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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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Gabon, Mauritius, Pakistan, Philippines, Vanuatu, and Yugoslavia: 9; Cameroon, Estonia, Hong Kong, Kenya, Liechtenstein, and Uruguay: 8; Faeroe Islands, Guinea, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Namibia, and Slovakia: 7; Croatia, British territories (Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Gibraltar), Kazakhstan, Macao, Nicaragua, and Rwanda: 6; Afghanistan, Bhutan, Djibouti, Slovenia, Tanzania, and Venezuela: 5; Cyprus, Ecuador, Ghana, Grenada, Jordan, Libya, Lithuania, Micronesia, Nepal, Paraguay, San Marino, Swaziland, Tajikistan, and Zimbabwe: 4; Aland, British Antarctic Territory, Dutch Antilles, Bahamas, Bahrain, Belarus, Burundi, Ethiopia, Fiji Islands, Greenland, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Iraq, Jamaica, Lesotho, Montserrat, Mozambique, Nigeria, Transkei, the United Nations, Uzbekistan, and Zaire: 3; Albania, Andorra, Antigua, Saudi Arabia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Guyana, Panama, Spanish Sahara, Sierra Leone, St. Vincent, St. Helena and Union Island: 2; and finally 1 stamp from each of the following issuing countries: Aitutaki, Anguilla, French Antilles, Armenia, Ascension Island, Barbados, Bermuda, Biafra, Botswana, Burma, Cape Verde, Cayman Islands, Christmas Island, Ciskei, Cocos Islands, Cook Island, Falkland Islands (Malvinas), Equatorial Guinea, French Guyana, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liberia, Macedonia, Maldives, Nauru, Palestine, Papua, Pitcairn Island, Rio Muni, El Salvador, Sealand, Seychelles, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, Surinam, Trinidad, Tristan da Cunha, Turkmenistan, Turks and Caicos Islands, Virgin Islands, and Zambia.

In total, Africa and the Middle East are represented by 614 stamps, Europe by 1,553, Asia and the Pacific by 816, and the Americas by 598 stamps.