

# CA BY THE NUMBERS\*

OUR MISSION: The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA) provides consular services that protect U.S. citizens and their interests abroad, ensures U.S. border security, facilitates the entry of legitimate travelers, and fosters economic growth.



## STRENGTHEN U.S. BORDER SECURITY



- Adjudicated **13.3 MILLION** NIV applications
- Issued **10.4 MILLION** nonimmigrant visas
- Issued **617,752** immigrant visas
- Issued **482,033** student visas
- Issued **339,712** exchange visitor visas
- **88 PERCENT** of applicants obtained a visa appointment within three weeks

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



## HELP U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS



- Registered **70,666** overseas births of U.S. citizens
- Issued **50,307** emergency passports
- Responded to **33,867** welfare/whereabouts inquiries
- Assisted families of **10,992** U.S. citizens who died while overseas
- **10,629** visits to U.S. citizens in prison
- Published **2,050** emergency messages
- Repatriated **1,218** U.S. citizens

## GROW THE ECONOMY



- International visitors contributed **\$246 BILLION** to the U.S. economy
- International students contributed **\$41.4 BILLION** to the U.S. economy
- **1.2 MILLION** U.S. jobs supported by international travelers
- **11 PERCENT** of all U.S. exports are related to Travel and Tourism

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## PASSPORTS



Passports and passport cards: **18.6 MILLION** issued

PASSPORTS IN CIRCULATION:

- **132 MILLION** valid U.S. passports are in circulation
- **12.3 MILLION** Passport cards issued since 2008
- **41 PERCENT** of U.S. citizens have a passport
- **25** domestic passport agencies
- **4** adjudication centers, and approximately 8,000 passport application acceptance facilities nationwide

## HELP CHILDREN



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

Intercountry Adoptions:

- Adoptions to the United States: **5,372**
- Adopted from the United States: **89**

## DID YOU KNOW? 9 MILLION

U.S. citizens live overseas.



## PREVENT FRAUD



- Adjudicators referred **138,324** 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 country specific travel 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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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