

DOS Report: China-Born Investors Received 91% of Worldwide FY 2014 EB-5 Visa Quota

The U.S. Department of State (DOS), which tracks visa usage around the world, recently reported that mainland China remains the largest source of investors in America's EB-5 investment program. According to DOS's recently released report (dated January 11, 2015), the ten countries and areas using the most EB-5 visas during fiscal year 2014 were China, South Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, Iran, Russia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, and Japan.

Below are the worldwide rank, the number of EB-5 visas used by each country/area, and the relative percentage of the FY 2014 worldwide total:

1. China 8,308 (91% of worldwide usage)
2. South Korea 162 (1.77%)
3. Taiwan 99 (1.08%)
4. Vietnam 92 (1.01%)
5. Iran 72 (0.79%)
6. Russia 56 (0.61%)
7. India 55 (0.60%)
8. Mexico 44 (0.48%)
9. Nigeria 37 (0.41%)
10. Japan 35 (0.38%)

Investors from the rest of the world combined for only 1.86% of all EB-5 visas issued.

The report also shows additional interesting statistics, which are similar to those of other recent years. First, 99% of EB-5 investors worldwide invested in commercial enterprises affiliated with a USCIS-designated regional center. Of those investors, 100% of the investments were located within a Targeted Employment Area (TEA), in which the minimum investment requirement is only \$500,000 instead of \$1 million. Second, by contrast, only 1% of FY 2014 investors invested without affiliation with a regional center, and of those investors only 40% invested within a TEA. The entire January 11, 2015 DOS report on worldwide EB-5 visa usage for fiscal year 2014 can be found online in pdf format at:

<http://travel.state.gov/content/dam/visas/Statistics/AnnualReports/FY2014AnnualReport/FY14AnnualReport-TableVI-PartIV.pdf>.



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Foreign State	5th Employment Creation	5th Target Employment	5th Regional Pilot Program	5th Regional Target Areas	5th Total	Employment Preference Total	Grand Total
Africa							
Algeria	0	0	0	0	0	4	150
Angola	0	0	0	4	4	4	20
Benin	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Botswana	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	0	4	21
Burundi	0	0	0	5	5	5	10
Cabo Verde	0	0	0	0	0	1	544
Cameroon	0	0	0	0	0	8	312
Central African Republic	0	0	0	0	0	4	7
Chad	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Comoros	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the	0	0	0	0	0	7	173
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Cote d'Ivoire	0	0	0	0	0	1	107
Djibouti	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Egypt	0	0	0	21	21	185	1,116
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eritrea	0	0	0	0	0	16	162
Ethiopia	0	0	0	4	4	59	1,351
Gabon	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Gambia, The	0	0	0	0	0	3	103
Ghana	0	0	0	0	0	67	846
Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	3	86
Guinea-Bissau	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Kenya	0	0	0	5	5	49	443
Lesotho	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Liberia	0	0	0	0	0	5	367
Libya	0	0	0	0	0	3	14
Madagascar	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Malawi	0	0	0	0	0	3	6
Mali	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Mauritania	0	0	0	0	0	5	18
Mauritius	0	0	0	0	0	2	9
Morocco	0	0	0	0	0	36	454
Western Sahara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	4	16
Nigeria	5	0	0	32	37	155	1,653
Rwanda	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Sao Tome and Principe	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Senegal	0	0	0	0	0	24	158
Seychelles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra Leone	0	0	0	0	0	34	163
Somalia	0	0	0	0	0	1	167

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South Africa	0	0	0	13	13	80	145
South Sudan	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sudan	0	0	0	0	0	10	142
Swaziland	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tanzania	0	0	0	0	0	8	46
Togo	0	0	0	0	0	2	150
Tunisia	0	0	0	0	0	5	35
Uganda	0	0	0	0	0	47	146
Zambia	0	0	0	0	0	8	36
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	0	23	74
Region Total For Africa	5	0	0	84	89	884	9,375
Asia							
Afghanistan	0	0	0	1	1	57	449
Bahrain	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Bangladesh	0	0	0	2	2	90	7,669
Bhutan	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Brunei	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Burma	0	0	0	0	0	2	406
Cambodia	0	0	0	1	1	29	437
China - mainland born	33	27		8,248	8,308	10,034	24,307
- Taiwan born	0	0	0	99	99	190	908
Hong Kong S.A.R.	0	0	0	15	15	39	788
India	0	4	0	51	55	745	14,761
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	0	16	141
Iran	9	0	0	63	72	409	2,819
Iraq	0	0	0	7	7	14	247
Israel	0	0	0	0	0	41	178
Japan	0	0	0	35	35	206	272
Jordan	0	0	0	2	2	51	1,694
Korea, North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Korea, South	0	0	0	162	162	1,609	2,379
Kuwait	0	0	0	8	8	22	226
Laos	0	0	0	0	0	2	50
Lebanon	0	0	0	0	0	90	1,077
Malaysia	0	0	0	0	0	20	178
Maldives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mongolia	1	0	0	0	1	26	49
Nepal	0	0	0	0	0	90	742
Oman	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Pakistan	0	0	0	5	5	400	8,532
Philippines	0	0	0	1	1	2,662	18,966
Qatar	0	0	0	1	1	1	13
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	4	4	31	199
Singapore	0	0	0	7	7	21	62
Sri Lanka	0	0	0	0	0	18	255

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Syria	0	0	0	6	6	66	1,026
Thailand	0	0	0	4	4	34	282
Timor-Leste	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	9	9	35	202
Vietnam	0	0	0	92	92	149	18,193
Yemen	0	0	0	0	0	35	719
Region Total For Asia	43	31	0	8,823	8,897	17,236	108,241
Europe							
Albania	0	0	0	0	0	38	461
Andorra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armenia	0	0	0	0	0	31	278
Austria	0	0	0	0	0	6	14
Azerbaijan	4	0	0	0	4	14	75
Belarus	0	0	0	0	0	3	95
Belgium	0	0	0	1	1	7	21
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	0	0	0	0	7	42
Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	0	17	154
Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	5	20
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Czech Republic	0	0	0	0	0	14	33
Denmark	0	0	0	0	0	14	25
Faroe Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Finland	0	0	0	0	0	6	8
France	0	0	0	9	9	55	169
French Polynesia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Caledonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Barthelemy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Pierre and Miquelon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	9	108
Germany	0	0	0	5	5	75	211
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2	2	0	21	25	316	764
Anguilla	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Bermuda	0	0	0	4	4	9	20
British Indian Ocean Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
British Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Cayman Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Falkland Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gibraltar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montserrat	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Pitcairn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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St. Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Greece	0	0	0	0	0	18	53
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	8	31
Iceland	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Ireland	0	0	0	4	4	20	29
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	39	128
Kazakhstan	0	4	0	5	9	24	71
Kosovo	0	0	0	0	0	2	123
Kyrgyzstan	0	0	0	0	0	1	40
Latvia	0	0	0	0	0	5	24
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	0	0	0	0	0	1	41
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	18	158
Malta	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Moldova	0	0	0	0	0	6	103
Monaco	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Montenegro	0	0	0	0	0	3	49
Netherlands	0	0	0	4	4	17	36
Aruba	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Curacao	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sint Maarten	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Norway	0	0	0	2	2	3	8
Svalbard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	56	719
Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	24	72
Macau	0	0	0	0	0	3	28
Romania	0	0	0	1	1	28	208
Russia	4	0	0	52	56	164	578
San Marino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serbia	0	0	0	0	0	12	70
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0	8	23
Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Spain	0	0	0	3	3	21	80
Sweden	0	0	0	0	0	30	54
Switzerland	0	0	0	3	3	9	14
Tajikistan	0	0	0	0	0	23	48
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	96	232
Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0	0	3	16
Ukraine	0	1	0	1	2	55	832
Uzbekistan	0	0	0	0	0	17	419
Vatican City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region Total For Europe	10	7	0	115	132	1,343	6,853

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North America							
Antigua and Barbuda	0	0	0	0	0	0	91
Bahamas, The	0	0	0	0	0	10	47
Barbados	0	0	0	0	0	4	58
Belize	0	0	0	0	0	7	120
Canada	0	0	0	18	18	265	643
Costa Rica	0	0	0	1	1	10	108
Cuba	0	0	0	0	0	3	3,596
Dominica	0	0	0	0	0	0	185
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	0	0	51	25,041
El Salvador	0	0	0	0	0	133	6,874
Grenada	0	0	0	0	0	1	74
Guatemala	0	0	0	1	1	38	2,365
Haiti	0	0	0	0	0	8	6,620
Honduras	0	0	0	0	0	57	1,434
Jamaica	0	0	0	0	0	203	5,574
Mexico	0	0	0	44	44	339	25,172
Nicaragua	0	0	0	0	0	6	679
Panama	0	0	0	0	0	2	179
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	0	0	0	0	0	98
Saint Lucia	0	0	0	0	0	2	183
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0	0	0	0	0	1	87
Trinidad and Tobago	0	0	0	0	0	7	557
Region Total For North America	0	0	0	64	64	1,147	79,785
Oceania							
Australia	0	0	0	2	2	38	88
Christmas Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norfolk Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiji	0	0	0	0	0	6	254
Kiribati	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Marshall Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	1	1	0	0	2	18	37
Cook Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tokelau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palau	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Samoa	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Solomon Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tonga	0	0	0	0	0	0	92
Tuvalu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Vanuatu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region Total For Oceania	1	1	0	2	4	62	484
South America							
Argentina	0	0	0	3	3	47	171
Bolivia	0	0	0	0	0	80	311
Brazil	0	0	0	6	6	112	440
Chile	0	0	0	1	1	3	82
Colombia	0	0	0	0	0	96	3,254
Ecuador	0	0	0	2	2	156	3,638
Guyana	0	0	0	0	0	10	3,589
Paraguay	0	0	0	0	0	3	23
Peru	0	0	0	0	0	50	2,212
Suriname	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	0	7	17
Venezuela	0	0	0	30	30	129	595
Region Total For South America	0	0	0	42	42	693	14,387
Grand Totals	59	39	0	9,130	9,228	21,365	219,125