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 80 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

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

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

Unite families

531,463 Immigrant Visas (IVs) issued

Travel.state.gov - Find travel warnings and alerts, country specific information, passport information and visa requirements.
Adoption.state.gov - General information and country-by-country statistics, alerts, and notices on intercountry adoptions.
Studentsabroad.state.gov - Information for student travelers.
Step.state.gov - Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) for security and travel updates on the go.

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

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Contact us

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

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

Unless otherwise stated, all numbers are for Fiscal Year 2015. Updated June 2016.