

## DIVERSITY VISA LOTTERY 2007 (DV-2009) RESULTS

The Kentucky Consular Center in Williamsburg, Kentucky has registered and notified the winners of the DV-2009 diversity lottery. The diversity lottery was conducted under the terms of section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and makes available \*50,000 permanent resident visas annually to persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States. Approximately 99,600 applicants have been registered and notified and may now make an application for an immigrant visa. Since it is likely that some of the first \*50,000 persons registered will not pursue their cases to visa issuance, this larger figure should insure that all DV-2009 numbers will be used during fiscal year 2009 (October 1, 2008 until September 30, 2009).

Applicants registered for the DV-2009 program were selected at random from **over 9.1 million qualified entries** received during the 60-day application period that ran from noon on October 3, 2007, until noon, December 2, 2007. The visas have been apportioned among six geographic regions with a maximum of seven percent available to persons born in any single country. During the visa interview, principal applicants must provide proof of a high school education or its equivalent, or show two years of work experience in an occupation that requires at least two years of training or experience within the past five years. Those selected will need to act on their immigrant visa applications quickly. Applicants should follow the instructions in their notification letter and must fully complete the information requested.

Registrants living legally in the United States who wish to apply for adjustment of their status must contact the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services for information on the requirements and procedures. Once the total \*50,000 visa numbers have been used, the program for fiscal year 2009 will end. Selected applicants who do not receive visas by September 30, 2009 will derive no further benefit from their DV-2009 registration. Similarly, spouses and children accompanying or following to join DV-2009 principal applicants are only entitled to derivative diversity visa status until September 30, 2009.

Only participants in the DV-2009 program who were selected for further processing have been notified. Those who have not received notification were not selected. They may try for the upcoming DV-2010 lottery if they wish. The dates for the registration period for the DV-2010 lottery program will be widely publicized during August 2009

*\* The Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act (NACARA) passed by Congress in November 1997 stipulated that up to 5,000 of the 55,000 annually-allocated diversity visas be made available for use under the NACARA program. The reduction of the limit of available visas to 50,000 began with DV-2000*

The following is the statistical breakdown by foreign-state chargeability of those registered for the DV-2009 program:

<b>AFRICA</b>		
ALGERIA 2,205	ETHIOPIA 5,200	NIGER 64
ANGOLA 38	GABON 35	NIGERIA 6,041
BENIN 390	GAMBIA, THE 168	RWANDA 111
BOTSWANA 22	GHANA 7,322	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE 1
BURKINA FASO 129	GUINEA 469	SENEGAL 1,160
BURUNDI 86	GUINEA-BISSAU 9	SEYCHELLES 8
CAMEROON 3,659	KENYA 4,307	SIERRA LEONE 2,230
CAPE VERDE 9	LESOTHO 4	SOMALIA 256
CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 21	LIBERIA 3,440	SOUTH AFRICA 909
CHAD 27	LIBYA 117	SUDAN 1,143
COMOROS 6	MADAGASCAR 46	SWAZILAND 6
CONGO 1,582	MALAWI 29	TANZANIA 298
CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE 65	MALI 124	TOGO 956
COTE D'IVOIRE 642	MAURITANIA 39	TUNISIA 155
DJIBOUTI 26	MAURITIUS 62	UGANDA 433
EGYPT 4,831	MOROCCO 3,820	ZAMBIA 156
EQUATORIAL GUINEA 10	MOZAMBIQUE 22	ZIMBABWE 242
ERITREA 829	NAMIBIA 20	

<b>ASIA</b>		
AFGHANISTAN 117	ISRAEL 194	OMAN 10
BAHRAIN 18	JAPAN 320	QATAR 10
BANGLADESH 6,023	JORDAN 161	SAUDI ARABIA 128
BHUTAN 4	NORTH KOREA 2	SINGAPORE 38
BRUNEI 0	KUWAIT 43	SRI LANKA 792
BURMA 556	LAOS 2	SYRIA 108
CAMBODIA 287	LEBANON 193	THAILAND 110
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMIN. REGION 75	MALAYSIA 85	TAIWAN 431
INDONESIA 230	MALDIVES 4	TIMOR-LESTE 1
IRAN 1,689	MONGOLIA 191	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 33
IRAQ 154	NEPAL 1,891	YEMEN 102

EUROPE		
ALBANIA 2,894	GREECE 63	NORWAY 54
ANDORRA 0	HUNGARY 271	PORTUGAL 92 Macau 12
ARMENIA 1,285	ICELAND 25	ROMANIA 757
<b>AUSTRIA 145</b>	IRELAND 132	SAN MARINO 0
AZERBAIJAN 345	ITALY 433	SERBIA 656
BELARUS 1,240	KAZAKHSTAN 336	SLOVAKIA 169
BELGIUM 82	KYRGYZSTAN 169	SLOVENIA 21
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA 158	LATVIA 100	SPAIN 172
BULGARIA 1,154	LIECHTENSTEIN 1	SWEDEN 226
CROATIA 75	LITHUANIA 273	<b>SWITZERLAND 230</b>
CYPRUS 42	LUXEMBOURG 1	TAJKISTAN 168
CZECH REPUBLIC 140	MACEDONIA, FORMER YUGOSLAV REP. OF 322	TURKEY 2,331
DENMARK 48 Greenland 1	MALTA 9	TURKMENISTAN 111
ESTONIA 58	MOLDOVA 542	UKRAINE 5,502
FINLAND 72	MONACO 0	UZBEKISTAN 3,284
FRANCE 738 French Guiana 11 French Polynesia 2 French Southern & Antarctic Lands 1 Guadeloupe 6 Martinique 4 Reunion 0	MONTENEGRO 20	VATICAN CITY 0
GEORGIA 661	NETHERLANDS 226 Aruba 9 Netherlands Antilles 34	
<b>GERMANY 1,973</b>	NORTHERN IRELAND 35	

NORTH AMERICA		
BAHAMAS, THE 12		

OCEANIA		
AUSTRALIA 590	NAURU 1	SOLOMON ISLANDS 0
FIJI 760	NEW ZEALAND 269 Niue 11	TONGA 129
KIRIBATI 2	PALAU 0	TUVALU 1
MARSHALL ISLANDS 0	PAPUA NEW GUINEA 15	VANUATU 1
MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF 2	SAMOA 20	

<b>SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THE CARIBBEAN</b>		
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA 5	DOMINICA 30	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS 1
ARGENTINA 174	GRENADA 6	SAINT LUCIA 4
BARBADOS 8	GUATEMALA 6	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES 9
BELIZE 4	GUYANA 41	SURINAME 5
BOLIVIA 108	HONDURAS 77	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO 141
CHILE 50	NICARAGUA 58	URUGUAY 26
COSTA RICA 67	PANAMA 38	VENEZUELA 470
CUBA 555	PARAGUAY 10	

*Natives of the following countries were not eligible to participate in DV-2009: Brazil, Canada, China (mainland-born, excluding Hong Kong S.A.R., and Taiwan), Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Korea, United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and Vietnam.*