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Taiwan	32,643	18,052	36,369	23,737	40,210	32,310	35,926	24,846	39,663	30,955	43,020	43,363	47,721	43,282	48,626	34,255	49,595	34,294	51,339	32,433
Japan	7,468	4,823	10,690	7,137	12,654	8,580	11,704	9,628	11,573	11,084	12,956	11,769	13,704	7,854	13,033	7,818	12,563	7,334	12,677	4,716
U.S.A.	6,201	3,162	7,759	4,796	7,909	5,618	7,599	5,672	7,639	5,993	8,231	6,141	9,255	3,590	9,457	3,442	9,720	3,547	9,365	2,100
England	419	217	380	303	407	310	464	286	390	341	353	359	343	175	427	112	538	138	437	126
France	425	280	496	348	432	400	344	331	331	350	438	387	421	228	483	236	457	210	430	146
Germany	1,456	902	1,549	1,126	1,716	1,268	1,452	1,158	1,435	1,220	1,377	1,233	1,569	716	1,666	632	1,743	708	1,700	538
Switzerland	493	272	620	429	639	458	538	497	571	402	677	443	773	242	788	283	812	305	768	234
Netherlands	461	248	691	417	689	495	764	512	1,173	583	1,307	561	1,273	342	1,199	338	956	359	924	238
Korea	799	484	847	821	1,026	798	895	755	1,338	813	1,621	882	1,971	793	2,325	1,104	2,061	1,105	2,049	742
China	0	0	48	9	75	32	143	30	175	73	226	104	195	169	292	195	358	197	566	194
Hong Kong	102	31	174	64	140	144	97	64	82	86	103	92	87	58	142	79	224	97	504	127
Singapore	69	20	129	50	110	88	86	73	92	79	132	78	175	57	254	73	262	91	274	62
Sweden	310	154	350	314	293	303	196	284	153	226	251	141	231	76	377	61	370	90	362	63
Italy	164	121	182	146	249	164	174	185	213	141	254	155	287	115	274	131	288	171	224	117
Finland	79	43	106	59	83	96	83	73	131	82	175	89	246	83	245	80	222	105	290	77
Foreigner	19,278	11,092	24,862	14,928	27,650	21,479	25,476	20,196	26,079	22,079	29,062	23,127	31,721	15,024	32,362	15,060	32,239	14,996	32,274	9,933
Total	51,921	29,144	61,231	38,665	67,860	53,789	61,402	45,042	65,742	53,034	72,082	66,490	79,442	58,306	80,988	49,315	81,834	49,290	83,613	42,366

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