

12.7 VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT

Period	Business	Official Conference	Holiday	Visiting Friends/ Relatives	Education/ Training	Others	Total	
	Yearly							
1995	16,570	7,279	255,973	21,348	3,660	13,665	318,495	
1996	17,016	5,368	274,574	21,130	3,510	17,962	339,560	
1997	17,631	7,006	290,765	19,969	3,300	20,770	359,441	
1998	18,753	8,078	296,031	22,026	4,021	22,433	371,342	
1999	18,881	9,052	326,356	24,374	4,545	26,747	409,955	
2000	13,269	5,368	217,645	24,070	3,475	30,243	294,070	
2001	14,597	6,284	261,232	30,494	3,424	31,983	348,014	
2002	16,081	11,427	306,304	22,403	3,446	38,198	397,859	
2003	17,144	11,627	331,725	28,878	4,076	37,350	430,800	
2004	21,714	12,822	388,222	43,605	4,246	33,466	504,075	
2005	24,551	13,762	408,252	57,487	4,570	36,523	545,145	
2006	28,410	13,231	399,981	63,569	3,984	39,414	548,589	
2007	22,862	9,658	398,922	56,078	3,460	48,901	539,881	
2008	27,412	12,164	440,119	50,699	5,571	49,066	585,031	
Monthly								
2005	January	1,212	713	31,444	4,356	930	2,992	41,647
	February	1,680	803	26,102	2,392	721	2,709	34,407
	March	2,190	521	33,730	3,638	251	2,439	42,769
	April	1,944	1,593	30,344	3,626	281	2,032	39,820
	May	2,209	1,322	29,995	3,522	181	3,589	40,818
	June	2,197	1,378	37,653	5,159	354	3,393	50,134
	July	2,352	1,229	44,220	6,020	551	3,866	58,238
	August	2,379	1,825	39,078	5,909	261	3,561	53,013
	September	1,989	1,521	36,633	5,160	256	3,334	48,893
	October	2,079	1,023	36,010	4,977	302	2,532	46,923
	November	2,622	1,474	30,306	4,576	325	2,736	42,039
	December	1,698	360	32,737	8,152	157	3,340	46,444
2006	January	1,779	450	30,433	4,493	418	3,386	40,959
	February	2,267	1,102	24,270	3,604	516	2,647	34,406
	March	2,634	1,180	28,748	4,327	229	2,503	39,621
	April	2,450	1,115	30,923	6,013	215	2,491	43,207
	May	2,628	1,639	30,054	4,470	338	2,548	41,677
	June	2,458	1,464	37,738	6,283	573	3,594	52,110
	July	2,490	1,189	43,789	7,021	454	4,109	59,052
	August	2,604	1,173	39,472	6,132	288	4,196	53,865
	September	2,584	1,305	40,863	5,253	265	3,806	54,076
	October	2,733	1,563	38,708	4,087	317	3,111	50,519
	November	2,588	918	28,793	4,077	320	2,797	39,493
	December	1,195	133	26,190	7,809	51	4,226	39,604
2007	January	1,042	278	25,645	4,796	264	4,973	36,998
	February	1,458	619	21,819	3,153	446	4,248	31,743
	March	1,644	578	29,946	3,767	246	3,811	39,992
	April	1,576	1,085	30,495	5,129	286	3,569	42,140
	May	1,915	907	28,122	3,586	225	3,610	38,365
	June	1,661	840	36,707	5,736	377	4,176	49,497
	July	2,248	764	42,006	6,060	439	4,407	55,924
	August	2,350	1,203	38,303	4,828	230	3,643	50,557
	September	2,646	1,224	41,907	3,327	261	3,694	53,059
	October	1,804	826	38,059	3,442	184	4,011	48,326
	November	2,840	1,019	31,624	4,165	335	3,263	43,246
	December	1,678	315	34,289	8,089	167	5,496	50,034
2008	January	1,604	824	32,789	4,179	485	5,331	45,212
	February	2,210	808	28,473	2,751	610	4,312	39,164
	March	2,002	945	35,525	3,800	307	3,807	46,386
	April	2,284	1,168	30,975	3,873	393	3,742	42,435
	May	2,556	1,144	33,046	3,558	517	3,495	44,316
	June	2,501	1,059	41,254	4,249	499	3,771	53,333
	July	2,915	1,394	43,944	5,237	715	5,041	59,246
	August	2,469	1,564	44,835	4,624	549	3,972	58,013
	September	2,671	923	41,808	3,512	580	3,641	53,135
	October	2,607	1,029	39,062	3,676	376	3,368	50,118
	November	2,046	899	32,344	3,731	390	3,987	43,397
	December	1,547	407	36,064	7,509	150	4,599	50,276
2009	January	1,672	163	22,648	3,671	649	4,182	32,985
	February	2,007	452	21,580	2,826	1,209	3,212	31,286
	March	2,277	739	26,707	2,842	386	3,109	36,060
	April	1,914	730	28,926	4,534	293	2,988	39,385

Source: Embarkation and Disembarkation Cards - Department of Immigration.