



# THE IRISH LOBBY FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM

## A VOICE FOR CHANGE

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### IRISH GREEN CARDS -- 1996 to 2005

These figures include ALL visas (diversity lottery, marriage, employment-based, etc) awarded between 1996 and 2005.  
The 2006 figures are pending.

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
<b>Global Total</b>	<b>915,560</b>	<b>797,847</b>	<b>653,206</b>	<b>644,787</b>	<b>841,002</b>
Africa	52,875	47,732	40,585	36,578	44,534
Asia	307,722	265,674	219,371	198,918	264,413
<b>Europe</b>	<b>147,479</b>	<b>119,764</b>	<b>90,572</b>	<b>92,314</b>	<b>130,996</b>
North America	340,428	307,313	252,503	270,719	338,959
Oceania	5,307	4,340	3,922	3,658	5,105
South America	61,744	52,832	45,281	41,444	55,823
Unknown	5	192	972	1,156	1,172
<b>Ireland Total</b>	<b>1,731</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>1,296</b>
<b>Ireland % of Europe</b>	<b>1.17%</b>	<b>0.83%</b>	<b>1.04%</b>	<b>0.87%</b>	<b>0.99%</b>
<b>Ireland % of Overall</b>	<b>0.19%</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>0.15%</b>

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Global Total</b>	<b>1,058,902</b>	<b>1,059,356</b>	<b>703,542</b>	<b>957,883</b>	<b>1,122,373</b>
Africa	53,731	60,101	48,642	66,422	85,102
Asia	348,256	340,494	243,918	334,540	400,135
<b>Europe</b>	<b>174,411</b>	<b>173,524</b>	<b>100,434</b>	<b>133,181</b>	<b>176,569</b>
North America	405,638	402,949	249,968	342,468	345,575
Oceania	6,071	5,515	4,351	5,985	6,546
South America	68,484	74,151	55,028	72,060	103,143
Unknown	2,311	2,622	1,201	3,227	5,303
<b>Ireland Total</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>2,088</b>
<b>Ireland % of Europe</b>	<b>0.86%</b>	<b>0.81%</b>	<b>0.98%</b>	<b>1.15%</b>	<b>1.18%</b>
<b>Ireland % of Overall</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>0.16%</b>	<b>0.19%</b>