

Table 4.4. Governments with policies to encourage the return of citizens,* 1976–2011

Year	By level of development					
	Number of countries			Percentage		
	Yes	No	Total	Yes	No	Total
<i>World</i>						
1976	18	63	81	22	78	100
1996	59	78	137	43	57	100
2005	72	69	141	51	49	100
2011	109	65	174	63	37	100
<i>More developed regions</i>						
1976	2	18	20	10	90	100
1996	15	20	35	43	57	100
2005	13	29	42	31	69	100
2011	25	21	46	54	46	100
<i>Less developed regions</i>						
1976	16	45	61	26	74	100
1996	44	58	102	43	57	100
2005	59	40	99	60	40	100
2011	84	44	128	66	34	100
<i>Least developed countries</i>						
1976	6	19	25	24	76	100
1996	18	17	35	51	49	100
2005	17	9	26	65	35	100
2011	19	19	38	50	50	100

Table 4.4. (Continued)

Year	By major area					
	Number of countries			Percentage		
	Yes	No	Total	Yes	No	Total
<i>Africa</i>						
1976	6	31	37	16	84	100
1996	18	22	40	45	55	100
2005	18	15	33	55	45	100
2011	28	17	45	62	38	100
<i>Asia</i>						
1976	3	2	5	60	40	100
1996	12	19	31	39	61	100
2005	21	12	33	64	36	100
2011	25	15	40	63	38	100
<i>Europe</i>						
1976	2	17	19	11	89	100
1996	15	16	31	48	52	100
2005	12	25	37	32	68	100
2011	24	17	41	59	41	100
<i>Latin America and the Caribbean</i>						
1976	7	11	18	39	61	100
1996	11	15	26	42	58	100
2005	16	12	28	57	43	100
2011	26	6	32	81	19	100
<i>Northern America</i>						
1976	0	1	1	0	100	100
1996	0	2	2	0	100	100
2005	0	2	2	0	100	100
2011	0	2	2	0	100	100
<i>Oceania</i>						
1976	0	1	1	0	100	100
1996	3	4	7	43	57	100
2005	5	3	8	63	38	100
2011	6	8	14	43	57	100

* Information on policies to encourage the return of citizens was not gathered for 1986.