

# 2021 Election Observation Overview



## **Election Observation 2021** Missions' Overview



| 2021        | Country of<br>Observation | Elections     |
|-------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 10 January  | KAZAKHSTAN                | Parliamentary |
| 10 January  | KYRGYZSTAN                | Presidential  |
| 4 April     | BULGARIA                  | Parliamentary |
| 25 April    | ALBANIA                   | Parliamentary |
| 20 June     | ARMENIA                   | Parliamentary |
| 11 July     | MOLDOVA                   | Parliamentary |
| 11 July     | BULGARIA                  | Parliamentary |
| 24 October  | UZBEKISTAN                | Presidential  |
| 28 November | KYRGYZSTAN                | Parliamentary |

- The OSCE PA was able to deploy nine observation missions in seven OSCE participating States in 2021 despite disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On two occasions the OSCE PA deployed two simultaneous missions to observe elections on the same election day.
- 456 participants took part in the missions, including 329 Members of Parliament.



## **Election Observation 2021** Mission Leadership

|   | Date      | Country of<br>Observation | Type of Elections | Surname     | Name      | Mr/<br>Ms | Country of Participant |                      |
|---|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------|
|   | 10-Jan-21 | KAZAKHSTAN                | Parliamentary     | VIGENIN     | Kristian  | Mr.       | BULGARIA               |                      |
|   | 10-Jan-21 | KYRGYZSTAN                | Presidential      | JUEL-JENSEN | Peter     | Mr.       | DENMARK                | C                    |
|   | 4-Apr-21  | BULGARIA                  | Parliamentary     | GERASYMOV   | Artur     | Mr.       | UKRAINE                | Special              |
| < | 25-Apr-21 | ALBANIA                   | Parliamentary     | GULIYEV     | Azay      | Mr.       | AZERBAIJAN             | <b>Co-ordinators</b> |
|   | 20-Jun-21 | ARMENIA                   | Parliamentary     | CEDERFELT   | Margareta | Ms.       | SWEDEN                 |                      |
|   | 11-Jul-21 | MOLDOVA                   | Parliamentary     | BUSHATI     | Ditmir    | Mr.       | ALBANIA                |                      |
|   | 11-Jul-21 | BULGARIA                  | Parliamentary     | GERASYMOV   | Artur     | Mr.       | UKRAINE                |                      |
|   | 24-Oct-21 | UZBEKISTAN                | Presidential      | LOPATKA     | Reinhold  | Mr.       | AUSTRIA                |                      |
|   | 28-Nov-21 | KYRGYZSTAN                | Parliamentary     | JUEL-JENSEN | Peter     | Mr.       | DENMARK                |                      |

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| Delegation       |

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| 10-Jan-21 | KYRGYZSTAN                | Presidential         | LOPATKA       | Reinhold | Mr.   | AUSTRIA                   |
| 4-Apr-21  | BULGARIA                  | Parliamentary        | ALLIZARD      | Pascal   | Mr.   | FRANCE                    |
| 25-Apr-21 | ALBANIA                   | Parliamentary        | LOPATKA       | Reinhold | Mr.   | AUSTRIA                   |
| 20-Jun-21 | ARMENIA                   | Parliamentary        | HENRIKSEN     | Kari     | Ms.   | NORWAY                    |
| 11-Jul-21 | MOLDOVA                   | Parliamentary        | KAUMA         | Pia      | Ms.   | FINLAND                   |
| 11-Jul-21 | BULGARIA                  | Parliamentary        | GJEBREA HOXHA | Elona    | Ms.   | ALBANIA                   |
| 24-Oct-21 | UZBEKISTAN                | Presidential         | DE RIDDER     | Daniela  | Ms.   | GERMANY                   |
| 28-Nov-21 | KYRGYZSTAN                | Parliamentary        | KARIMI        | Farah    | Ms.   | NETHERLANDS               |



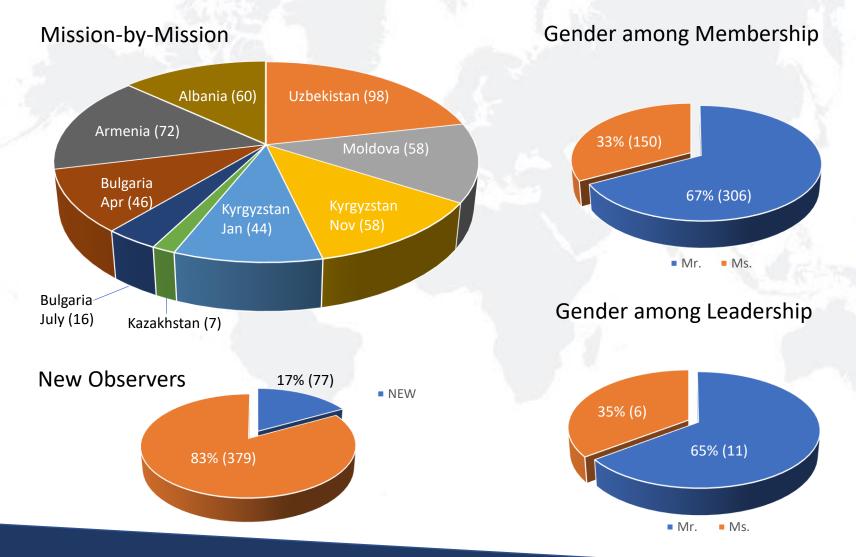
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### **Election Observation 2021** Observer Participation





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#### **Election Observation 2021** Kazakhstan, Parliamentary Elections 10 January 2021

In a post-election <u>statement</u> delivered in Nur-Sultan, OSCE observers noted that while preparations for Kazakhstan's parliamentary elections were efficiently run, an uncompetitive campaign and systemic de facto limitations on constitutionally guaranteed fundamental freedoms left voters without genuine choice, thus missing an opportunity to pilot the announced political reforms. The observers found the legal framework not yet conducive to holding elections in line with OSCE commitments for democratic elections, despite a number of revisions introduced since the country's last parliamentary elections.

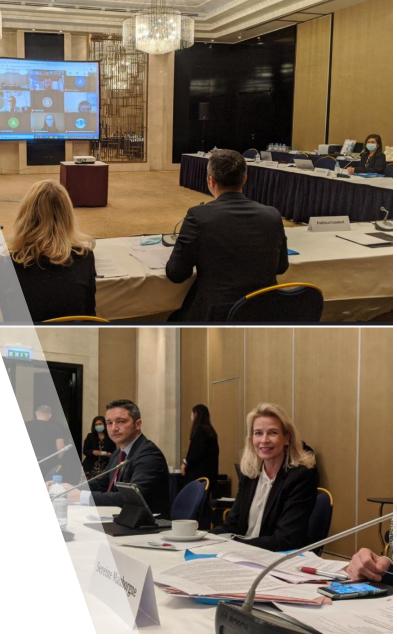
"We welcome the efficient organization of the elections, especially given the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic which was rightfully not allowed to impact the exercise of voting," said Kristian Vigenin, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission. "On the other hand, we remain concerned about the political environment elections took place in. OSCE principles call for unhindered pluralism and a flourishing, free and vibrant civil society: our hope is that the "listening state" concept promoted by the President will truly enable this to happen and that all citizens' voices will be valued."

Preparations for the election were efficiently managed by the election commissions in line with legal deadlines. The appointment and composition of commissions at all levels raised concerns about their independence. Election day was generally calm but was tarnished by concerted measures to prevent some domestic observers from an effective observation.

There were still major barriers to freedom of association and there are few political options, with no new parties registered since 2013. As all political parties contesting the elections supported the policies of the ruling party, the campaign was not competitive, and voters had no genuine political alternatives to choose from.

Curbs on the freedom of association, of assembly and of expression had a negative impact on campaign activities, which remained low key in the run-up to election day.

The observation mission was joint undertaking of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR).



- Photos from the Mission available here.
- Post-Election Press Conference recording available <u>here</u>.

#### **Election Observation 2021** Kazakhstan, Parliamentary Elections 10 January 2021



| Special Co-ordinator      |             |            |     |
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#### **Election Observation 2021** Kyrgyzstan, Presidential Election 10 January 2021

In a post-election <u>statement</u> delivered in Bishkek, OSCE observers noted that despite a large number of candidates and initiatives to improve the election process, the integrity of Kyrgyzstan's 10 January early presidential election was weakened by a major imbalance in the outreach and visibility of the candidates as well as allegations of misuse of public resources.

While all candidates were largely able to campaign freely and fundamental freedoms were generally respected, the campaign was dominated by the former acting president, whose financial and organizational resources were far greater than all other contestants, the observers found.

"The past months have been dramatic for the people of Kyrgyzstan and chaotic for its politics, but we saw a generally well-run process," said Peter Juel-Jensen, Special Coordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission. "However, if Kyrgyzstan is going to live up to the aspirations of its people for a functioning democracy, fully fair competition on a level playing field is critical. This was not the case here."

Presidential election was generally well organized by the election administration. Citizen observers were able to participate actively throughout the process. Election day was calm and well managed, although voting secrecy was not always maintained and there were cases in which health safety measures in connection with the Covid-19 pandemic were not followed.

"The political environment has evolved rapidly recently, but it was clear early on that this election was dominated by Sadyr Japarov, whose visibility and funding dwarfed all others," said Reinhold Lopatka, head of the OSCE PA delegation. "While Kyrgyzstan has previously distinguished itself within the region for its level of political debate, discussion was more centred on personalities than programmes which may account for the relatively low turnout we have seen."

The OSCE PA observers worked closely with partners from the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, who additionally observed the referendum taking place alongside presidential election.

Special Limited Election Observation Mission to Kyrgyzstan



- Photos from the mission available <u>here</u>.
- Post-Election Press Conference recording available <u>here</u>.

#### **Election Observation 2021** Kyrgyzstan, Presidential Election 10 January 2021

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| CZECH REPUBLIC             | HORNIK        | Jan        | Mr. |
| CZECH REPUBLIC             | MARIKOVA      | Karla      | Ms. |
| CZECH REPUBLIC             | ONDRACEK      | Zdenek     | Mr. |
| CZECH REPUBLIC             | PLZAK         | Pavel      | Mr. |
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| ITALY                      | GRIMOLDI      | Paolo      | Mr. |
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#### **Election Observation 2021** Bulgaria, Parliamentary Elections 4 April 2021

Bulgaria's parliamentary elections were competitive and efficiently run despite the difficult circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and fundamental freedoms were respected. However, the massive use of state resources gave the ruling party a significant advantage, and a lack of editorial diversity was of concern, international observers said at the post-election press-conference in Sofia.

The observers <u>concluded</u> that while the legal framework is adequate for holding democratic elections, key long-standing recommendations to bring election legislation in line with international standards still need to be addressed.

"These elections saw strong competition among an array of parties, who were able to freely reach out to the electorate," said Artur Gerasymov, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the OSCE short-term observers. "The media environment remains concerning, however. In particular, editorial diversity and analytical coverage, crucial for voters to make an informed choice, is largely lacking."

The absence of investigative or analytical media reporting, together with political advertising in the guise of news, limited the ability of voters to make an informed choice. The international observers noted with concern the widespread practices of vote buying attempted in economically and socially disadvantaged communities.

On election day itself, the voting process appeared transparent and machine voting was carried out efficiently. The large number of voters inside and outside the polling stations led to overcrowding in some places.

"The decision of the Bulgarian authorities to hold elections despite the challenges of COVID times, and its efforts to secure an inclusive process while ensuring the safety of all voters and election administrators, are highly commendable," said Pascal Allizard, head of the OSCE PA delegation. "One important area of concern I would like to mention here is that while voter lists generally enjoy the confidence of the public, the possibility to be added to the voter list on the day of the election without strong safeguards is highly problematic."

The OSCE PA worked closely with colleagues from PACE,, as well as the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.



- Photos from the mission available <u>here</u>.
- Post-Election Press Conference recording available <u>here</u>.

#### **Election Observation 2021** Bulgaria, Parliamentary Elections 4 April 2021

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#### **Election Observation 2021** Albania, Parliamentary Elections 25 April 2021

OSCE observers <u>concluded</u> that the 25 April Albanian parliamentary elections were characterized by a lively and inclusive campaign, thanks to a legal framework that helped ensure respect of fundamental freedoms. At the same time the campaign saw authorities taking advantage of public office and allegations of pervasive vote buying.

"Last year's political agreement triggered important reforms and introduced etechnology which served to boost confidence in the electoral process. This shows that political compromise and convergence serves the best interest of the Albanian people," said Azay Guliyev, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the OSCE short-term observers. "I encourage all political forces to maintain the same spirit in the steps that follow election day and to take additional actions to pre-empt a misuse of administrative resources and pressure on public civil servants in future electoral cycles."

The newly introduced electronic voter identification system was set up in all polling stations aiming to reduce the risk of voter fraud. While the process on election day itself was mostly transparent and smooth, pandemic-related measures were poorly implemented and social distancing was not always respected.

"The introduction of e-voting technology represents an important and welcome improvement for Albania. I was pleased to witness the large-scale effectiveness of the biometric identification system, which was used countrywide. This is an important step which can only strengthen confidence in the electoral process," said Reinhold Lopatka, Head of the OSCE PA delegation. "I was concerned about the incidents that have preceded election day and I want to underscore that incitement to violence will not be tolerated."

Despite a well-developed legal framework in place to stop the misuse of state resources, many public figures continued to campaign during their official capacity. This, together with the launch of several large government infrastructure projects in the run-up to the election, gave the ruling party a considerable advantage.

The international election observation mission was composed of the parliamentarians and staff from the OSCE PA, PACE as well as ODIHR-deployed experts and observers.



- Photos from the mission available <u>here</u>.
- Post-Election Press Conference recording available <u>here</u>.
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#### **Election Observation 2021** Albania, Parliamentary Elections 25 April 2021

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|                           |              |           |     |

#### **Election Observation 2021** Armenia, Parliamentary Elections 20 June 2021

Armenia's 20 June parliamentary elections were competitive and well-managed within a short time frame. However, they were characterized by intense polarization and marred by increasingly inflammatory language from key contestants, as well as by the sidelining of women throughout the campaign, OSCE observers said in a post-election press-conference in Yerevan.

The OSCE observers <u>concluded</u> that the electoral legal framework was generally comprehensive, but some shortcomings still remained. The observers noted that while recent changes in the electoral system were broadly debated and supported by key stakeholders, the fact that amendments were adopted so close to the elections caused legal uncertainty and left little time to implement the new rules.

"Despite the limited time for the implementation of the recent amendments to the electoral code, the administration of the elections was positively assessed by the majority of our observers," said Margareta Cederfelt, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission. "Most of our observers also assessed election day positively, up to and including the vote count."

National security issues dominated the political discourse in the pre-campaign and campaign periods. Election day itself was generally peaceful, and observers made an overwhelmingly positive assessment of the voting processes in the polling stations visited.

Candidates were able to campaign freely, and the fundamental freedoms key to democratic elections were generally respected. Despite the fact that women candidates were included in the party lists, observers noted that their visibility during the campaign was markedly low.

"While the recently introduced electoral changes have resulted in larger representation of women in the candidate lists, they remained largely absent from the public discourse during the campaign," said Kari Henriksen, Head of the OSCE PA delegation. "It is important that women are not just equally represented, but are also given the opportunity to engage actively in public and political life."

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#### **Election Observation 2021** Moldova, Parliamentary Elections 11 July 2021

The OSCE observers <u>concluded</u> that 11 July Moldova's early parliamentary elections were well managed amidst an improved legal framework. Voters were offered a wide choice of alternatives, but concerns over the impartiality of the election authorities undermined trust while inadequate campaign finance rules left potential breaches unaddressed.

"On top of some longstanding challenges, Moldova has been through many crises in recent years, and these early elections took place in the context of a broader political cycle, characterized by instability and political deadlock," said Ditmir Bushati, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission. "Today, a new process begins. We now look forward to working closely with our colleagues in the new Moldovan parliament to find solutions to the shortcomings we have identified and deliver concrete results for the people of Moldova."

Election day itself was calm and transparent, and the process was found to be overwhelmingly positive despite isolated cases of overcrowding. The deeply polarized environment did not prevent substantial campaign themes from being discussed, including the economy, the fight against corruption, social and welfare issues, and judicial reform. The media played an important role during the campaign period.

Candidates were able to campaign actively despite pandemic-related restrictions. "I am glad that Moldova could organize and run these important elections efficiently and smoothly, as was clearly observed in polling stations, despite the continued challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Pia Kauma, Head of the OSCE PA Delegation. "However, when looking at the electoral process as a whole, some shortcomings, including on campaign finance oversight and election dispute resolution, need to be addressed to enhance transparency and further reinforce trust in the system."

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#### **Election Observation 2021 Bulgaria**, Parliamentary Elections 11 July 2021

OSCE observers concluded that the 11 July early parliamentary elections were competitive and fundamental freedoms were generally respected. The campaign environment was dominated by mutual accusations of corruption between the former ruling party and the provisional government, as well as by efforts by law-enforcement to curb vote-buying.

The elections were conducted under a legal framework which, though overall adequate, was substantially revised shortly before the elections, straining electoral preparations and affecting legal certainty, the observers said. The technical aspects of the elections were managed efficiently, despite the compressed timeframe, the COVID-19 pandemic and the late adoption of some important procedural regulations.

"These elections have taken place amid persistent public mistrust in the political establishment, mostly stemming from widespread allegations of corruption and an unsuccessful attempt to form a government following the elections in April," said Artur Gerasymov, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the OSCE short-term observers. "Moreover, political influence and the high concentration of media ownership had a negative effect on editorial policies and on media pluralism overall. The lack of comprehensive journalistic reporting limited voters' ability to make an informed choice."

In the polling stations visited on election day, voting was generally in line with prescribed procedures. Machine voting was generally uninterrupted, with malfunctions requiring the voting to continue with the use of paper ballots reported in only 0.5 percent of polling stations. "Despite the short timeframe for preparations, the establishment of a new Central Election Commission and the expanded use of voting machines, the elections were generally well administered," said Elona Gjebrea Hoxha, Head of the delegation from the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. "However, with the broadened use of these technologies, there will also be a need for further voter education, in order to increase proficiency and confidence in election voting technology."

The international election observation mission was composed of the parliamentarians and staff from the OSCE PA and PACE, as well as ODIHR-deployed observers.



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#### **Election Observation 2021** Uzbekistan, Presidential Election 24 October 2021

In a post-election <u>statement</u> delivered in Tashkent, OSCE observers noted that while recent reforms had gradually introduced welcome improvements, they had not yet resulted in a genuinely pluralistic environment for the presidential election.

"This election has shown that the democratic reforms of recent years must be carried forward to confirm what has already been achieved," said Reinhold Lopatka, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission. "Full respect for basic freedoms and real competition among political forces, which were lacking here, will be essential to live up to the people's democratic aspirations."

Observers concluded that remaining restrictions on fundamental freedoms and the right to stand continue to run counter to OSCE commitments. While multiple candidates contested the election, there was no meaningful engagement with each other or with voters, and candidates refrained from challenging or criticizing the incumbent. In addition, the general lack of distinction between the incumbent's campaign and official activities blurred the line between state and party.

Observers also highlighted that despite some opening of the media environment, in particular online, the space for citizens to freely and fully express their opinion remains controlled.

"We noted a number of old problematic habits with procedures often not followed, especially during counting," said Daniela De Ridder, Head of the OSCE PA delegation. "I hope that the high-level legal reforms we have noted will continue and impact all parts of society, strengthen the democratic political culture, and finally do away with these negative practices".

The OSCE PA worked closely with colleagues from the European Parliament and from the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.



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#### **Election Observation 2021** Kyrgyzstan, Parliamentary Elections 28 November 2021

In a post-election <u>statement</u> delivered in Bishkek, OSCE observers noted that the parliamentary elections were competitive, but constitutional changes weakening parliament, subsequent extensive legislative changes to key aspects of the elections, a stifled campaign and overall voter disillusionment hindered meaningful engagement.

"The past year has been dizzying for Kyrgyzstan, with massive political shifts and a rush to centralize power," said Peter Juel-Jensen, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission. "While overall well run and competitive, yesterday's elections reflected this rushed approach. To fully meet international commitments, much greater care will need to be paid in the future to standard democratic processes including appropriate checks and balances on power."

Observers assessed that the new legislation provides an adequate basis for democratic elections, but that the overall legal framework is undermined by limitations on civil and political rights and diminished separation of powers and independence of the judiciary.

They highlighted that fundamental freedoms were generally respected during the campaign and the authorities displayed the political will to ensure clean elections, however strict enforcement of subsequent measures led to candidates campaigning with caution.

"The recent reduction of the parliament's power has caused the people to lose confidence in the impact of their vote, while undue restrictions placed on candidate eligibility and the move to a mixed electoral system have inhibited a more diverse range of choices," said Farah Karimi, Head of the OSCE PA delegation. "Democracy is about representation and if women, young people and those who don't have university diplomas are so severely limited in the right to run, we should not be surprised by the lack of voter enthusiasm."

The OSCE PA worked closely with colleagues from the Parliamentary Assembly of the <u>Council of Europe</u> and from the OSCE ODIHR.



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| Year | Missions # | MPs | <b>Total Participants</b> | Average Participants |
|------|------------|-----|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 2021 | 9          | 329 | 456                       | 50                   |
| 2020 | 4          | 96  | 141                       | 35                   |
| 2019 | 9          | 340 | 455                       | 50                   |
| 2018 | 9          | 374 | 485                       | 54                   |
| 2017 | 5          | 161 | 216                       | 43                   |
| 2016 | 10         | 334 | 445                       | 45                   |
| 2015 | 6          | 221 | 298                       | 50                   |
| 2014 | 9          | 398 | 522                       | 58                   |
| 2013 | 7          | 166 | 240                       | 34                   |
| 2012 | 11         | 392 | 523                       | 48                   |
| 2011 | 6          | 286 | 374                       | 62                   |
| 2010 | 10         | 392 | 511                       | 51                   |
| 2009 | 6          | 174 | 223                       | 37                   |
| 2008 | 7          | 313 | 387                       | 55                   |
| 2007 | 6          | 244 | 303                       | 51                   |
| 2006 | 7          | 296 | 380                       | 54                   |
| 2005 | 6          | 186 | 225                       | 38                   |
| 2004 | 9          | 313 | 375                       | 42                   |
| 2003 | 4          | 133 | 163                       | 41                   |
| 2002 | 3          | 103 | 118                       | 39                   |
| 2001 | 6          | 207 | 134                       | 22                   |
| 2000 | 6          | 131 | 163                       | 27                   |
| 1999 | 4          | 122 | 165                       | 41                   |
| 1998 | 10         | 213 | 269                       | 27                   |
| 1997 | 6          | 122 | 159                       | 27                   |
| 1996 | 5          | 118 | 163                       | 33                   |
| 1995 | 10         | 164 | 214                       | 21                   |
| 1994 | 4          | 66  | 85                        | 83                   |
| 1993 | 1          | 36  | 57                        | 57                   |



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