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Mayor Timothy P. Murray and the
Members of the Worcester City Council
City Hall
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Mr. Mayor and Councilors,

Attached is information extracted from the records of Marriage Intentions filed in the City Clerk's Office during calendar 2005 revealing the country of birth of each of the 3,320 individuals who came to our office to obtain a marriage license. This annual report provides all of us with a glimpse of the rich diversity of the community.

Fully 34%, or 1,130 of those applying for marriage licenses were born in a foreign country, an indication of the broad range of heritages of the young families who choose to make Worcester their home, and who will populate our schools, places of business and worship for many decades to come.

This following list reveals 94 countries of origin in our database of marriage license applicants for calendar 2005.

Afghanistan	1
Albania	32
Antigua	1
Argentina	2
Armenia	1
Austria	2
Azerbaijan	1
Belarus	1
Belgium	1

Bermuda	1
Bissau	1
Bolivia	1
Brazil	136
Bulgaria	2
Cambodia	6
Cameroon	1
Canada	12
Cape Verde Islands	1
Chile	1
China	13
Colombia	25
Congo	2
Costa Rica	3
Cuba	5
Dominican Republic	73
Ecuador	25
Egypt	3
El Salvador	48
England	5
France	5
Gambia	2
Germany	8
Ghana	264
Grenada	2
Greece	4
Guatemala	8
Guyana	2
Haiti	17
Honduras	1
Hungary	1
India	12
Iran	9
Ireland	3
Italy	3
Ivory Coast	4
Jamaica	29
Japan	3
Jordan	3
Kenya	60
Kosovo	5
Kuwait	1

Laos	5
Lebanon	9
Liberia	27
Lithuania	1
Mexico	20
Montserrat	1
Morocco	3
Nepal	1
Netherlands	1
New Zealand	1
Nigeria	5
Pakistan	3
Panama	4
Peru	4
Philippines	6
Poland	45
Portugal	2
Russia	4
Rwanda	1
Saint Lucia	4
Serbia	1
Sierra Leone	1
South Africa	4
South Korea	4
Spain	2
Sweden	1
Switzerland	2
Syria	7
Taiwan	2
Tanzania	2
Thailand	5
Togo	1
Trinidad	6
Turkey	3
Uganda	2
Ukraine	3
United Arab Emirates	1
Uzbekistan	3
Venezuela	4
Vietnam	67
Virgin Islands	3
Zambia	1

Additionally, of the 2,190 license applicants who stated they were born in the United States, 186 listed Puerto Rico, and 2 listed Guam, as their place of birth.

Cordially,

David J. Rushford
City Clerk