

# CA BY THE NUMBERS

**OUR MISSION:** The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA) protects U.S. citizens and their interests abroad, supports U.S. border security at home, facilitates the entry of international travelers without compromising security, and fosters economic growth.



## DID YOU KNOW?

**9 MILLION** U.S. citizens live overseas. U.S. citizens take more than **73 MILLION** trips abroad every year.



## CHILDREN'S ISSUES

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

Intercountry Adoptions:

- Adoptions to the United States: **5,648**
- Adopted from the United States: **93**

## UNITE FAMILIES

**531,463**

Immigrant Visas (IVs) issued



## GROW THE ECONOMY

NONIMMIGRANT VISAS (NIVs)

- Adjudicated **13.2 MILLION** NIV applications
- Issued **10.9 MILLION** NIVs
- Issued **655,291** student visas
- Issued **332,540** exchange visitor visas
- **92 PERCENT** of applicants obtained a visa appointment within three weeks

In calendar year 2015, the average NIV appointment wait time worldwide was 8 days for a visitor visa appointment, 4 days for a student or exchange visitor appointment, and 6 days for all other visa appointments.

## HELPING U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS

- Registered **65,450** overseas births of U.S. citizens
- Issued **49,743** emergency passports
- Responded to **31,581** welfare/whereabouts inquiries
- Assisted families of **10,589** U.S. citizens who died while overseas
- **9,425** visits to U.S. citizens in prison
- Published **1,773** emergency messages
- Repatriated **1,136** U.S. citizens



## PASSPORTS

Passports and passport cards: **15.6 MILLION** issued

Passport cards issued since 2008: **11.7 MILLION** (as of June 2016)

PASSPORTS IN CIRCULATION:

- **128.2 MILLION** valid U.S. passports are in circulation
- **40 PERCENT** of U.S. citizens have a passport
- **25** domestic passport agencies
- **4** adjudication centers, and approximately 8,000 passport application acceptance facilities nationwide

## TOURISM AND TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

- International visitors contributed **\$217.9 BILLION** to the U.S. economy
- International students contributed **\$34.5 BILLION** to the U.S. economy
- **1.1 MILLION** U.S. jobs supported by international travelers
- **10 PERCENT** of all U.S. exports are related to Travel and Tourism

## FRAUD PREVENTION

- Consular officers referred **139,252** passport and visa applications to specialized fraud prevention units globally
- **50** fraud prevention courses offered to consular employees worldwide
- **3** new online tools to help prevent fraud

## STAY CONNECTED

[Travel.state.gov](http://Travel.state.gov) - Find travel warnings and alerts, country specific information, passport information and visa requirements.

[Adoption.state.gov](http://Adoption.state.gov) - General information and country-by-country statistics, alerts, and notices on intercountry adoptions.

[Studentsabroad.state.gov](http://Studentsabroad.state.gov) - Information for student travelers.

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