Turkey	..	..	..	23 725	21 086	8 238	6 901	5 072	..	..
	% of foreign population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Countries where native-born/foreign-born distinction is prevalent											
AUS	Australia	76 474	70 836	72 070	86 289	79 164	87 049	93 095	103 350	136 256	121 221
CAN	Canada	158 753	214 568	167 353	141 588	155 117	193 159	198 473	260 743	199 831	176 467
MEX	Mexico	569	3 944	3 090	4 737	4 317	6 429	5 610	4 175	5 470	4 471
NZL	New Zealand	34 470	29 609	23 535	19 469	18 296	22 142	24 341	29 017	29 867	23 772
USA	United States	839 944	888 788	608 205	573 708	463 204	537 151	604 280	702 589	660 477	1 046 539
EU25, Norway and Switzerland		585 239	698 752	672 648	679 918	670 143	711 296	715 969	750 725	727 326	616 162
North America		998 697	1 103 356	775 558	715 296	618 321	730 310	802 753	963 332	860 308	1 223 006

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Table B.1.6. Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality
AUSTRALIA

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
United Kingdom	13 529	14 592	12 474	16 411	14 854	17 201	20 127	22 143	25 948	27 369
India	2 695	2 381	2 335	2 510	3 051	3 638	5 027	7 439	12 896	9 053
China	10 947	7 664	6 890	6 416	7 126	7 072	7 798	7 317	11 251	8 402
New Zealand	6 320	6 676	11 007	17 334	13 994	13 052	9 363	7 636	7 379	6 806
South Africa	1 606	2 253	2 992	3 922	3 998	4 908	5 085	5 036	6 489	5 490
Iraq	1 698	1 853	1 862	2 182	1 502	1 271	2 115	2 173	1 924	4 216
Philippines	2 606	2 349	2 211	2 849	2 885	3 019	3 653	3 725	5 129	3 827
Afghanistan	..	..	798	978	419	515	726	1 181	2 712	3 174
Sudan	..	..	414	517	598	834	1 429	2 793	4 573	3 017
Sri Lanka	1 707	1 832	1 672	1 362	1 328	1 582	1 711	1 958	3 571	2 921
Malaysia	1 002	1 154	1 057	1 504	1 619	1 846	1 798	2 000	2 794	2 717
Korea	..	..	966	821	643	943	1 124	1 758	2 497	2 388
Viet Nam	3 083	3 441	1 953	2 090	1 676	2 215	2 056	2 114	2 603	2 185
Indonesia	..	..	659	765	830	897	1 052	1 397	2 213	2 007
United States	1 083	989	1 004	1 318	1 194	1 409	1 554	1 828	2 107	2 003
Other countries	30 198	25 652	23 776	25 310	23 447	26 647	28 477	32 852	42 170	35 646
Total	76 474	70 836	72 070	86 289	79 164	87 049	93 095	103 350	136 256	121 221

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AUSTRIA

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Serbia	534	4 213	2 582
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1 536	2 761	3 856	5 913	8 268	8 657	7 026	4 596	3 329	2 207
Turkey	10 324	6 720	10 046	12 623	13 665	13 004	9 545	7 542	2 076	1 664
Croatia	1 008	1 642	1 986	2 537	2 588	2 212	2 276	2 494	1 349	824
Romania	1 635	2 682	2 813	1 774	2 096	1 373	1 128	981	455	382
FYR of Macedonia	257	241	471	574	786	803	991	716	414	377
Poland	531	545	606	930	768	768	443	236	172	129
Russian Federation	137	168	166	161	83	194	235	228	128	127
India	297	486	638	656	525	562	421	159	137	122
Egypt	572	657	807	599	615	616	506	382	100	121
Afghanistan	56	70	44	69	135	322	454	261	43	106
Iran	498	481	451	328	272	411	432	253	88	99
Ukraine	38	49	71	104	146	230	182	145	81	70
Germany	89	102	106	85	106	135	135	122	113	67
China	379	530	695	687	569	519	298	167	54	64
Other countries	7 321	7 186	8 975	8 971	14 072	11 839	10 804	6 930	1 258	1 327
Total	24 678	24 320	31 731	36 011	44 694	41 645	34 876	25 746	14 010	10 268

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BELGIUM

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Morocco	9 133	21 917	24 018	15 832	10 565	8 704	7 977	7 753	8 722	8 362
Turkey	4 402	17 282	14 401	7 805	5 186	4 467	3 602	3 204	3 039	3 055
Russian Federation	..	..	265	301	237	339	297	496	1 533	2 567
Italy	1 187	3 650	3 451	2 341	2 646	2 271	2 086	2 360	2 017	1 729
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 890	2 993	2 991	2 809	1 796	2 585	1 876	1 569	1 793	1 502
France	363	948	1 025	856	698	780	772	820	836	816
Serbia and Montenegro	..	145	239	403	317	756	769	768	22	749
Algeria	520	1 071	1 281	926	826	830	739	658	687	713
Netherlands	234	492	601	646	522	665	672	692	668	667
Rwanda	..	..	794	1 012	557	571	700	635	924	..
Pakistan	131	75	474	404	270	298	306	348	666	..
Poland	253	551	677	630	460	465	470	550	586	..
Romania	267	403	321	294	277	314	332	429	554	..
Greece	168	319	317	284	279	265	226	310	434	..
Tunisia	301	859	729	521	383	406	297	388	414	..
Other countries	5 424	11 377	11 398	11 353	8 690	11 038	10 391	10 880	13 168	25 044
Total	24 273	62 082	62 982	46 417	33 709	34 754	31 512	31 860	36 063	45 204

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CANADA

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
China	16 946	22 775	17 406	16 321	20 021	25 085	25 725	34 473	24 343	21 025
India	10 963	18 681	14 029	12 623	13 934	21 791	22 008	33 964	25 778	20 824
Philippines	11 486	14 024	9 485	7 622	8 225	9 001	11 029	15 566	12 193	11 654
Pakistan	3 147	8 073	8 610	7 292	6 494	10 634	12 414	17 120	11 622	9 429
Korea	2 135	3 721	3 106	3 464	4 350	5 887	5 424	7 560	5 861	5 248
Iran	3 580	6 495	6 322	5 712	5 135	4 607	4 982	8 089	5 332	4 986
Colombia	318	451	554	724	953	1 508	2 084	3 136	3 781	4 670
Romania	3 792	4 546	3 376	2 672	3 105	3 286	4 467	5 884	4 681	4 373
United States	2 683	3 784	2 943	2 812	3 862	5 267	5 053	5 117	4 267	4 123
Sri Lanka	6 211	6 603	4 376	3 500	3 261	5 150	4 569	5 650	4 703	3 691
Russian Federation	1 729	3 113	3 417	3 379	3 438	3 781	4 073	4 621	3 677	3 320
Afghanistan	943	1 655	1 641	1 456	1 806	2 379	2 874	4 217	3 244	2 557
Ukraine	1 594	2 699	2 130	2 014	2 180	2 811	2 927	4 077	2 839	2 514
Jamaica	2 384	2 941	2 665	2 206	2 932	4 513	3 959	4 856	3 382	2 433
Morocco	796	996	924	922	1 347	1 175	2 337	3 871	2 728	2 225
Other countries	90 046	114 011	86 369	68 869	74 074	86 284	84 548	102 542	81 400	73 395
Total	158 753	214 568	167 353	141 588	155 117	193 159	198 473	260 743	199 831	176 467

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SWITZERLAND

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Serbia	11 721	10 441	10 252
Italy	5 510	6 652	5 386	6 633	5 085	4 196	4 032	4 502	4 629	4 921
Germany	461	646	586	817	670	639	773	1 144	1 361	3 022
Turkey	2 260	3 127	3 116	4 128	4 216	3 565	3 467	3 457	3 044	2 866
Bosnia and Herzegovina	409	999	1 128	1 865	2 268	2 371	2 790	3 149	3 008	2 855
FYR of Macedonia	410	857	1 022	1 639	1 802	1 981	2 171	2 596	2 210	2 287
Croatia	671	970	1 045	1 638	1 565	1 616	1 681	1 837	1 660	2 046
Portugal	481	765	779	920	1 165	1 199	1 505	2 383	2 201	1 761
France	848	1 360	1 307	1 367	1 215	1 181	1 021	1 260	1 218	1 110
Spain	507	851	699	691	800	823	975	1 283	1 246	1 096
United Kingdom	228	339	310	350	306	289	287	323	353	319
Austria	140	240	233	227	194	150	167	174	166	193
Netherlands	45	74	90	90	155	254	178	210	234	189
Belgium	40	83	53	118	91	71	63	65	113	153
Poland	226	304	159	200	160	177	163	185	195	152
Other countries	8 127	11 433	11 673	15 832	15 732	17 173	19 164	12 422	11 810	11 143
Total	20 363	28 700	27 586	36 515	35 424	35 685	38 437	46 711	43 889	44 365

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CZECH REPUBLIC

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Slovak Republic	6 278	5 377	3 593	2 109	989	1 741	1 259	786	625	521
Ukraine	263	373	173	251	419	446	239	425	424	398
Former Czechoslovakia	798	1 899	1 607	1 273	1 154	1 784	190	205	225	229
Kazakhstan	3	17	25	43	156	89	43	129	18	121
Russian Federation	100	71	87	65	7	86	134	107	102	84
Romania	38	58	140	109	116	101	143	131	36	83
Poland	23	8	163	304	170	298	167	86	50	53
Viet Nam	87	101	76	29	46	47	62	43	40	42
Belarus	7	13	19	13	14	21	35	27	39	27
Serbia and Montenegro	50	12	35	16	14	42	26	31	28	25
Moldova	..	..	2	4	4	1	11	9	33	21
Armenia	11	8	11	8	18	23	32	61	28	19
Afghanistan	3	0	4	7	6	1	1	6	5	16
Syria	22	7	7	13	11	10	5	4	5	12
Greece	45	26	38	19	26	16	7	25	31	12
Other countries	379	365	341	269	260	314	272	271	188	174
Total	8 107	8 335	6 321	4 532	3 410	5 020	2 626	2 346	1 877	1 837

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GERMANY

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Turkey	103 900	82 861	76 573	64 631	56 244	44 465	32 661	33 388	28 861	24 449
Serbia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 267
Poland	..	..	..	..	..	7 499	6 896	6 907	5 479	4 245
Iraq	..	..	..	..	..	3 564	4 136	3 693	4 102	4 229
Morocco	4 312	5 008	4 425	3 800	4 118	3 820	3 684	3 546	3 489	3 130
Iran	1 529	14 410	12 020	13 026	9 440	6 362	4 482	3 662	3 121	2 734
Afghanistan	1 355	4 773	5 111	4 750	4 948	4 077	3 133	3 063	2 831	2 512
Russian Federation	..	..	..	..	..	4 381	5 055	4 679	4 069	2 439
Romania	..	..	..	..	..	1 309	1 789	1 379	3 502	2 137
Israel	..	..	..	..	..	3 164	2 871	4 313	2 405	1 971
Ukraine	..	..	..	..	..	3 844	3 363	4 536	4 454	1 953
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3 745	4 002	3 791	2 357	1 770	2 103	1 907	1 862	1 797	1 878
Greece	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 779
Lebanon	2 491	5 673	4 486	3 300	2 651	2 265	1 969	2 030	1 754	1 675
Kazakhstan	..	..	..	..	..	1 443	2 975	3 207	218	1 602
Other countries	25 338	69 961	71 692	62 683	61 560	38 857	42 320	48 567	46 948	31 500
Total	142 670	186 688	178 098	154 547	140 731	127 153	117 241	124 832	113 030	94 500

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DENMARK

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Iraq	918	2 210	871	1 161	153	1 015	961	1 113	515	1 166
Turkey	3 154	2 787	3 130	2 418	2 158	732	878	1 125	527	581
Somalia	215	1 189	1 074	2 263	324	2 022	1 709	923	317	527
Afghanistan	98	276	215	301	40	367	282	260	178	359
Bosnia and Herzegovina	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	519	224	270
Iran	914	1 105	437	519	120	505	317	203	89	207
Former Yugoslavia	652	917	355	784	239	835	324	594	165	196
Pakistan	463	545	297	573	94	332	305	172	93	191
China	169	228	195	289	203	339	382	281	162	181
Sri Lanka	523	819	365	594	119	678	332	148	73	127
Morocco	322	485	213	313	69	244	147	114	40	119
Thailand	137	214	124	172	62	180	114	95	61	79
Viet Nam	439	647	318	508	280	318	232	213	129	78
Lebanon	601	1 099	309	376	69	219	140	80	27	73
Norway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	134	93	73
Other countries	3 811	6 290	3 999	7 029	2 653	7 190	4 074	1 987	955	1 545
Total	12 416	18 811	11 902	17 300	6 583	14 976	10 197	7 961	3 648	5 772

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SPAIN

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Ecuador	376	292	510	1 173	1 951	6 370	10 031	19 477	21 371	..
Colombia	818	302	848	1 267	1 802	4 194	7 334	12 720	13 852	..
Morocco	2 053	1 921	2 822	3 111	6 827	8 036	5 556	5 690	7 864	..
Peru	2 374	1 488	2 322	3 117	2 932	3 958	3 645	4 713	6 490	..
Argentina	1 027	661	791	997	1 015	1 746	2 293	3 536	4 810	..
Dominican Republic	2 652	1 755	2 126	2 876	2 639	2 834	2 322	2 805	2 800	..
Cuba	1 109	893	1 191	2 088	1 601	1 889	2 506	2 703	2 466	..
Venezuela	290	197	326	439	529	703	752	908	1 324	..
Philippines	551	365	554	831	670	800	680	762	872	..
Uruguay	309	177	239	219	234	327	409	624	839	..
Chile	432	594	359	353	349	484	621	844	838	..
Brazil	308	273	411	477	500	683	695	782	779	..
Bolivia	97	66	89	104	129	218	289	648	709	..
Mexico	198	..	..	..	..	..	..	567	593	..
Gambia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	311	442	..
Other countries	3 800	3 015	4 155	4 758	5 378	6 093	5 696	5 249	5 761	..
Total	16 394	11 999	16 743	21 810	26 556	38 335	42 829	62 339	71 810	..

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FINLAND

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Russian Federation	800	666	533	418	1 682	2 313	2 094	1 399	1 665	2 211
Somalia	1 208	346	222	204	209	165	414	445	464	595
Iraq	140	185	224	217	165	447	346	405	443	379
Iran	53	102	58	68	124	225	233	213	218	329
Serbia and Montenegro	..	4	14	41	32	338	346	248	232	324
Afghanistan	..	2	..	23	3	14	48	101	102	279
Sweden	84	44	57	61	94	149	198	178	163	274
Estonia	379	353	295	319	468	690	291	176	182	262
Turkey	115	85	82	112	141	171	128	110	102	195
China	123	92	106	136	126	95	60	57	68	84
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	4	8	34	58	129	129	81	82	84
United States	4	12	9	1	32	90	81	36	42	82
Viet Nam	71	155	164	205	133	209	82	64	79	78
Former Yugoslavia	26	67	72	232	152	111	92	72	46	69
Ukraine	10	32	8	28	66	130	65	46	45	62
Other countries	1 716	828	868	950	1 041	1 604	1 076	802	891	1 375
Total	4 730	2 977	2 720	3 049	4 526	6 880	5 683	4 433	4 824	6 682

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Table B.1.6. **Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality**
FRANCE

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Morocco	38 298	37 795	34 922	33 967	36 875	..	37 848	..	..	28 699
Algeria	15 743	17 627	15 498	15 711	20 245	..	25 435	..	..	20 256
Turkey	11 380	12 137	10 755	10 468	10 492	..	13 618	..	..	10 202
Tunisia	12 467	12 763	10 251	9 956	11 412	..	12 012	..	..	9 471
Portugal	13 151	11 201	9 182	8 844	9 576	..	8 888	..	..	7 778
Russian Federation	638	779	730	831	951	..	1 132	..	..	3 530
Serbia and Montenegro	2 249	2 358	1 880	1 902	2 129	..	2 737	..	..	3 375
Senegal	1 530	1 595	1 463	1 858	2 185	..	2 345	..	..	3 038
Congo	932	1 083	1 100	1 475	1 769	..	2 390	..	..	2 933
Haiti	1 711	1 920	1 571	2 082	2 734	..	2 744	..	..	2 922
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 495	1 765	1 401	1 572	2 012	..	2 631	..	..	2 402
Mali	490	631	581	774	947	..	1 365	..	..	2 237
Côte d'Ivoire	1 113	1 409	1 194	1 495	1 869	..	1 987	..	..	2 197
Cameroon	1 400	1 556	1 381	1 770	2 196	..	2 081	..	..	2 014
Sri Lanka	1 439	1 819	1 345	1 377	1 748	..	2 011	..	..	1 544
Other countries	43 486	43 588	34 294	34 010	37 500	..	35 603	..	..	34 854
Total	147 522	150 026	127 548	128 092	144 640	168 826	154 827	147 868	131 738	137 452

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Table B.1.6. **Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality**
HUNGARY

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Romania	3 463	4 231	5 644	2 238	3 415	3 605	6 890	4 303	6 227	5 500
Ukraine	828	541	777	855
Serbia and Montenegro	949	357	759	757
Belarus	194	99	74	167
Russian Federation	162	111	60	155
Slovak Republic	161	206	116	105
Viet Nam	53	40	53	95
Czech Republic	142	14	63	73
Estonia	148	118	58	40
Croatia	50	148	26	34
Germany	25	22	28	32
China	16	15	31	29
Syria	13	13	25	17
Afghanistan	5	4	25	15
Poland	26	10	9	14
Other countries	2 603	3 307	2 946	1 131	1 846	1 827	208	171	174	172
Total	6 066	7 538	8 590	3 369	5 261	5 432	9 870	6 172	8 505	8 060

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Table B.1.6. **Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality**
IRELAND

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
United States	890	1 518	1 841	..
Australia	223	389	299	..
Canada	138	176	246	..
South Africa	257	363	219	..
Pakistan	213	239	189	..
New Zealand	187	227	161	..
Nigeria	155	189	142	..
United Kingdom	233	406	141	..
India	144	126	119	..
Russian Federation	81	109	86	..
Congo	49	72	54	..
Romania	92	81	46	..
Zimbabwe	55	67	46	..
China	57	85	45	..
Serbia	70	102	43	..
Other countries	1 235	1 614	2 979	..
Total	1 433	1 143	2 443	2 817	3 993	3 784	4 079	5 763	6 656	..

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Table B.1.6. **Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality**
ITALY

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Morocco	638	573	579	624	1 132	1 046	..	3 295	3 850	..
Romania	936	665	855	968	977	847	..	2 775	3 509	..
Albania	748	521	687	703	830	882	..	2 330	2 605	..
Argentina	255	240	316	411	541	515	..	2 569	2 410	..
Brazil	461	512	619	604	726	579	..	1 751	1 928	..
Ukraine	122	111	129	167	224	209	..	..	1 389	..
Cuba	379	377	512	542	646	539	..	1 535	1 355	..
Russian Federation	452	347	384	439	463	436	..	1 181	1 279	..
Poland	502	448	475	519	677	619	..	1 320	1 255	..
Venezuela	113	121	121	215	252	255	..	..	1 011	..
Dominican Republic	423	377	354	393	409	317	..	..	939	..
Tunisia	237	208	215	175	271	258	..	371	920	..
Switzerland	836	724	533	514	546	506	..	..	911	..
Peru	252	228	263	305	383	253	..	..	883	..
Ecuador	60	51	83	88	132	144	..	..	757	..
Other countries	4 921	4 060	4 257	4 018	5 197	4 529	..	18 639	13 465	..
Total	11 335	9 563	10 382	10 685	13 406	11 934	19 266	35 766	38 466	39 484

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Table B.1.6. **Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality**
JAPAN

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Korea	10 059	9 842	10 295	9 188	11 778	11 031	9 689	8 531	8 546	7 412
China	5 335	5 245	4 377	4 442	4 722	4 122	4 427	4 347	4 740	4 322
Other countries	726	725	619	709	1 133	1 183	1 135	1 230	1 394	1 484
Total	16 120	15 812	15 291	14 339	17 633	16 336	15 251	14 108	14 680	13 218

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Table B.1.6. **Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality**
KOREA

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
China	1 391	3 344	6 146	7 443	14 881	7 156	8 178	12 545
Viet Nam	8	30	81	147	362	243	461	1 147
Philippines	21	112	928	1 074	786	317	335	579
Mongolia	1	10	43	36	109	32	82	134
Uzbekistan	5	6	21	34	79	38	60	80
Thailand	7	12	41	53	69	39	57	73
Pakistan	9	13	63	58	66	18	34	27
Other countries	238	356	411	417	622	282	1 112	673
Total	1 680	3 883	7 734	9 262	16 974	8 125	10 319	15 258

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Table B.1.6. Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality
LUXEMBOURG

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Portugal	113	150	106	147	158	188	252	338	352	293
Italy	94	157	105	119	120	111	97	161	138	109
Serbia and Montenegro	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	55	67	105
Belgium	53	72	39	87	73	83	101	87	97	77
France	43	52	33	65	57	44	51	74	75	76
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	1	5	6	8	22	29	46	72	76
Germany	41	50	45	47	50	62	79	74	95	76
Cape Verde	32	27	20	48	50	41	33	45	46	49
China	10	12	11	17	19	21	16	19	37	42
Albania	..	..	..	1	3	9	10	15	21	24
Netherlands	11	14	13	11	17	6	7	20	10	20
Morocco	4	12	6	13	13	9	14	9	20	19
Cameroon	1	..	4	2	2	1	2	5	9	16
Iran	18	9	9	14	14	23	21	13	11	14
Romania	8	2	3	10	16	11	12	9	8	12
Other countries	120	125	97	167	185	210	228	158	178	207
Total	549	684	496	754	785	841	954	1 128	1 236	1 215

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Table B.1.6. Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality
NETHERLANDS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Morocco	14 220	13 471	12 721	12 033	7 126	5 873	7 086	6 896	6 409	5 034
Turkey	5 210	4 708	5 513	5 391	3 726	4 026	3 493	3 407	4 073	3 147
Suriname	3 190	2 008	2 025	1 957	1 242	1 421	2 031	1 636	1 285	1 006
Iraq	3 834	2 403	2 315	2 367	832	489	333	331	501	866
Afghanistan	1 847	945	803	1 118	982	801	550	562	662	584
China	977	1 002	1 111	908	722	739	1 291	799	638	539
Russian Federation	489	422	335	347	207	242	521	466	413	436
Germany	580	508	573	608	445	297	349	447	461	353
Ghana	432	348	360	357	157	74	199	296	314	283
Iran	2 560	1 375	754	336	180	122	184	225	221	273
Indonesia	514	456	416	380	291	203	293	248	302	262
Ukraine	286	203	197	168	140	134	334	257	279	262
Egypt	500	443	528	437	190	97	238	245	304	255
Poland	688	587	597	530	318	212	347	238	268	237
Nigeria	153	143	196	214	96	69	139	189	214	220
Other countries	26 610	20 946	18 223	18 170	12 145	11 374	11 100	12 847	14 219	14 472
Total	62 090	49 968	46 667	45 321	28 799	26 173	28 488	29 089	30 563	28 229

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Table B.1.6. Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality
NORWAY

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Somalia	591	332	676	546	392	526	1 250	1 281	2 196	1 315
Iraq	567	524	331	497	403	619	2 141	2 142	2 577	1 072
Afghanistan	31	19	36	17	21	23	75	194	674	877
Pakistan	106	1 077	409	829	497	568	694	590	544	773
Russian Federation	102	222	192	308	280	365	548	458	436	515
Iran	526	481	361	324	228	508	832	535	740	495
Ethiopia	108	59	79	63	55	83	116	140	313	341
Viet Nam	651	738	594	292	210	222	216	216	178	248
Thailand	91	142	302	257	193	234	299	263	427	247
Sri Lanka	650	454	477	461	281	235	264	242	362	246
Serbia and Montenegro	1 176	1 322	1 199	614	310	303	852	1 107	1 130	244
Philippines	199	157	261	299	265	249	322	246	421	233
Bosnia and Herzegovina	36	875	2 999	1 229	1 965	827	707	519	355	219
Sweden	241	246	249	216	211	221	276	376	241	211
Turkey	170	523	356	412	398	393	385	355	445	209
Other countries	2 743	2 346	2 317	2 677	2 158	2 778	3 678	3 291	3 838	3 067
Total	7 988	9 517	10 838	9 041	7 867	8 154	12 655	11 955	14 877	10 312

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Table B.1.6. Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality
NEW ZEALAND

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
United Kingdom	4 212	3 670	3 019	2 187	2 266	2 377	2 423	2 890	3 638	3 562
India	1 779	1 847	1 376	1 350	1 255	2 127	2 905	4 330	5 177	3 429
South Africa	1 645	2 010	2 028	1 973	1 992	2 407	2 425	2 799	3 131	2 458
Fiji	1 104	1 253	1 273	1 139	1 047	1 452	1 543	1 689	1 722	1 931
China	4 687	3 752	2 579	1 896	2 032	2 849	3 323	3 888	3 077	1 909
Samoa	1 649	1 702	1 590	1 307	1 189	1 065	1 153	1 363	1 445	1 433
Korea	2 314	1 982	1 053	685	642	1 099	1 523	1 638	1 448	884
Philippines	1 007	949	829	652	555	702	844	1 123	1 166	718
Zimbabwe	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	812	907	672
Afghanistan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	368	254	470
Malaysia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	329	451	422
United States	427	363	281	335	348	335	268	346	424	413
Sri Lanka	836	774	738	568	472	511	436	435	480	393
Chinese Taipei	3 213	1 970	1 619	1 069	546	355	414	428	373	330
Tonga	374	365	408	271	207	198	167	191	259	278
Other countries	11 223	8 972	6 742	6 037	5 745	6 665	6 917	6 388	5 915	4 470
Total	34 470	29 609	23 535	19 469	18 296	22 142	24 341	29 017	29 867	23 772

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Table B.1.6. **Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality**
POLAND

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Ukraine	15	46	62	214	431	538	759	417	662	369
Belarus	15	25	31	54	108	129	316	101	126	152
Russian Federation	24	23	14	22	52	145	257	129	114	64
Sweden	8	10	13	30	107	81	90	8	26	48
Germany	85	101	47	49	60	62	156	1	39	37
Israel	138	112	84	91	101	162	113	2	8	33
United States	30	26	11	9	32	41	59	8	23	27
Canada	74	44	23	22	46	36	73	7	17	24
Moldova	..	..	..	0	0	0	19	8	23	24
Kazakhstan	49	54	43	53	68	38	62	10	10	18
Armenia	8	11	6	13	8	6	18	27	30	16
Serbia and Montenegro	25	18	25	19	11	12	37	8	14	15
Viet Nam	14	7	13	17	11	11	36	29	47	12
Czech Republic	21	3	5	37	20	24	19	0	3	11
Lithuania	52	95	64	93	126	85	36	11	11	9
Other countries	442	400	325	463	453	567	816	223	375	195
Total	1 000	975	766	1 186	1 634	1 937	2 866	989	1 528	1 054

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Table B.1.6. **Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality**
PORTUGAL

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Cape Verde	117	69	228	271	370	274	132	1 047	2 189	6 013
Brazil	186	175	283	345	345	307	162	491	415	4 080
Guinea-Bissau	37	27	55	73	38	95	36	873	1 602	2 754
Moldova	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	6	..	2 230
Angola	62	42	65	82	144	63	38	336	738	2 075
Sao Tome and Principe	15	7	20	34	58	22	7	134	448	1 391
Ukraine	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	12	..	484
Guinea	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	450
India	4	10	6	9	11	3	6	25	32	417
Bangladesh	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	316
Mozambique	37	10	24	27	56	17	4	57	155	262
Russian Federation	..	..	..	..	..	9	6	21	31	259
Romania	..	..	..	..	..	4	5	20	..	209
Morocco	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	203
Venezuela	219	186	162	221	311	301	314	212	..	111
Other countries	269	195	239	307	414	247	224	393	379	1 154
Total	946	721	1 082	1 369	1 747	1 346	939	3 627	6 020	22 408

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Table B.1.6. Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality
SLOVAK REPUBLIC

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Ukraine	251	549	450	377	704	203
United States	97	136	64	113	110	93
Czech Republic	597	775	167	121	158	93
Serbia and Montenegro	438	506	183	42	112	53
Viet Nam	405	619	40	40	62	37
Romania	450	442	220	147	100	31
Russian Federation	65	96	37	35	42	31
Germany	19	30	10	13	16	16
Hungary	5	9	7	9	6	15
Canada	6	25	7	8	8	12
Belarus	5	14	5	5	8	9
Poland	43	26	14	20	18	7
Bulgaria	66	42	24	35	19	7
China	484	200	6	5	4	6
Croatia	35	50	22	16	18	5
Other countries	526	497	137	139	93	62
Total	3 492	4 016	1 393	1 125	1 478	680

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Table B.1.6. Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality
SWEDEN

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Iraq	2 328	4 181	4 043	4 160	4 678	5 298	11 544	12 895	5 950	4 224
Finland	1 632	1 389	1 512	1 561	2 816	2 703	2 588	2 975	2 757	2 535
Bosnia and Herzegovina	11 348	12 591	4 241	4 064	3 090	1 469	1 788	2 627	2 081	1 764
Thailand	492	525	454	606	443	500	585	876	1 007	1 261
Turkey	1 833	1 398	2 796	2 127	1 375	1 269	1 702	2 921	1 456	1 125
Iran	4 476	2 798	2 031	1 737	1 350	1 296	1 889	2 796	1 459	1 113
Afghanistan	..	395	329	285	278	361	623	1 062	777	812
Somalia	739	2 843	2 802	1 789	1 121	840	688	931	655	787
Russian Federation	..	410	621	626	642	535	886	1 510	919	759
Poland	159	264	1 906	2 604	1 325	990	793	1 000	762	686
Germany	180	154	198	243	209	244	294	457	386	606
Chile	693	687	727	689	548	464	543	754	687	593
China	300	434	460	563	675	654	920	1 141	742	515
Syria	438	693	588	1 063	1 218	1 117	1 208	1 314	596	512
Denmark	276	310	271	316	310	335	329	431	388	404
Other countries	12 883	13 423	12 479	14 545	12 273	8 055	9 151	13 305	11 851	11 634
Total	37 777	42 495	35 458	36 978	32 351	26 130	35 531	46 995	32 473	29 330

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Table B.1.6. **Acquisition of nationality by country of former nationality**
TURKEY

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Bulgaria	13 178	12 423	3 528	3 299	1 769	..	..
Azerbaijan	2 667	1 908	1 541	780	563	..	..
Russian Federation	1 264	1 033	700	346	287	..	..
Afghanistan	27	56	233	312	245	..	..
Kazakhstan	379	450	398	272	195	..	..
Syria	212	201	135	124	175	..	..
Iraq	136	103	153	146	143	..	..
Iran	121	112	178	156	137	..	..
Greece	48	37	119	104	107	..	..
United Kingdom	19	12	26	61	93	..	..
Kyrgyzstan	147	146	140	129	88	..	..
Uzbekistan	175	150	109	76	87	..	..
Ukraine	618	598	87	58	85	..	..
FYR of Macedonia	85	84	72	82	80	..	..
Romania	886	455	52	84	76
Other countries	3 763	3 318	767	872	942
Total	23 725	21 086	8 238	6 901	5 072

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UNITED STATES

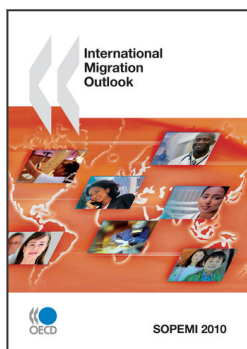
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Mexico	207 750	189 705	103 234	76 531	56 093	63 840	77 089	83 979	122 258	231 815
India	30 710	42 198	34 311	33 774	29 790	37 975	35 962	47 542	46 871	65 971
Philippines	38 944	46 563	35 431	30 487	29 081	31 448	36 673	40 500	38 830	58 792
China	38 409	54 534	34 423	32 018	24 014	27 309	31 708	35 387	33 134	40 017
Cuba	25 467	15 661	11 393	10 889	7 727	11 236	11 227	21 481	15 394	39 871
Viet Nam	53 316	55 934	41 596	36 835	25 995	27 480	32 926	29 917	27 921	39 584
El Salvador	22 991	24 073	13 663	10 716	8 738	9 602	12 174	13 430	17 157	35 796
Dominican Republic	23 089	25 176	15 010	15 591	12 627	15 464	20 831	22 165	20 645	35 251
Colombia	13 168	14 018	10 872	10 634	7 962	9 819	11 396	15 698	12 089	22 926
Korea	17 738	23 858	18 053	17 307	15 968	17 184	19 223	17 668	17 628	22 759
Jamaica	28 604	22 567	13 978	13 973	11 232	12 271	13 674	18 953	12 314	21 324
Haiti	19 550	14 428	10 408	9 280	7 263	8 215	9 740	15 979	11 552	21 229
Nicaragua	6 636	5 413	3 549	3 788	3 044	3 444	5 080	9 283	8 164	17 954
Guatemala	10 995	11 444	6 257	5 442	4 551	5 080	6 250	6 551	8 181	17 087
Peru	8 292	8 927	6 659	7 375	6 130	6 980	7 904	10 063	7 965	15 016
Other countries	294 285	334 289	249 368	259 068	212 989	249 804	272 423	313 993	260 374	361 147
Total	839 944	888 788	608 205	573 708	463 204	537 151	604 280	702 589	660 477	1 046 539

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	Country	Comments	Source
AUS	Australia		Department of Immigration and Citizenship.
AUT	Austria		Central Office of Statistics and BMI (Ministry of the Interior).
BEL	Belgium		Directorate for Statistics and Economic Information and Ministry of Justice.
CAN	Canada	Data refer to country of birth, not to country of previous nationality. Persons who acquire Canadian citizenship may also hold other citizenships at the same time depending on the laws of the countries concerned.	Citizenship and Immigration Canada.
CHE	Switzerland	Data for 2006 refers to Serbia instead of Serbia/Montenegro.	Federal Office of Migration.
CZE	Czech Republic	Acquisition of nationality by declaration or by naturalisation.	Ministry of the Interior.
DEU	Germany	Figures do not include ethnic Germans.	Federal Office of Statistics.
DNK	Denmark		Statistics Denmark.
ESP	Spain	Excludes individuals recovering their former (Spanish) nationality.	Ministry of Justice and Ministry of the Interior.
FIN	Finland	Includes naturalisations of persons of Finnish origin.	Statistics Finland.
FRA	France	Data by former nationality for naturalisations by "anticipated delaration" have been estimated.	Ministry of Immigration, Integration, National Identity and Mutual Development and Ministry of Justice
GBR	United Kingdom		Home Office.
HUN	Hungary	Including grants of nationality to ethnic Hungarians mainly from former Yugoslavia and Ukraine.	Ministry of the Interior.
IRL	Ireland		International Migration and Asylum, Eurostat
ITA	Italy		Ministry of the Interior.
JPN	Japan		Ministry of Justice, Civil Affairs Bureau.
KOR	Korea		Ministry of Justice.
LUX	Luxembourg	Excludes children acquiring nationality as a consequence of the naturalisation of their parents.	Ministry of Justice.
MEX	Mexico		Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SER).
NLD	Netherlands		Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS).
NOR	Norway		Statistics Norway.
NZL	New Zealand	The country of origin of persons granted New Zealand citizenship is the country of birth if birth documentation is available. If not, the country of origin is the country of citizenship as shown on the person's passport.	Department of Internal Affairs.
POL	Poland	Until 2001, data include naturalisations in conferment procedure. Starting in 2002, they include conferment procedure, acknowledgment procedure and marriage procedure.	Office for Repatriation and Aliens.
PRT	Portugal		National Statistical Office (INE) and SEF data.
SVK	Slovak Republic		Ministry of the Interior.
SWE	Sweden		Statistics Sweden.
TUR	Turkey		Ministry of Interior, General Directorate of Population and Citizenship Affairs
USA	United States	Data refer to fiscal years (October to September of the year indicated).	US Department of Justice.



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