

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



- Issued 9 MILLION nonimmigrant visas
- Issued 462,445 immigrant visas
- Issued 373,431 student visas
- Issued 353,279 exchange visitor visas

We prevent unqualified applicants from gaining 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: 4,059 (FY2018)
- Adoptions from the United States: 81 (FY2018)

Preventing International Parent Child Abduction:

• Enrolled 4,732 children in the Children's Passport Issuance Alert Program (CY2018)

STAY CONNECTED

HELP U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

- Registered 66,595 overseas births of U.S. citizens
- Issued **59,904** emergency passports overseas
- Responded to 27,282 welfare/whereabouts inquiries
- Assisted families of 11,911 U.S. citizens who died while overseas
- Conducted 10,920 visits to U.S. citizens in prison
- Published 1,666 emergency messages
- Repatriated 1,209 U.S. citizens

DID YOU KNOW?

An estimated MILLION 9

U.S. citizens live overseas.

PROMOTE **ECONOMIC GROWTH**

- International visitors contributed \$256.1 BILLION to the U.S. economy (CY2018)
- International students contributed **\$45.3 BILLION** to the U.S. economy (CY2018)
- International travelers supported **1.2 MILLION** U.S. jobs (CY2018)
- 10 PERCENT of all U.S. exports are related to travel and tourism (CY2018)

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PROVIDE **PASSPORT SERVICES**

- Issued 20 MILLION passports and passport cards
- 146 MILLION valid U.S. passports in circulation
- 44.5 PERCENT of U.S. citizens have a passport
- 29 domestic passport agencies and centers
- Approximately 8,200 passport application acceptance facilities nationwide
- 5.5 MILLION inquiries addressed by the National Passport Information Center

PREVENT FRAUD



- 26,000 passport and 108,000 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



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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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