



# 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 **12.4 MILLION** nonimmigrant visa applications
- Issued **9.6 MILLION** nonimmigrant visas
- Issued **559,536** immigrant visas
- Issued **403,144** student visas

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



## HELP CHILDREN

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

### Intercountry Adoptions:

- Adoptions to the United States: **4,714**
- Adoptions from the United States: **83**

### Preventing International Parent Child Abduction:

- 4,604 children enrolled in the Children's Passport Issuance Alert Program (CY2017)

## HELP U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

- Registered **66,731** overseas births of U.S. citizens
- Issued **54,471** emergency passports overseas
- Responded to **34,804** welfare/whereabouts inquiries
- Assisted families of **11,274** U.S. citizens who died while overseas
- Conducted **9,540** visits to U.S. citizens in prison
- Published **1,722** emergency messages
- Repatriated **1,373** U.S. citizens

## DID YOU KNOW?

An estimated **9 MILLION** U.S. citizens live overseas.

## PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH

- International visitors contributed **\$251 BILLION** to the U.S. economy (CY2017)
- International students contributed **\$42 BILLION** to the U.S. economy (CY2017)
- **1.2 MILLION** U.S. jobs supported by international travelers (CY2017)
- **11 PERCENT** of all U.S. exports are related to travel and tourism (CY2017)



## PREVENT FRAUD

- Almost **160,000** passport and visa applications investigated by specialized fraud prevention experts
- Over **1,500** employees worldwide trained on advanced fraud prevention techniques
- Millions of visa applications analyzed to improve adjudications and fraud prevention efforts worldwide

## PROVIDE PASSPORT SERVICES

- Passports and passport cards: **21 MILLION** issued
- Passports in circulation:
  - **136 MILLION** valid U.S. passports
  - **42 PERCENT** of U.S. citizens have a passport
  - **14.9 MILLION** passport cards issued since 2008
  - **29** domestic passport agencies and centers
  - Approximately **8,000** passport application acceptance facilities nationwide
  - **5 MILLION** inquiries addressed by the National Passport Information Center

## STAY CONNECTED

[Travel.state.gov](http://Travel.state.gov) - Find Travel Advisories and Alerts, passport information, and visa requirements.

[Adoption.state.gov](http://Adoption.state.gov) - Read general information about intercountry adoption, country-by-country statistics, and Adoption Notices.

[Step.state.gov](http://Step.state.gov) - Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) for security and travel updates on the go.

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## 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.

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

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