

DIVERSITY VISA LOTTERY 2018 (DV-2018) RESULTS

The Kentucky Consular Center in Williamsburg, Kentucky has registered and notified the winners of the DV-2018 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 115,968 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-2018 numbers will be used during fiscal year 2018 (October 1, 2017 until September 30, 2018).

Applicants registered for the DV-2018 program were selected at random from 14,692,258 qualified entries (23,088,613 with derivatives) received during the 34-day application period that ran from noon, Eastern Daylight Time on Wednesday, October 4, 2016, until noon, Eastern Daylight Time on Monday, November 7, 2016. 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 U.S. 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 2018 will end. Selected applicants who do not receive visas by September 30, 2018 will derive no further benefit from their DV-2018 registration. Similarly, spouses and children accompanying or following to join DV-2018 principal applicants are only entitled to derivative diversity visa status until September 30, 2018.

Dates for the DV-2019 program registration period will be widely publicized in the coming months. Those interested in entering the DV-2019 program should check the Department of State's Visa web page in the coming months.

*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 of chargeability of those registered for the DV-2018 program:

AFRICA		
ALGERIA 2,897	ETHIOPIA 4,496	NIGER 57
ANGOLA 184	GABON 41	RWANDA 542
BENIN 611	GAMBIA, THE 64	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE 0
BOTSWANA 10	GHANA 3,549	SENEGAL 400
BURKINA FASO 317	GUINEA 1,470	SEYCHELLES 0
BURUNDI 193	GUINEA-BISSAU 5	SIERRA LEONE 1,790
CABO VERDE 24	KENYA 2,997	SOMALIA 436
CAMEROON 3,720	LESOTHO 4	SOUTH AFRICA 500
CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. 17	LIBERIA 3,989	SOUTH SUDAN 34
CHAD 85	LIBYA 441	SUDAN 3,781
COMOROS 7	MADAGASCAR 50	SWAZILAND 3
CONGO 240	MALAWI 36	TANZANIA 173
CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE 4,497	MALI 126	TOGO 1,667
COTE D'IVOIRE 1,029	MAURITANIA 79	TUNISIA 181
DJIBOUTI 121	MAURITIUS 24	UGANDA 485
EGYPT 4,495	MOROCCO 2,719	ZAMBIA 68
EQUATORIAL GUINEA 11	MOZAMBIQUE 6	ZIMBABWE 149
ERITREA 556	NAMIBIA 16	
ASIA		
AFGHANISTAN 636	JAPAN 263	QATAR 46
BAHRAIN 14	JORDAN 447	SAUDI ARABIA 489
BHUTAN 16	NORTH KOREA 1	SINGAPORE 43
BRUNEI 2	KUWAIT 167	SRI LANKA 777
BURMA 209	LAOS 6	SYRIA 414
CAMBODIA 390	LEBANON 221	TAIWAN 318
HONG KONG SPECIAL	MALAYSIA 70	THAILAND 60

ADMIN. REGION 84		
INDONESIA 167	MALDIVES 4	TIMOR-LESTE 0
IRAN 4,500	MONGOLIA 197	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 197
IRAQ 754	NEPAL 4,097	YEMEN 1,239
ISRAEL 159	OMAN 10	
EUROPE		
ALBANIA 4,484	GREECE 171	NORTHERN IRELAND 16
ANDORRA 0	HUNGARY 205	NORWAY 47
ARMENIA 2,844	ICELAND 13	Svalbard 1
AUSTRIA 89	IRELAND 123	POLAND 863
AZERBAIJAN 961	ITALY 546	PORTUGAL 84
BELARUS 1,466	KAZAKHSTAN 1,020	Macau 5
BELGIUM 86	KOSOVO 464	ROMANIA 516
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA 92	KYRGYZSTAN 753	RUSSIA 4,500
BULGARIA 776	LATVIA 91	SAN MARINO 0
CROATIA 63	LIECHTENSTEIN 0	SERBIA 560
CYPRUS 19	LITHUANIA 257	SLOVAKIA 82
CZECH REPUBLIC 95	LUXEMBOURG 2	SLOVENIA 10
DENMARK 45	MACEDONIA 514	SPAIN 311
Faroe Islands 2	MALTA 2	SWEDEN 130
ESTONIA 61	MOLDOVA 1,418	SWITZERLAND 85
FINLAND 68	MONACO 3	TAJIKISTAN 1,209
FRANCE 649	MONTENEGRO 38	TURKEY 4,390
French Polynesia 15	NETHERLANDS 79	TURKMENISTAN 306
New Caledonia 2	Aruba 8	UKRAINE 4,478
GEORGIA 1,195	Curacao 10	UZBEKISTAN 4,494
GERMANY 886	Sint Maarten 4	VATICAN CITY 0

NORTH AMERICA		
BAHAMAS, THE 15		
OCEANIA		
AUSTRALIA 2,154	NEW ZEALAND 546	SAMOA 10
FIJI 900	Cook Islands 19	SOLOMON ISLANDS 10
KIRIBATI 18	Niue 1	TONGA 129
MARSHALL ISLANDS 0	Tokelau 2	TUVALU 0
MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF 6	PALAU 3	VANUATU 17
NAURU 25	PAPUA NEW GUINEA 23	
SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THE CARIBBEAN		
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA 2	DOMINICA 8	PARAGUAY 7
ARGENTINA 109	ECUADOR 1,228	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS 1
BARBADOS 2	GRENADA 11	SAINT LUCIA 14
BELIZE 1	GUATEMALA 120	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES 8
BOLIVIA 52	GUYANA 10	SURINAME 6
CHILE 76	HONDURAS 144	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO 79
COSTA RICA 66	NICARAGUA 51	URUGUAY 36
CUBA 733	PANAMA 22	VENEZUELA 2,209

Natives of the following countries were not eligible to participate in DV-2018: Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China (mainland-born, excluding Hong Kong S.A.R., Macau, and Taiwan), Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, South Korea, United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and Vietnam.