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United States: 261 stamps; France: 228; Great Britain: 210; Russia: 156 (187 including the new independent republics); Germany: 142; China: 132; Japan: 113; Italy: 85; Spain: 75; Austria: 64; Brazil: 59; Poland: 55; Turkey: 51; Vietnam: 50; Belgium: 49; Canada: 46; Hungary and New Caledonia: 45; Greece: 43; India: 42; Australia and French Polynesia: 41; Mexico: 38; Laos: 35; Portugal: 34; Korea (North and South) and Czechoslovakia: 33; Taiwan: 30; Egypt and Switzerland: 27; Argentina: 26; French Southern and Antarctic Lands, Chile, Morocco, and Norway: 25; Algeria and Republic of Ireland: 24; Senegal, Sweden, and Tunisia: 23; Iran, Mongolia, and Romania: 22; South Africa: 21; Cuba: 20; Netherlands and Wallis & Futuna: 19; Denmark: 18; Cambodia and Niger: 17; Congo: 16; Benin, Indonesia, Mali, French Equatorial and West Africa: 15; United Arab Emirates, Ivory Coast, Mayotte, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, St. Pierre & Miquelon, and Thailand: 14; Burkina, Central African Republic, Colombia, Israel, Monaco, Peru, Togo, and the Vatican: 13; Somali coast (Afars and Issas), Bulgaria, Finland, Madagascar, and Chad: 12; Angola, Bolivia, Iceland, Mauritania, and Syria: 11; Bosnia, Comoros Islands, Lebanon, Singapore, and Ukraine: 10.

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