



More Californians are Moving to Miami Based on Driver License Exchanges Data

Miami-Dade County out-of-state driver license exchanges rose 3% in 2025 Q1-Q3

Miami-Dade County continued to see an uptick in out-of-state migration based on driver license exchanges data, up 3% in the first three quarters of 2025 from one year ago, according to Miami Association of REALTORS® (MIAMI) analysis of Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles data. New residents must exchange their out-of-state license for a Florida driver's license within 30 days after establishing residency to drive on Florida's roads.

However, driver license exchanges declined during the same period in Broward County (-7%), Palm Beach County (-11%), Martin County (-9%), and St. Lucie County (-7%).

Driver license exchanges in Miami-Dade County in the first three quarters of 2025 were also 27% higher compared to the same period in 2019. On the other hand, driver license exchanges during this same period fell in Broward County (-7%), Palm Beach County (-7%), and Martin County (-13%). In St. Lucie, driver license exchanges increased over this period (11%).

California is the fastest-growing source of out-of-state driver license exchanges, up 66% vs. 2019

New York is still the top origin of driver license exchanges, but California is the fastest-growing state of origin of out-of-state movers.

Among Miami-Dade County's 10 largest states of origin of driver license exchanges in the first three quarters of 2025, California driver license exchanges were up the most compared to the same period in 2019 (+66%), followed by Texas (+39%), New Jersey (+35%), New York (+33%), Illinois (+31%), Massachusetts (+20%), Pennsylvania (+20%), Virginia (+9%), Georgia (+7%) and North Carolina (+3%).

In Broward County, California driver license exchanges were 16% higher in the first three quarters of 2025 compared to the same period in 2019, bucking the decline in other states.

California driver license exchanges in the first three quarters of 2025 rose from one year ago in Miami-Dade County (+4%) and in Broward County (+6%).

However, New York driver license exchanges declined in the first three quarters of 2025 from one year ago in Miami-Dade County (-2%), Broward County (-8%), Palm Beach County (-12%), Martin County (-13%), and St. Lucie County (-13%).

Stronger employment conditions in South Florida vis-a-vis California are driving migration flows

Employment conditions particularly in the tech sector are likely driving the outmigration from California. For example, tech giants Meta[1], Alphabet[2], and Apple [3] have been trimming their workforce after a massive hiring spree during the COVID pandemic and amid the expanding shift towards AI.

As of August 2025, employment in the information services industry was below the level of employment in August 2019 in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim Metro Area (-11.7%, -28,000 jobs) and in the San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont Metro area (-2.5%, -3,300 jobs). In contrast, employment in the information services industry rose in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach Metro area (+6.1%, +3,100 jobs).

In 2025 Q1, Miami-Dade County saw the largest employment growth among the 10 largest counties (1.5%), outpacing New York County, NY (0.9%), Dallas County, TX (0.6%), Harris County, TX (0.5%), King County, WA (0.3%), and Cook County, IL (0.2%), and Maricopa County, AZ (0.0%). In contrast, employment fell in the three largest California counties: Orange County (-0.3%), San Diego County (-0.5%), and Los Angeles County (-0.5%).

[1] [Meta's recent layoffs take an unexpected turn - TheStreet](#)

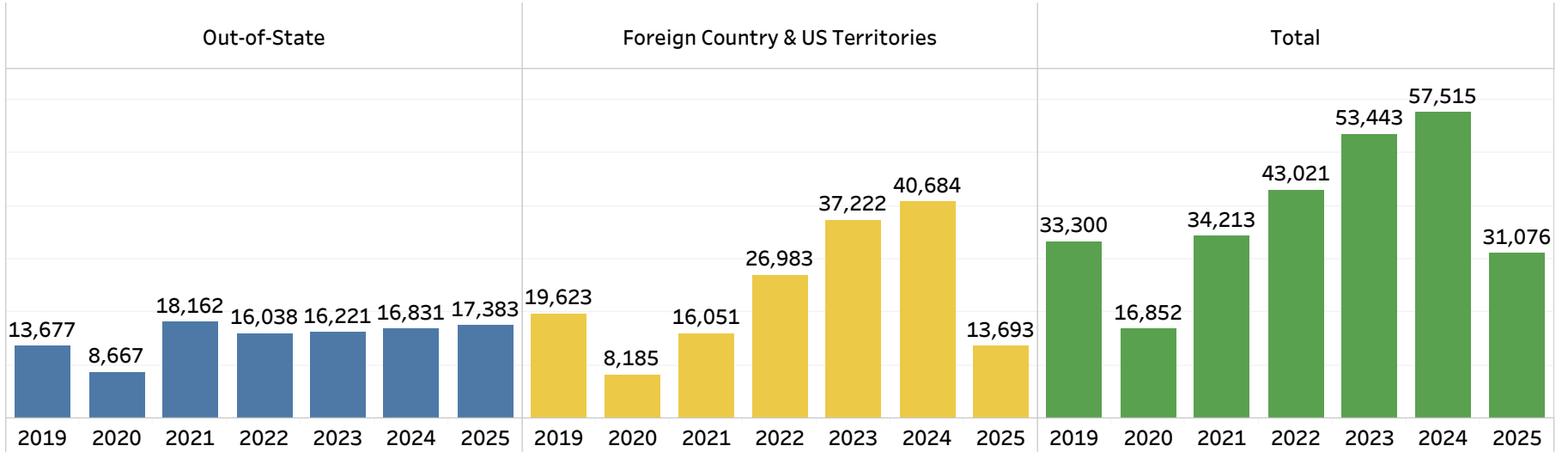
[2] [Google cuts more than 100 design-related roles in cloud unit](#)

[3] [Apple announces \(another\) round of layoffs as part of ongoing strategic shift | Compensation, Benefits and Payroll | HR Grapevine USA | News](#)

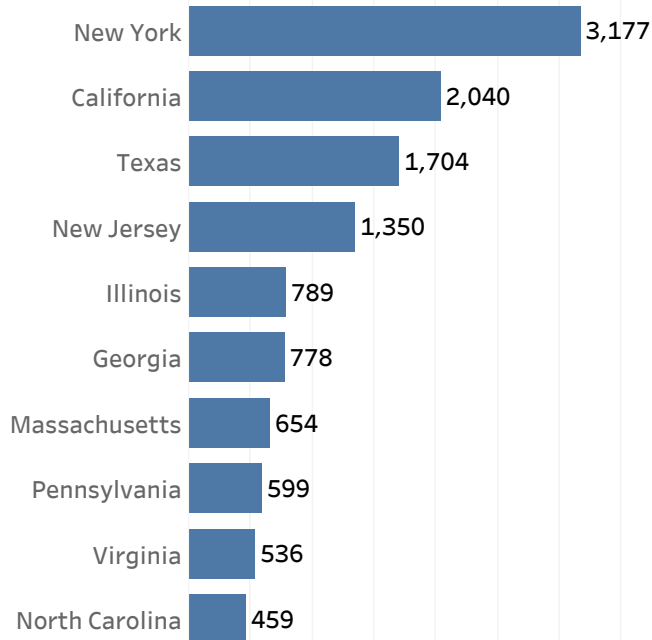
Who's Moving to Miami-Dade County?

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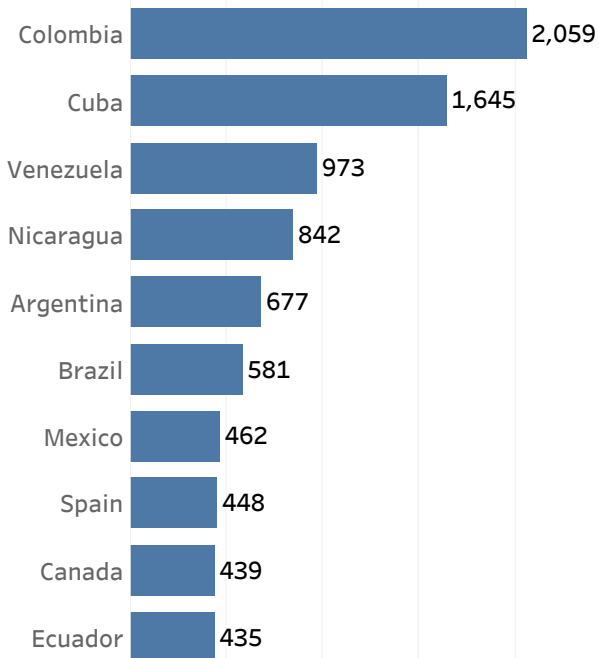
Top Origins of Out-of-State Driver License Exchanges in 2025 Q1-Q3



Out-of-State Driver License Exchanges in 2019-2025 Q1-Q3

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
New York	2,386	1,731	4,213	3,700	3,384	3,242	3,177
California	1,252	877	2,116	2,071	2,010	1,971	2,040
Texas	1,223	738	1,300	1,035	1,182	1,505	1,704
New Jersey	994	657	1,508	1,276	1,256	1,277	1,350
Illinois	601	349	840	788	845	815	789
Georgia	724	407	675	629	637	725	778
Massachusetts	546	361	660	607	628	652	654
Pennsylvania	568	312	628	609	594	601	599
Virginia	493	312	583	456	501	507	536
North Carolina	444	256	441	393	431	425	459

Top Origins of Foreign Driver License Exchanges in 2025 Q1-Q3



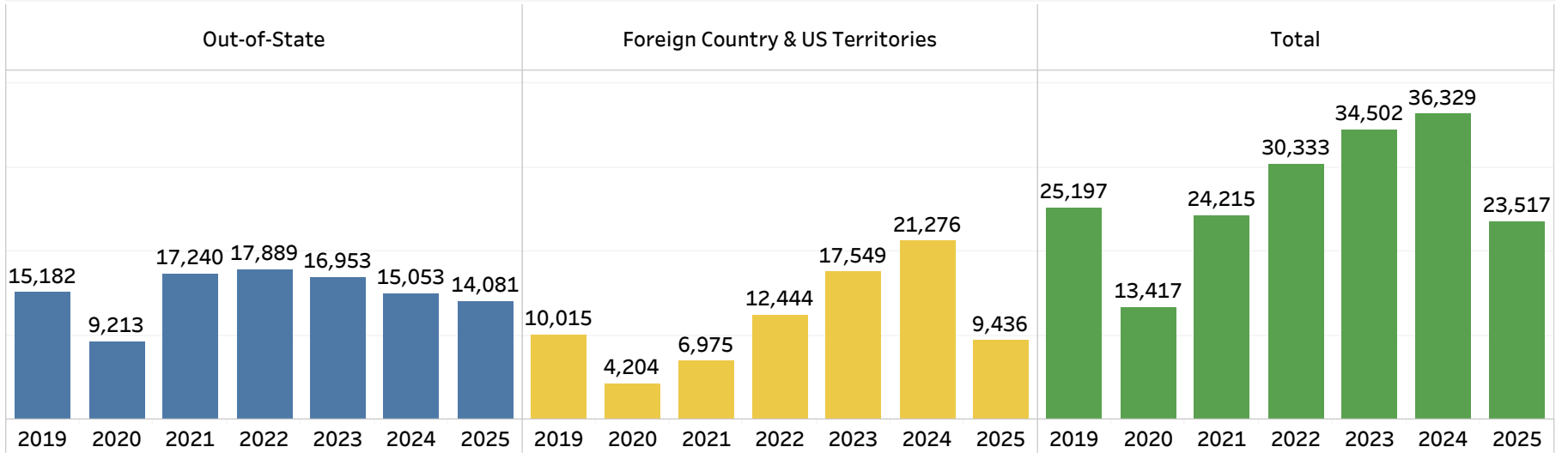
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Colombia	2,147	2,751	3,250	2,829	2,059
Cuba	2,178	8,950	14,251	9,833	1,645
Venezuela	4,014	3,136	3,614	2,639	973
Nicaragua	405	900	3,233	3,093	842
Argentina	598	871	859	806	677
Brazil	373	653	708	619	581
Mexico	699	756	769	667	462
Spain	346	518	679	647	448
Canada	290	437	466	518	439
Ecuador	283	384	452	521	435

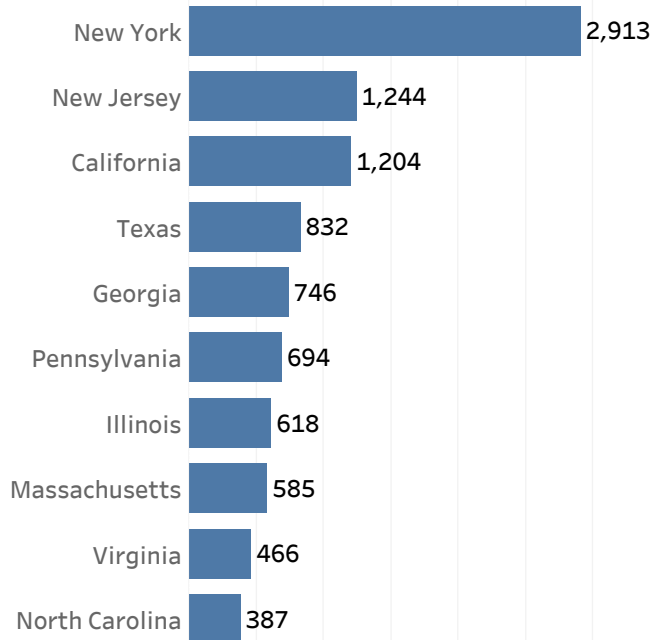
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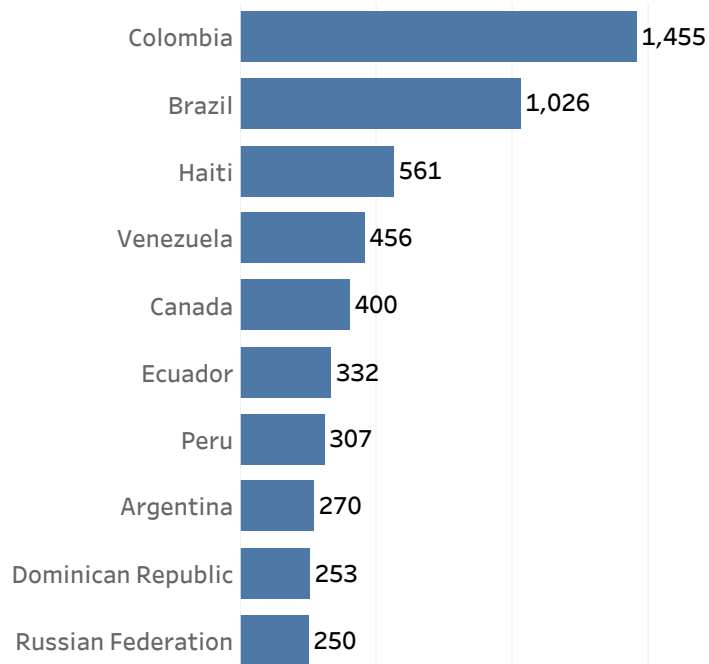
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New York	2,985	1,816	3,903	4,104	3,743	3,149	2,913
New Jersey	1,327	843	1,626	1,652	1,583	1,311	1,244
California	1,040	628	1,323	1,459	1,373	1,133	1,204
Texas	838	601	859	948	860	906	832
Georgia	803	480	740	718	762	737	746
Pennsylvania	760	421	832	904	789	754	694
Illinois	649	400	827	778	777	715	618
Massachusetts	685	402	762	837	718	647	585
Virginia	595	347	592	536	496	435	466
North Carolina	462	296	468	447	456	473	387

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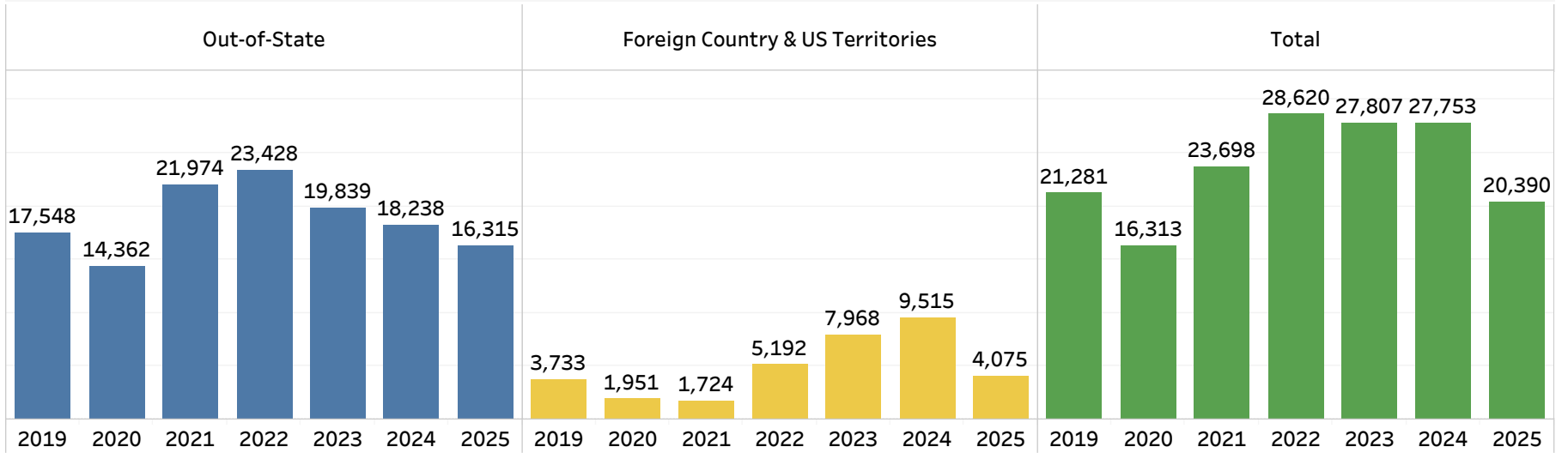
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Colombia	1,070	1,625	2,144	1,233	1,455
Brazil	396	962	1,217	854	1,026
Haiti	650	1,173	2,786	3,585	561
Venezuela	1,220	1,085	1,559	1,179	456
Canada	318	539	540	356	400
Ecuador	116	201	262	283	332
Peru	141	302	405	323	307
Argentina	205	376	402	195	270
Dominican Republic	201	240	251	267	253
Russian Federation	244	720	882	369	250

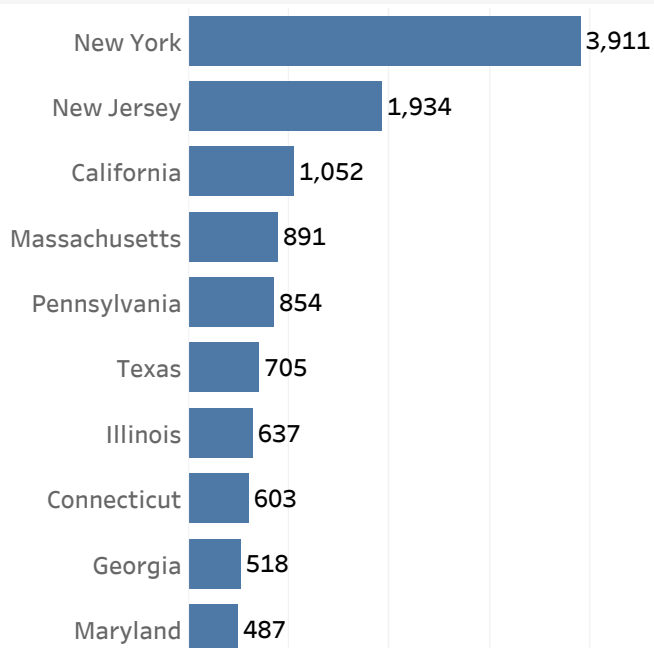
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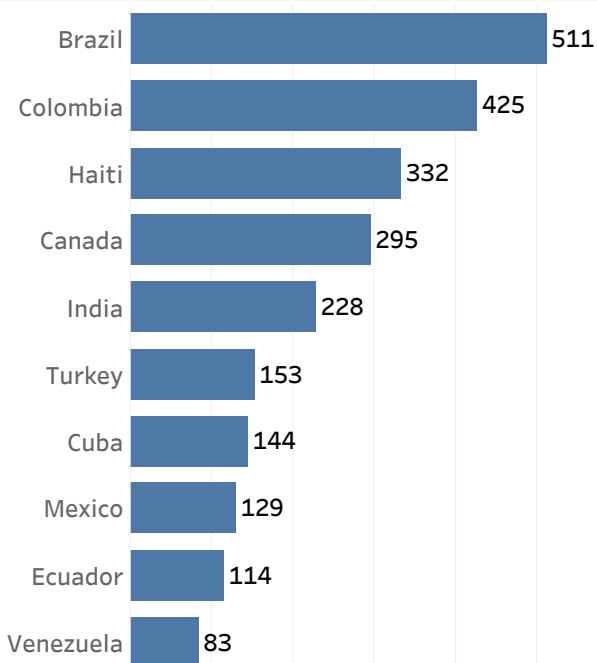
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New York	3,985	3,638	5,888	6,136	5,021	4,458	3,911
New Jersey	2,151	1,725	2,969	3,032	2,380	1,982	1,934
California	885	759	1,438	1,507	1,229	1,193	1,052
Massachusetts	917	732	1,074	1,206	1,106	970	891
Pennsylvania	958	719	1,124	1,251	1,118	1,024	854
Texas	612	508	681	720	700	751	705
Illinois	658	583	911	908	808	649	637
Connecticut	845	706	996	1,033	787	696	603
Georgia	630	454	613	667	635	626	518
Maryland	597	469	684	778	630	617	487

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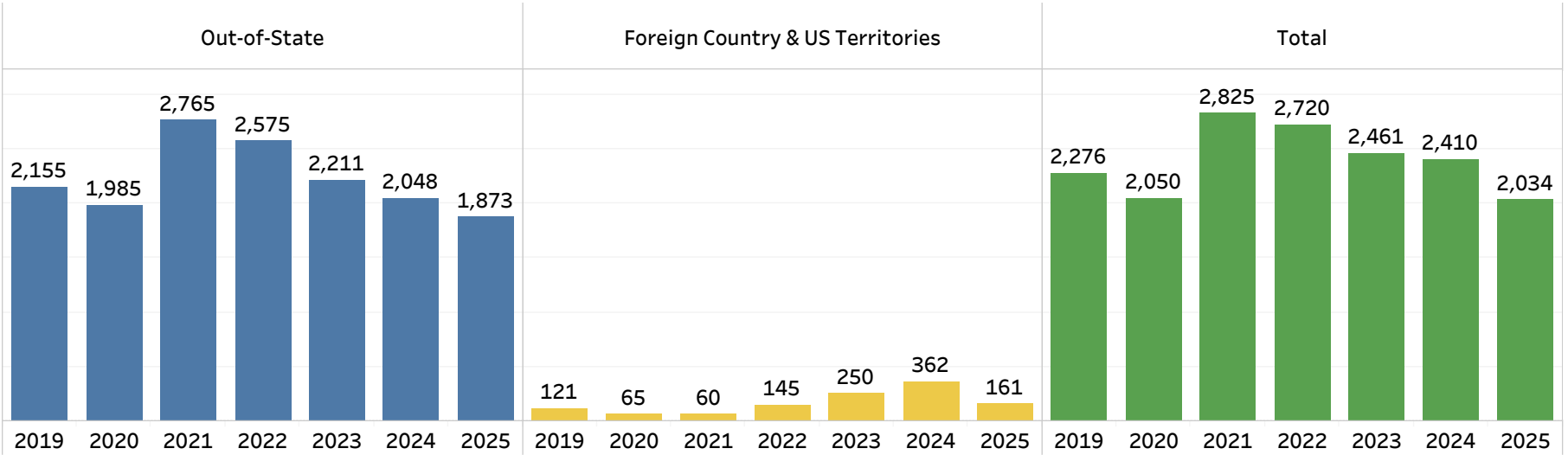
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Brazil	160	466	669	604	511
Colombia	209	509	731	513	425
Haiti	183	671	1,582	1,996	332
Canada	106	370	412	369	295
India	31	58	157	191	228
Turkey	18	52	98	132	153
Cuba	82	453	1,047	762	144
Mexico	46	157	207	162	129
Ecuador	24	68	104	101	114
Venezuela	153	234	441	255	83

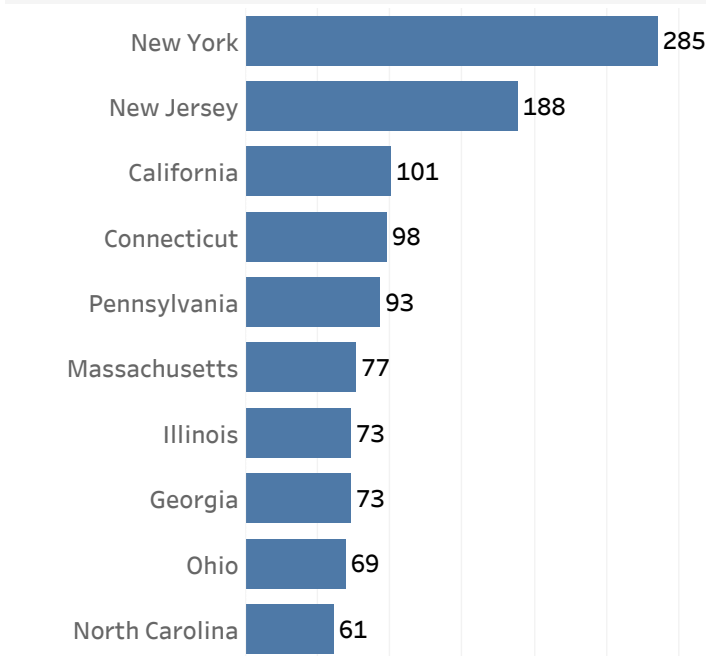
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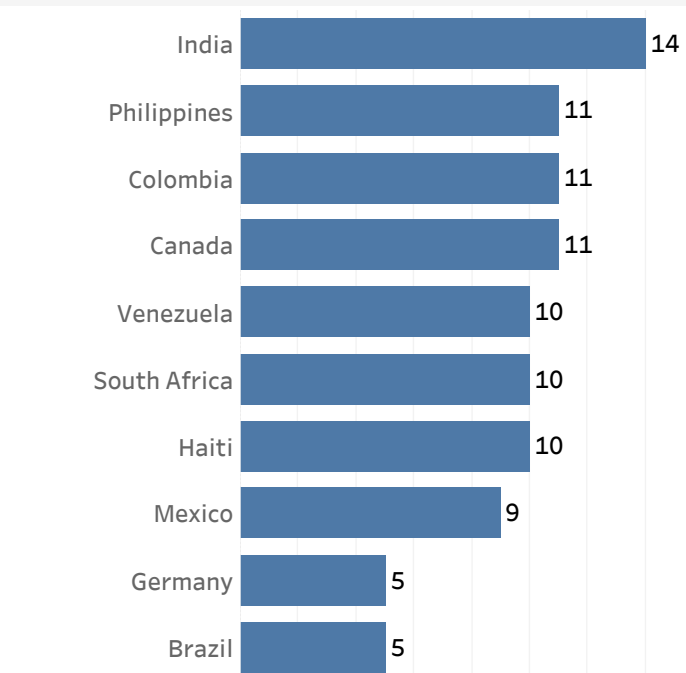
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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
New York	298	305	448	392	352	327	285
New Jersey	201	176	334	265	199	198	188
California	82	77	123	180	131	112	101
Connecticut	156	127	152	139	114	109	98
Pennsylvania	110	96	149	153	112	106	93
Massachusetts	93	94	120	108	116	108	77
Illinois	72	64	116	109	76	82	73
Georgia	93	89	100	97	67	77	73
Ohio	87	72	80	75	77	64	69
North Carolina	97	62	90	99	89	94	61

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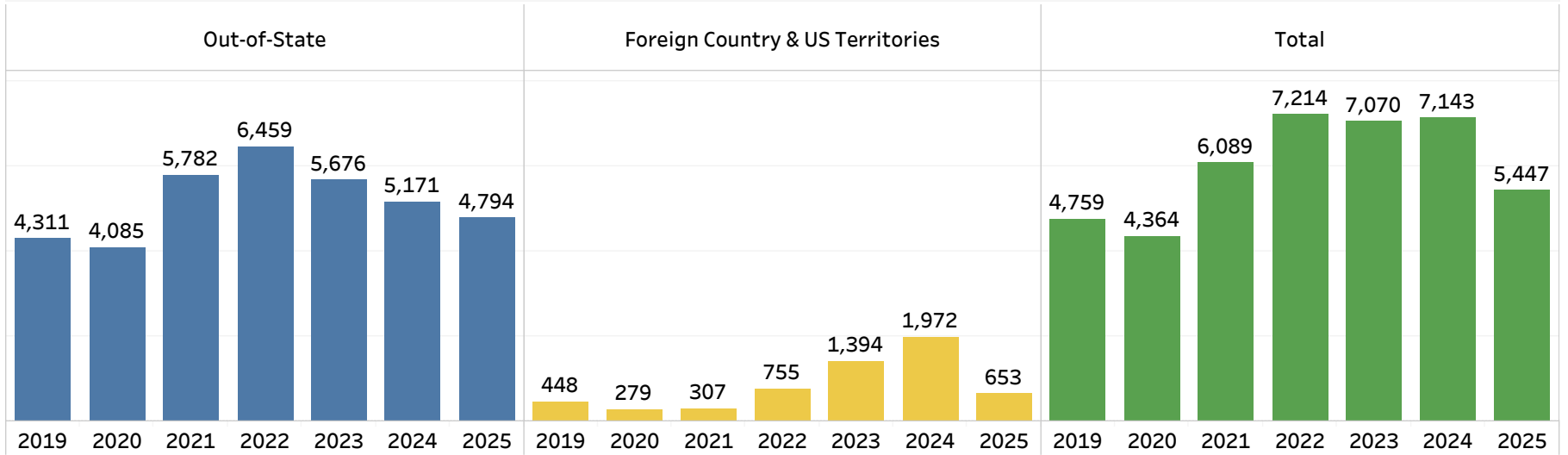
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
India	1	5	26	21	14
Philippines	0	2	7	7	11
Colombia	0	8	12	13	11
Canada	13	22	15	15	11
Venezuela	6	22	41	43	10
South Africa	2	4	8	11	10
Haiti	4	4	16	27	10
Mexico	0	8	10	4	9
Germany	0	1	2		5
Brazil	1	4	3	7	5

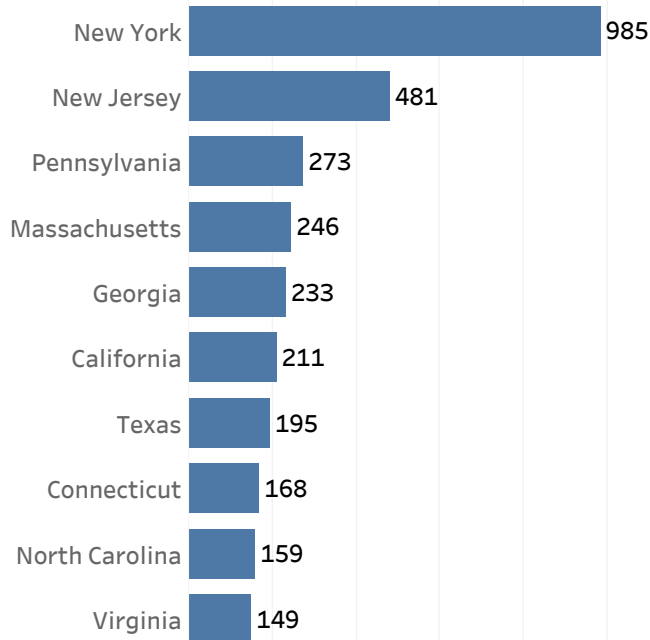
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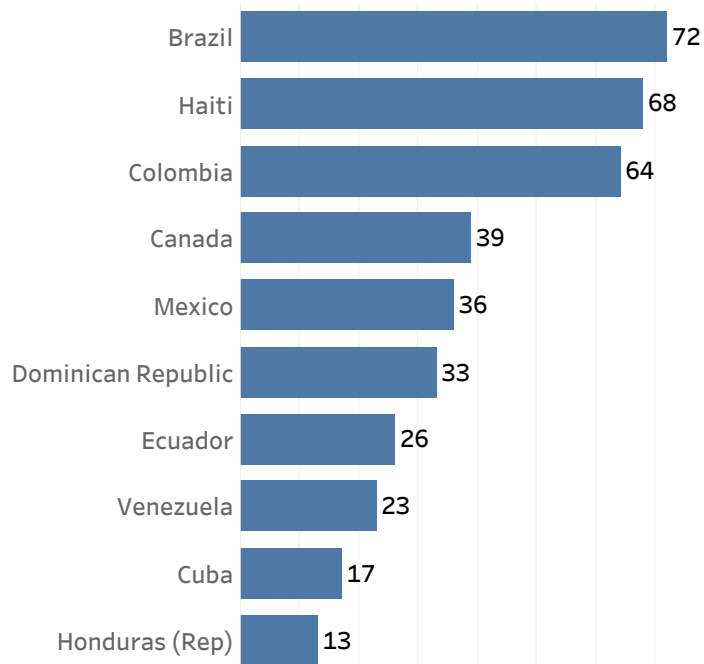
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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
New York	859	820	1,210	1,393	1,206	1,121	985
New Jersey	409	385	583	655	591	547	481
Pennsylvania	274	245	387	417	344	274	273
Massachusetts	152	144	256	275	254	207	246
Georgia	175	170	232	243	234	240	233
California	172	163	212	315	253	223	211
Texas	145	160	196	214	242	230	195
Connecticut	230	196	277	286	205	215	168
North Carolina	173	120	216	191	202	196	159
Virginia	129	137	196	208	162	167	149

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Brazil	22	58	119	141	72
Haiti	39	107	354	501	68
Colombia	37	69	100	84	64
Canada	37	61	62	51	39
Mexico	9	37	42	49	36
Dominican Republic	9	16	30	27	33
Ecuador	8	9	20	29	26
Venezuela	28	43	92	71	23
Cuba	12	53	189	122	17
Honduras (Rep)	7	10	7	22	13



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