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Taiwan	5,804	2,139	6,830	3,834	9,170	6,477	9,638	5,683	13,049	6,399	16,747	9,749	20,093	9,220	21,365	11,483	23,330	10,627	23,868	6,378
Japan	6,300	3,797	9,287	5,666	11,087	7,087	10,148	8,237	10,087	9,445	11,143	9,719	11,866	6,327	11,582	6,321	11,043	5,974	11,032	3,381
U.S.A.	5,411	2,756	6,963	3,968	7,244	4,866	6,787	5,086	6,832	5,269	7,435	5,099	8,481	2,811	8,640	2,830	8,977	2,859	8,548	1,454
England	351	174	325	235	335	252	348	222	312	223	297	242	283	118	387	79	482	102	378	70
France	328	239	411	266	360	320	301	259	252	290	317	301	297	137	394	109	378	127	373	65
Germany	1,377	805	1,449	1,034	1,675	1,179	1,355	1,099	1,326	1,134	1,208	1,111	1,375	567	1,485	490	1,494	536	1,462	323
Switzerland	420	233	495	318	512	335	462	364	459	323	560	325	622	157	676	187	701	178	651	139
Netherlands	385	186	608	312	613	393	674	452	1,100	483	1,201	455	1,203	248	1,138	272	864	299	852	165
Korea	701	429	775	731	945	731	833	703	1,265	745	1,560	795	1,866	730	2,210	1,034	1,889	1,018	1,783	601
China	0	0	30	5	43	15	80	12	134	34	129	60	71	82	143	64	204	62	353	30
Hong Kong	26	4	49	9	69	29	45	26	39	33	53	34	38	14	58	24	114	26	328	18
Singapore	57	16	108	41	89	74	76	57	75	67	114	65	144	42	206	48	219	50	237	27
Sweden	273	128	314	256	243	264	154	243	127	192	202	112	207	34	337	31	323	53	293	27
Italy	126	91	132	107	195	109	132	138	157	101	155	89	173	49	181	43	164	63	160	22
Finland	26	27	37	18	21	25	26	21	64	19	114	25	193	29	199	43	149	55	156	14
Foreigner	16,357	9,141	21,621	11,823	24,222	17,952	21,978	17,353	22,774	18,735	25,172	18,834	27,748	11,580	28,746	11,841	28,346	11,688	28,041	6,513
Total	22,161	11,280	28,451	15,657	33,392	24,429	31,616	23,036	35,823	25,134	41,919	28,583	47,841	20,800	50,111	23,324	51,676	22,315	51,909	12,891

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