CONSULAR AFFAIRS BY THE NUMBERS*

OUR MISSION: The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Consular Affairs provides services that protect U.S. citizens and their interests abroad, ensure U.S. border security, facilitate the entry of legitimate travelers, and foster economic growth.

STRENGTHEN U.S. BORDER SECURITY

- Adjudicated 11.9 MILLION nonimmigrant visa applications
- Issued 9 MILLION nonimmigrant visas
- Issued 533,557 immigrant visas
- Issued 372,210 student visas

We prevent unqualified applicants from obtaining visas, while efficiently facilitating legitimate travel to the United States.

HELP U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

- Registered 64,509 overseas births of U.S. citizens
- Issued 58,247 emergency passports overseas
- Responded to 24,880 welfare/whereabouts inquiries
- Assisted families of 11,592 U.S. citizens who died while overseas
- Conducted 10,399 visits to U.S. citizens in prison
- Published 1,208 emergency messages
- Repatriated 1,388 U.S. citizens

Did you know?


HELP CHILDREN

We have a special commitment to the world’s most vulnerable citizens.

Intercountry Adoptions:
- Adoptions to the United States: 4,714 (FY2017)
- Adoptions from the United States: 83 (FY2017)

Preventing International Parent Child Abduction:
- Enrolled 4,604 children in the Children’s Passport Issuance Alert Program (CY2017)

PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH

- International visitors contributed $251 BILLION to the U.S. economy (CY2017)
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PREVENT FRAUD

- Almost 133,000 passport and visa applications investigated by specialized fraud prevention experts
- Over 1,800 employees worldwide trained on advanced fraud prevention techniques
- Millions of visa applications analyzed to improve adjudications and fraud prevention efforts worldwide

STAY CONNECTED

Travel.state.gov - Find Travel Advisories and Alerts, passport information, and visa requirements.
Adoption.state.gov - Read general information about intercountry adoption, country-by-country statistics, and Adoption Notices.
Step.state.gov - Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) for security and travel updates on the go.

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U.S. PASSPORT INFORMATION:
1-877-4USAPPT (1-877-487-2778); TTY/TDD 1-888-874-7793

CONTACT US

In an emergency involving a U.S. citizen, call: 1-888-407-4747 from within the United States & Canada, or +1 202-501-4444 if outside the United States & Canada.

* Unless otherwise stated, all numbers are for Fiscal Year 2018. Updated December 2018.