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Trends in International Migration to Minnesota Continue

The number of international immigrants to Minnesota was higher in 1996 than in any previous year in the 1990s, with 8,977 new residents coming from foreign lands directly to the state. Recently, new and more detailed information — including data on number of immigrants by country of origin — was obtained from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, making it possible to give a better picture of international immigration to Minnesota since 1990. This data indicates that trends in international migration outlined in the May 1996 PopBite have continued: Minnesota has a high proportion of refugees, Southeast Asians continue to make up the largest numbers of immigrants to Minnesota, and European and African immigration has continued to grow.

More immigrants came to Minnesota from Asia than from any other continent — 4,163 in 1996. More than half of that number (2,445) came from countries in Southeast Asia — Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. Minnesota was the destination of nearly 5 percent of Southeast Asian immigrants to the United States. Mainland China, India and the Philippines (classified as an Asian country by the INS) continued to send large numbers of immigrants.

The second largest number of immigrants in 1996 came from Africa. In the 1990s, the number of immigrants from Africa has risen steadily from 518 in 1990 to 1,735 in 1996. Nearly 8 percent of Africans from the Horn of Africa chose Minnesota as their U.S. destination.

Immigrants from Europe began to increase after 1989 with the fall of the Communist regimes in Eastern Europe, and in 1996, European immigrants were third in total numbers, with 1,683. Immigrants from the former Soviet republics made up more than half of the total (888). Mexican and Canadian immigrants account for three-fourths of immigrants from other North American countries, which include nations in the Caribbean and Central America. Mexican immigrants have increased in numbers in recent years, and the number of illegal Mexican aliens detained by the INS also seems to have risen.

Political events throughout the world have a strong effect on immigration to Minnesota, more so than on national immigration. As described in the previous report on international immigration, a large proportion of immigrants to Minnesota come seeking refuge or asylum. In 1996, refugees made up 42.2 percent of all Minnesota immigrants, with large numbers coming from the former Soviet Union, the former Yugoslavia, Somalia, Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Cameroon and Southeast Asia countries.

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France	41	35	41	44	33	27	25
Germany	77	63	95	76	138	74	59
Greece	5	11	13	14	8	10	13
Hungary	18	5	2	1	12	11	12
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El Salvador	28	24	29	18	16	40	20
Guatemala	54	28	33	23	25	36	22
Honduras	22	16	17	28	34	40	39
Nicaragua	22	9	10	8	14	7	12
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Argentina	12	10	12	6	14	13	16
Brazil	29	21	34	27	65	26	31
Colombia	75	75	96	89	67	74	70
Ecuador	26	18	25	14	16	12	13
Guyana	88	96	141	68	105	131	110
Paraguay	21	29	37	41	6	18	67
Peru	21	39	39	25	35	87	36
Venezuela	14	6	10	13	3	4	22
Other South A	16	21	27	21	24	15	21

**Immigrants to the United States and Minnesota by Region and Selected Country of Birth
1996**

	<u>United State</u>	<u>Minnesota</u>	<u>MN as % of U.S.</u>
All countries	915,900	8,977	1.0%
Africa	52,889	1,735	3.3%
Asia	307,807	4,163	1.4%
Europe	147,581	1,683	1.1%
North America	340,540	1,048	0.3%
Caribbean	116,801	135	0.1%
Central America	44,289	142	0.3%
Mexico & Canada	179,397	771	0.4%
Oceania	5,309	46	0.9%
South America	61,769	302	0.5%
Afghanistan	1,263	6	0.5%
Argentina	2,456	12	0.5%
Australia	1,950	35	1.8%
Austria	554	7	1.3%
Bangladesh	8,221	29	0.4%
Belgium	651	43	6.6%
Brazil	5,891	29	0.5%
Burma	1,320	17	1.3%
Cambodia (aka Kampuche	1,568	92	5.9%
Cameroon	803	36	4.5%
Canada	15,825	275	1.7%
China, Mainland	41,728	344	0.8%
Colombia	14,283	75	0.5%
Costa Rica	1,504	5	0.3%
Cuba	26,466	20	0.1%
Czechoslovakia (former, to	1,389	15	1.1%
Dominican Republic	39,604	10	0.0%
Ecuador	8,321	26	0.3%
Egypt	6,186	95	1.5%
El Salvador	17,903	28	0.2%
Eritrea	828	42	5.1%
Ethiopia	6,914	316	4.6%
Finland	602	5	0.8%
France	3,079	41	1.3%
Germany	6,748	77	1.1%
Ghana	6,606	58	0.9%
Greece	1,452	5	0.3%
Guatemala	8,763	54	0.6%
Guyana	9,489	88	0.9%
Haiti	18,386	48	0.3%
Honduras	5,870	22	0.4%
Hong Kong	7,834	46	0.6%
Hungary	1,183	18	1.5%
India	44,859	376	0.8%
Indonesia	1,084	14	1.3%

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Iraq	5,481	21	0.4%
Ireland	1,731	10	0.6%
Israel	3,126	17	0.5%
Italy	2,501	13	0.5%
Jamaica	19,089	27	0.1%
Japan	6,011	50	0.8%
Jordan	4,445	38	0.9%
Kenya	1,666	88	5.3%
Korea	18,185	184	1.0%
Kuwait	1,202	21	1.7%
Laos	2,847	833	29.3%
Latvia	736	18	2.4%
Lebanon	4,382	20	0.5%
Liberia	2,206	195	8.8%
Malaysia	1,414	19	1.3%
Mexico	163,572	496	0.3%
Morocco	1,783	22	1.2%
Netherlands	1,423	20	1.4%
Nicaragua	6,903	22	0.3%
Nigeria	10,221	149	1.5%
Norway	478	11	2.3%
Pakistan	12,519	53	0.4%
Paraguay	615	21	3.4%
Peru	12,871	21	0.2%
Philippines	55,876	195	0.3%
Poland	15,772	29	0.2%
Romania	5,801	57	1.0%
Saudi Arabia	1,164	20	1.7%
Sierra Leone	1,918	23	1.2%
Somalia	2,170	439	20.2%
South Africa	2,966	40	1.3%
Soviet Union (former repub	62,777	888	1.4%
Belarus	4,268	120	2.8%
Moldova	1,849	36	1.9%
Russia	19,668	342	1.7%
Ukraine	21,079	244	1.2%
Spain	1,659	14	0.8%
Sri Lanka	1,277	19	1.5%
Sudan	2,172	148	6.8%
Sweden	*1,251	20	1.6%
Switzerland	1,006	15	1.5%
Syria	3,072	12	0.4%
Taiwan	13,401	74	0.6%
Tanzania	553	9	1.6%
Thailand	4,310	700	16.2%

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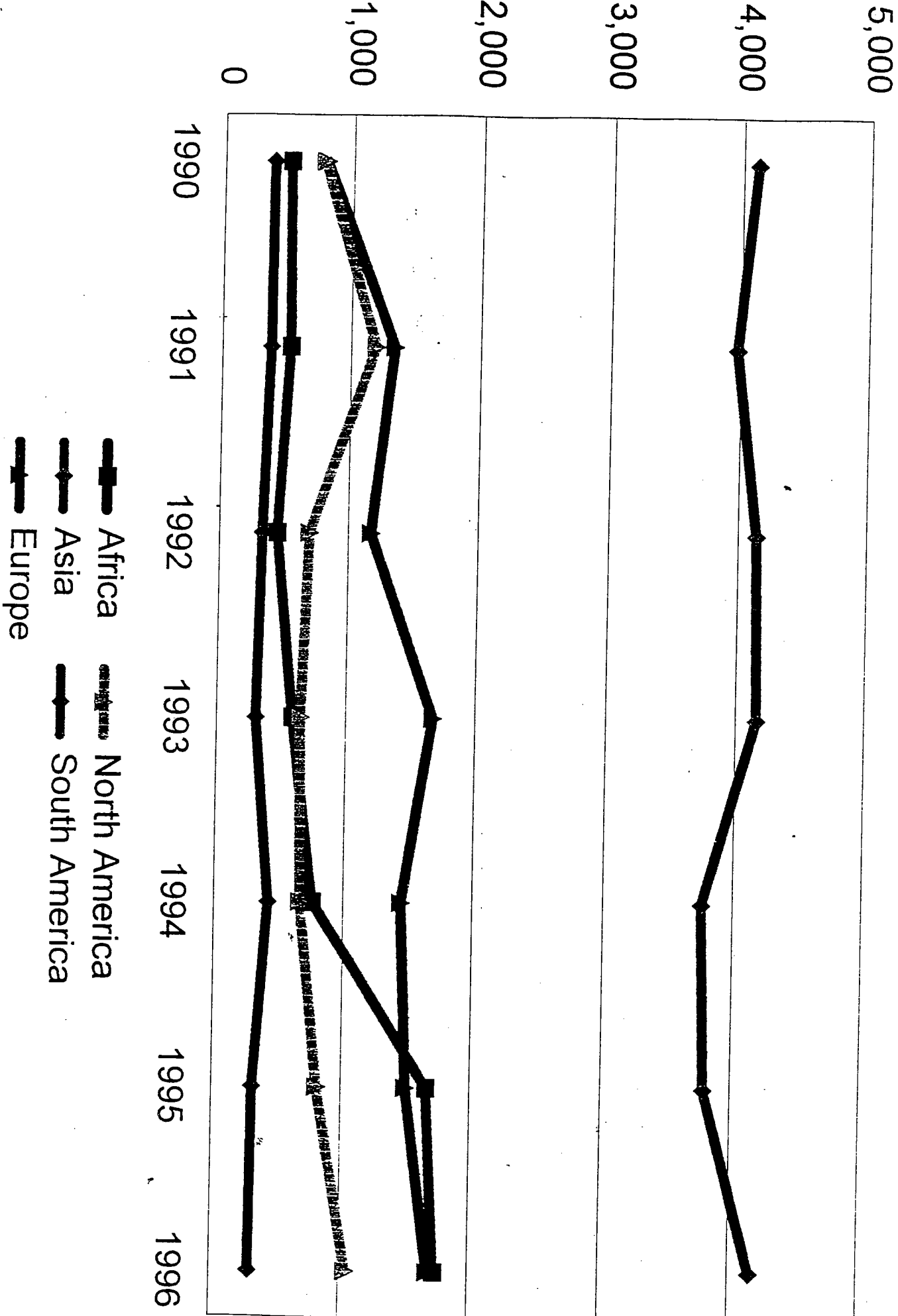
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Turkey	3,657	33	0.9%
Uganda	422	8	1.9%
United Kingdom (total)	13,624	146	1.1%
Venezuela	3,468	14	0.4%
Vietnam	42,067	820	1.9%
Yugoslavia (former, total)	11,854	200	1.7%
Bosnia-Herzegovina	6,499	92	1.4%
Croatia	810	16	2.0%
Yugoslavia	3,605	92	2.6%
Zaire	433	16	3.7%
Other & unknown	37,812	149	0.4%
Southeast Asian	50,792	2,445	4.8%
East African	12,084	945	7.8%
(Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea and Ethiopia)			
Hispanic countries	320,977	865	0.3%

-- data not reported in the 1996 Statistical Yearbook of the
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Peru	21	39	39	25	35	87	36
Venezuela	14	6	10	13	3	4	22
Other South A	16	21	27	21	24	15	21