Legal Immigration in Numbers: August 2025 Status Update *[download]*

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While President Trump has kept the spotlight on illegal immigration, legal immigration has also been disrupted—through policy changes and bureaucratic slowdowns. At the same time, delayed data releases have obscured how federal agencies are currently operating, limiting public insight. Below, I analyze the most recent data available, current as of August 25, 2025.

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) oversees the administration of legal immigration by adjudicating applications and petitions for benefits such as work authorization, citizenship, and legal permanent residence (green card status). Comprehensive processing data for all USCIS forms is only available through March 2025, but a smaller dataset provides updated details through July.

Key takeaways from the July 2025 USCIS processing data:

- **Consistent with reported pauses in refugee and asylum green card applications, case completions in these categories have decreased sharply since January.**
- **In other categories, such as petitions for alien relatives and family-based green cards, USCIS completed more cases in July 2025 than January.**
- **Processing times varied for the reported forms with green card applications for beneficiaries of the Cuban Adjustment Act seeing the sharpest increases, including a 40% increase over January 2025 and a 63% increase compared to the same time last year.**

USCIS Processing in July 2025 as Compared to July 2024

	Forms Received	Approvals	Denials	Pending	Pending over six months	Avg. Processing Time	Case Completions (Approvals & Denials)
Petition for Alien Relative	+8%	+32%	+32%	+10%	+13%	-5%	+32%
Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	-13%	-16%	+35%	+30%	+50%	-11%	-12%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Asylum)	+14%	-60%	-38%	+4%	+7%	-1%	-59%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Cuban)	+54%	-67%	-88%	+93%	+84%	+63%	-71%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Employment)	+26%	-23%	-35%	-4%	-3%	-14%	-24%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Family)	+22%	+28%	+39%	+10%	+15%	-22%	+29%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Other)	-9%	+1%	+13%	-6%	+10%	+14%	+3%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Refugee)	+116%	-3%	-30%	+76%	+30%	-20%	-5%
Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence	+203%	-7%	-45%	+13%	-4%	-19%	-9%
Application for Employment Authorization	-10%	-26%	-27%	+44%	+25%	-32%	-26%
Application for Naturalization	-13%	+7%	+23%	+10%	+47%	+8%	+9%

Source: USCIS FY22 Appropriations Reporting Requirement - Application Processing Data for July 2024 and July 2025

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USCIS Processing in July 2025 as Compared to January 2025

	Forms Received	Approvals	Denials	Pending	Pending over six months	Avg. Processing Time	Case Completions (Approvals & Denials)
Petition for Alien Relative	-14%	+71%	+46%	+2%	+4%	-18%	+67%
Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	+2%	-4%	+26%	+9%	+21%	-17%	-1%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Asylum)	-7%	-84%	-67%	+22%	+38%	+37%	-84%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Cuban)	-15%	-77%	-25%	+56%	+57%	+40%	-76%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Employment)	+28%	+43%	-26%	-13%	-8%	-18%	+34%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Family)	+4%	+70%	+32%	+3%	+10%	-28%	+65%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Other)	+14%	+28%	+12%	+21%	+25%	+2%	+25%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Refugee)	+75%	-82%	-67%	+72%	+70%	+40%	-82%
Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence	-3%	+29%	-40%	+16%	+4%	-16%	+26%
Application for Employment Authorization	-28%	-34%	-41%	+52%	+35%	-31%	-34%
Application for Naturalization	-8%	-3%	+12%	-2%	-13%	+0%	-2%

Source: USCIS FY22 Appropriations Reporting Requirement - Application Processing Data for January 2025 and July 2025

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For all USCIS forms, processing data is only currently available through the second quarter of fiscal year 2025, or January through March 2025.

Key takeaways from the FY2025 Q2 USCIS data:

- **In Q2, USCIS completed just 2.7 million cases—down nearly 18% from the 3.3 million completed during the same quarter last year. Completions also fell 12% compared to Q1, underscoring a sharp slowdown in processing.**
- **Employment authorization applications for DACA recipients saw a 100% increase in processing time from Q1 to Q2.**
- **The median processing time for Form I-129—the petition used for most temporary, employment-based visas—rose more than 25% since Q1 and is now over 80% higher than it was a year ago.**
- **Form I-90, the application to replace a green card, saw the steepest spike in delays. Its median processing time jumped 938% in a single quarter—from about 0.8 months in both FY2024 Q2 and FY2025 Q1 to more than 8 months by the end of FY2025 Q2.**

USCIS Processing of All Forms in FY2025 Q2

	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending
As compared to FY2025 Q1	+21%	-14%	-5%	-12%	+17%
As compared to FY2024 Q2	+12%	-18%	-20%	-18%	+17%

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Data, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2024 Q2, Fiscal Year 2025 Q1, Fiscal Year 2025 Q2

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USCIS Processing of Family-Based Forms in FY2025 Q2 Compared to FY2024 Q2

Form	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending	Processing Time
I-129F, Petition for Alien Fiancé(e)	+12%	-61%	+0%	-52%	+3%	-33%
I-130, Petition for Alien Relative	-1%	-8%	+16%	-5%	+14%	+79%
I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative	-23%	-37%	+35%	-22%	+10%	+45%
I-601A, Application for Provisional Unlawful Presence Waiver	-2%	-26%	-44%	-28%	-34%	-27%
I-751, Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence	+49%	-16%	-26%	-17%	-5%	-17%
I-800, Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative	-10%	-14%	+63%	-11%	-11%	+0%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Family)	+12%	-20%	+19%	-16%	+10%	-4%

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2024 Q2 and Fiscal Year 2025 Q2

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USCIS Processing of Family-Based Forms in FY2025 Q2 Compared to FY2025 Q1

Form	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending	Processing Time
I-129F, Petition for Alien Fiancé(e)	+6%	+52%	+6%	+33%	+8%	-7%
I-130, Petition for Alien Relative	+5%	+16%	+30%	+17%	+6%	+10%
I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative	-2%	-19%	+21%	-8%	+3%	+5%
I-601A, Application for Provisional Unlawful Presence Waiver	-3%	-10%	+114%	+14%	+1%	+27%
I-751, Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence	+33%	-30%	-18%	-28%	-6%	-7%
I-800, Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative	+52%	-12%	+1%	-12%	+9%	+0%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Family)	-2%	+3%	+53%	+6%	-2%	+4%
	+2%	-8%	+15%	-5%	+7%	+3%

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2025 Q1 and Q2

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USCIS Processing of Humanitarian Forms in FY2025 Q2 Compared to FY2024 Q2

Form	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending	Processing Time
I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal	+23%	+26%	+66%	+138%	+7%	
I-730, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition	-5%	-10%	+33%	-5%	-21%	+19%
I-817, Application for Family Unity Benefits	+112%			+85%	+23%	-41%
I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status	+223%	-82%	-54%	-81%	+74%	-4%
I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals	+29%	+9%	-23%	+9%	+14%	+100%
I-870, Record of Determination/Credible Fear Worksheet	-69%	-57%	-63%	-56%	-48%	
I-881, App. for Susp. of Deport. or Spec. Rule Cancel. of Removal (Sect. 203 of Public Law 105-100 (NACARA))	+66%			-59%	+2%	
I-899, Record of Determination/Reasonable Fear Worksheet	-12%	-38%	-11%	-17%	+50%	
I-914, Application for T Nonimmigrant Status	-11%	-32%	+133%	+1%	+8%	+15%
I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status	-43%	+6%	+16%	+9%	+1%	-18%
I-929, Petition for Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Nonimmigrant	-44%	-5%	+16%	-1%	-11%	+9%
G-325A, Biographic Information (for Deferred Action)	-49%	-52%	+320%	-51%	+24%	-12%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Asylum)	-11%	-14%	-15%	-14%	-8%	-3%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Refugee)	+18%	-1%	+12%	-1%	+5%	-14%
I-131, Application for Travel Document (Humanitarian Parole)	-42%	+22%	+290%	+164%	-5%	

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2024 Q2 and Fiscal Year 2025 Q2

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USCIS Processing of Humanitarian Forms in FY2025 Q2 Compared to FY2025 Q1

Form	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending	Processing Time
I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal	+23%	+26%	+66%	+138%	+7%	
I-730, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition	-5%	-10%	+33%	-5%	-21%	+19%
I-817, Application for Family Unity Benefits	+112%			+85%	+23%	-41%
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I-899, Record of Determination/Reasonable Fear Worksheet	-12%	-38%	-11%	-17%	+50%	
I-914, Application for T Nonimmigrant Status	-11%	-32%	+133%	+1%	+8%	+15%
I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status	-43%	+6%	+16%	+9%	+1%	-18%
I-929, Petition for Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Nonimmigrant	-44%	-5%	+16%	-1%	-11%	+9%
G-325A, Biographic Information (for Deferred Action)	-49%	-52%	+320%	-51%	+24%	-12%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Asylum)	-11%	-14%	-15%	-14%	-8%	-3%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Refugee)	+18%	-1%	+12%	-1%	+5%	-14%
I-131, Application for Travel Document (Humanitarian Parole)	-42%	+22%	+290%	+164%	-5%	

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2025 Q1 and Q2

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USCIS Processing of Employment Forms in FY2025 Q2 Compared to FY2024 Q2

Form	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending	Processing Time
I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker	+6%	+16%	-4%	+13%	+12%	+81%
I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Workers	+4%	-15%	-6%	-14%	+91%	+11%
I-526, Immigrant Petition by Alien Investor (Legacy)		-68%	-54%	-65%	-72%	+36%
I-526, Immigrant Petition by Standalone Investor (Post-Edition 06/01/22)	+36%	-100%			+93%	
I-526E, Immigrant Petition by Regional Center Investor	+1%			+35%	+127%	
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (Asylum)	+62%	+28%	+4%	+25%	+30%	+25%
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (Adjustment Of Status)	-8%	-19%	-78%	-29%	-37%	-48%
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (DACA)	+17%	-9%	-1%	-9%	-19%	-56%
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (All Other)	-4%	-50%	-63%	-51%	+63%	+11%
I-829, Petition by Investor to Remove Conditions on Permanent Resident Status	+233%	-46%	-7%	-45%	-5%	-79%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Employment)	-36%	-22%	+33%	-17%	-10%	+37%

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2024 Q2 and Fiscal Year 2025 Q2

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USCIS Processing of Employment Forms in FY2025 Q2 Compared to FY2025 Q1

Form	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending	Processing Time
I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker	+7%	+19%	-6%	+15%	-29%	+26%
I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Workers	+0%	+10%	+12%	+10%	+13%	-1%
I-526, Immigrant Petition by Alien Investor (Legacy)		-23%	+2%	-17%	-31%	+1%
I-526, Immigrant Petition by Standalone Investor (Post-Edition 06/01/22)	+49%				+36%	+19%
I-526E, Immigrant Petition by Regional Center Investor	+34%			+8%	+20%	-3%
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (Asylum)	+19%	-6%	+4%	-5%	+52%	+75%
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (Adjustment Of Status)	+20%	-6%	-1%	-6%	+24%	-9%
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (DACA)	+30%	+9%	-20%	+8%	+14%	+100%
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (All Other)	+27%	-36%	-14%	-35%	+119%	+50%
I-829, Petition by Investor to Remove Conditions on Permanent Resident Status	-33%	+6%	+18%	+7%	-8%	-57%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Employment)	-39%	-16%	+13%	-13%	-1%	+3%

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2025 Q1 and Q2

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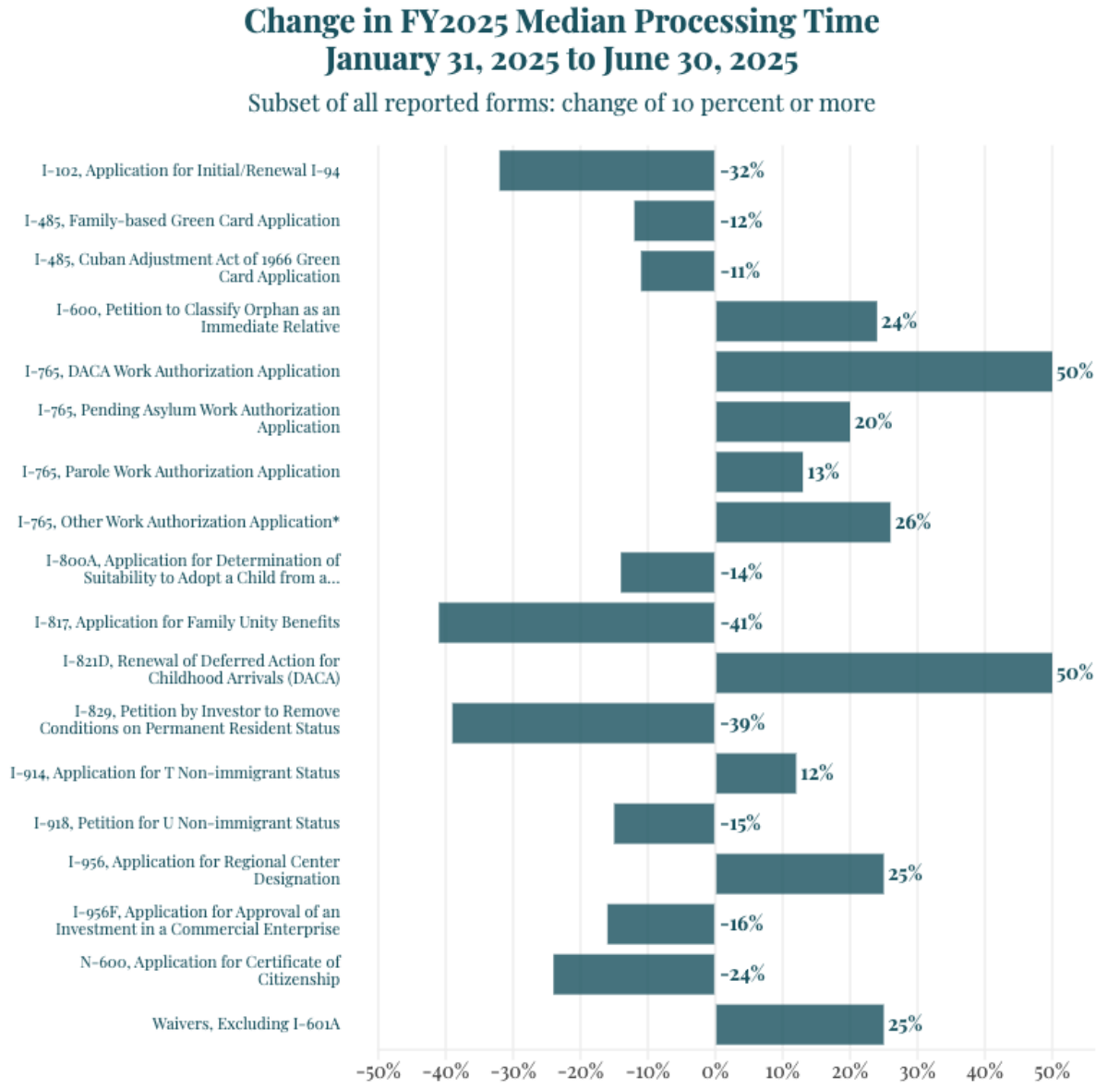
Real-time USCIS processing data isn't easily accessible in aggregate, but annual median processing times still offer valuable insight into broader trends.

Key takeaways from the FY2025 Median Processing Times:

- **The FY2025 median processing time for Form I-90, the application for a replacement green card, increased by 471% between January 31, 2025 and June 30, 2025.**
- **The median processing time for DACA employment authorizations and DACA renewals increased by 50% between January 31, 2025 and June 30, 2025.**

Across all reported form types, FY2025 median processing times **increased by an average of 11.1%** between January 31, 2025 and June 30, 2025. Setting aside the 471% surge in I-90

processing times, median processing times for all other reported form types in FY2025 rose by an average of just 1.3%.



Source: USCIS Historic Processing Times, Median Processing Times for FY2025 as of January 31, 2025 and June 30, 2025. • Note: The median processing time for Form I-90 (Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card) in FY2025 increased by 471% between January 31, 2025 and June 30, 2025. This form has been excluded for scale and readability. *"Other" EAD applications do not include applications based on a pending I-485.

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Department of State

The Department of State (DOS) issues visas to foreign nationals abroad, leveraging interviews and other vetting tools to protect the integrity and security of legal immigration.

Key takeaways from consular wait times

- **Consular wait times have fluctuated sharply in recent months as new requirements—such as social media reviews and other vetting measures—have taken effect. While**

some posts have actually managed to lower wait times in spite of these changes, other locations have seen steep increases in estimated wait times.
    - **Among reported posts, visitor wait times increased by an average of 69% between January 7, 2025 and August 18, 2025.**
    - **Student wait times increased by an average of 259%.**
    - **Petition-based wait times increased by an average of 187%.**
    - **Transit and crew wait times increased by an average of 110%.**
- **New interview waiver guidelines are taking effect on September 2nd and are likely to increase wait times further. For more context, check out "Interviewing Babies: The Latest in Consular Inefficiency."**

Note: Between January 2025 and April 2025, the Department of State consular wait time data changed formats. Data that was once reported in days is now published only in rounded months. For consistency, January 2025 figures have been converted into approximate months to allow comparison.

	Visitors (in months)	Student/Exchange Visitors (in months)	Petition-based (in months)	Transit and Crew (in months)
City/Post	**As of August 18, 2025**			
Abidjan	1	1	0	0
Abu Dhabi	18	0		1
Abuja	11.5	14	2	3
Accra	10	11	0	0
Addis Ababa	5	2	3	1
Algiers	7.5	2	0	0
Almaty	2	1	0	0
Amman	1	0	0	0
Amsterdam	2	1	1	1
Ankara	7.5	2	2	
Antananarivo	0	0	0	0
Apia	2	2	2	2
Ashgabat	2	2	2	2
Asmara	2	2	2	2
Astana	2			0
Asuncion	0	0	0	0
Athens	3	2	2	2
Auckland	3	1	0	3
Baghdad	1			
Baku	0	0	0	0
Bamako	5.5			
Bandar Seri Begawan	0	0	0	0

Bangkok	2	1	2	1
Banjul	3	3	3	3
Beijing	1	0	1	0
Beirut	2	2	1	2
Belfast	2	1	1	1
Belgrade	1	0	3	1
Belmopan	0	0	0	0
Berlin	0	0	0	0
Bern	1	1	0	0
Bishkek	1	1	1	1
Bogota	10.5	1	1	0
Brasilia	2	1	0	0
Bratislava	1	1	1	1
Brazzaville	3	1	3	1
Bridgetown	1			0
Brussels	1		2	2
Bucharest	2	0	1	1
Budapest	1	2	1	1
Buenos Aires	3	0	0	0
Bujumbura	0	0	0	0
Cairo	2	2	2	2
Calgary	25	0	0	0
Cape Town	2	0	0	0
Casablanca	6.5	1	3	4.5
Chennai (Madras)	9	2	2	1
Chiang Mai	0	0		0
Chisinau	0	1	0	0
Ciudad Juarez	8	0	0	0
Colombo	0	3	0	0
Conakry	1	1	1	1
Copenhagen	2	1	1	1
Cotonou	2	2	2	2
Curacao	0	0	0	0
Dakar	1		0	0
Dar Es Salaam	1	0	0	0
Dhahran	0	0	0	0
Dhaka	0	6	0	0
Djibouti	0	0	0	0
Doha	1	1	1	0

Dubai	13	0	0	
Dublin	0	0	0	0
Durban	1	0	1	1
Dushanbe	3	3	3	3
Erbil				
Florence	0	0	0	0
Frankfurt	1	1	0	0
Freetown	6	6	6	6
Gaborone	1	1	1	1
Georgetown	0	1	0	0
Guadalajara	10	0	0	0
Guangzhou	2	1	2	1
Guatemala City	8		1	0
Guayaquil	8	1	2	0
Halifax	9.5		1	9.5
Hamilton				
Hanoi	0	1	0	0
Harare	2	2	0	0
Helsinki	2	2	1	1
Hermosillo	7.5	0	0	0
Ho Chi Minh City	0	0	0	0
Hong Kong	1		0	0
Hyderabad	3.5	2	3	0
Islamabad	8.5	2	1	1
Istanbul	20	3.5	2	0
Jakarta	1	1	1	1
Jeddah	1	0	0	0
Jerusalem	6	1	0	6
Johannesburg	1	0	1	1
Kampala	12.5	3	0	0
Karachi	10.5	10.5	5	
Kathmandu	0	0	0	0
Kigali	1	1	1	1
Kingston	1	0	0	0
Kinshasa				
Kolkata	5.5	2		
Kolonia	0	0	0	0
Koror	1	1	1	1
Krakow	0		0	0

Kuala Lumpur	0	0	0	0
Kuwait	1	0	0	0
La Paz	2	0	0	0
Lagos	15		5.5	5.5
Libreville	1	1	1	
Lilongwe	1	4	1	1
Lima	8.5	1	1	0
Lisbon	2	1	1	1
Ljubljana	0		0	0
Lome	3	3	1	1
London	2	0	0	0
Luanda	0	0	0	0
Lusaka	1	1	1	1
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0
Madrid	2	1	1	1
Majuro	1	1	1	1
Malabo	3	3	3	
Managua	0	0	0	0
Manama	0	2	0	0
Manila	2	1	1	0
Matamoros	7.5	0	0	0
Mbabane	2	0	0	2
Melbourne	8	0	0	0
Merida	8	1	1	1
Mexico City	10		1	1
Milan	0	0	0	0
Monrovia	0	0	0	0
Monterrey	12		0	0
Montevideo	4.5	0	0	4.5
Mumbai (Bombay)	4	2	1	1
Munich	1	0	1	1
Muscat	2	1	2	2
Naha	1	0	1	1
Nairobi	2	3	2	3
Naples	0	0	0	0
Nassau	1	1	1	1
New Delhi	5			0
Niamey				
Nicosia	0	0	0	0

Nogales	3.5	0	0	0
Nouakchott	0	0	0	0
Nuevo Laredo	7.5	1	0	0
Osaka/Kobe				
Oslo	1	0	0	0
Ottawa	12	3	3.5	6
Ouagadougou	2	0	0	
Panama City	2		1	1
Paramaribo	0	0	0	0
Paris	10	1	3	1
Perth	5	1	1	1
Phnom Penh	1	1	1	1
Podgorica	0	1	0	0
Port Louis	0	0	0	0
Port Moresby	2	2	2	2
Port Of Spain	0	0	0	0
Porto Alegre	1	1	1	0
Prague	0	0	1	0
Praia	0	0	0	0
Pristina	0		1	1
Quebec	9.5		1	
Quito	9	1	0	0
Rangoon	6	6	6	6
Recife	1	0	0	0
Reykjavik	0	0	0	0
Riga	0		0	0
Rio De Janeiro	1	1	0	0
Riyadh	0	1	0	0
Rome	0	0	0	0
San Jose	15.5	1	1	1
San Salvador	1	0	0	0
Santiago	3	2	5	2
Santo Domingo	8	1	1	0
Sao Paulo	2	0	0	0
Sapporo				
Sarajevo	0	0	0	0
Seoul	1	1	1	1
Shanghai	2	1	0	1
Shenyang	1	0	0	1

Singapore	0	0	0	0
Skopje	0	0	0	0
Sofia	0	0	0	1
Stockholm	1	0	1	0
Surabaya	1	0	0	1
Suva	1	1	1	1
Sydney	7	0	1	1
Taipei	0	0	0	0
Tallinn	1	1	1	1
Tashkent	1	1	1	1
Tbilisi	1	0	1	1
Tegucigalpa	16	0	0	0
Tel Aviv	0	0	0	0
Tijuana	8	0	1	1
Tirana	0	0	0	
Tokyo	4	3	2	1
Toronto	16.5	1	1	1
Tunis	1	2	0	0
Ulaanbaatar	1	1	0	0
Valletta	1		1	1
Vancouver	9	2	2	3
Vienna	0	0	0	0
Vientiane	0	0	0	0
Vilnius	0	0	0	0
Warsaw	1	1	0	0
Windhoek	0	0	0	0
Wuhan				
Yaounde	1	0	0	0
Yerevan	1	1	2	2
Zagreb	0		0	0

Key takeaways from the consular visa issuance statistics

- **U.S. consulates issued 16% fewer nonimmigrant visas in May 2025 than in May 2024.**
- **By magnitude, the largest decreases in NIV issuances occurred among visitor visa types B-1, B-2, B-1/B-2, BBBCC, BBBCV with a cumulative decrease of 136,025 and F-1 student visas with a decrease of 12,689, compared to May 2024.**
- **U.S. consulates issued 20% fewer immigrant visas in May 2025 than in May 2024.**
- **By magnitude, the FX classification for country cap-exempt immediate relatives of green card holders experienced the largest decrease in IV issuances as U.S. consulates issued 6,128 fewer FX visas in May 2025 compared to May 2024.**

Change in Monthly Immigrant Visa Issuances at U.S. Consulates: May 2024 to May 2025

Total IV issuances down 20% compared to May 2024

Visa	Change	Visa	Change	Visa	Change
TOTAL	-20%	F3	-17%	IR2	+5%
AM	-7%	F4	-28%	IR3	-75%
CR1	-48%	FX	-75%	IR4	+400%
CR2	-54%	GV1	-72%	IR5	-17%
DV	-18%	GV2	-66%	IW	-4%
E1	-46%	GV3	-61%	SB1	-37%
E2	+20%	I5	-69%	SQ1	-64%
E3	-50%	IB1	-17%	SQ2	-66%
EW	+51%	IB2	+150%	SQ3	-71%
F1	+177%	IH3	-23%	SU	-75%
F2A	+269%	IH4	+40%	T5	+20%
F2B	+111%	IR1	-1%		

Source: U.S. Department of State, Monthly Immigrant Visa Issuances, May 2024 and May 2025

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Change in Monthly Nonimmigrant Visa Issuances at U.S. Consulates: May 2024 to May 2025

Total NIV issuances down 16% compared to May 2024

Visa Type	Change	Visa Type	Change	Visa Type	Change
TOTAL	-16%	G1	-24%	NATO6	+161%
A1	-4%	G2	-18%	O1	+0%
A2	-26%	G3	-27%	O2	+8%
A3	+66%	G4	-17%	O3	+0%
B1	-29%	G5	-50%	P1	-1%
B1/B2	-15%	H1B	-19%	P2	+13%
B2	-40%	H1B1	-23%	P3	-15%
BBBCC	-25%	H2A	-2%	P4	-28%
BBBCV	-46%	H2B	+38%	Q1	-33%
C1	-31%	H3	-52%	R1	-2%
C1/D	-22%	H4	-20%	R2	-26%
C2	-25%	I	-18%	T2	-50%
C3	+7%	J1	-13%	T3	-66%
CW1	-9%	J2	-23%	T4	+100%
CW2	-37%	K1	-52%	T5	+0%
D	-5%	K2	-48%	TD	-25%
E1	+15%	L1	-4%	TN	+14%
E2	-17%	L2	-14%	U1	-62%
E2C	+100%	M1	+3%	U2	-45%
E3	-17%	M2	-59%	U3	-3%
E3D	+2%	NATO1	-67%	U4	-50%
E3R	-13%	NATO2	+5%	U5	-50%
F1	-22%	NATO4	+76%		
F2	-34%	NATO5	+175%		

Source: U.S. Department of State, Monthly Nonimmigrant Visa Issuances, May 2024 and May 2025

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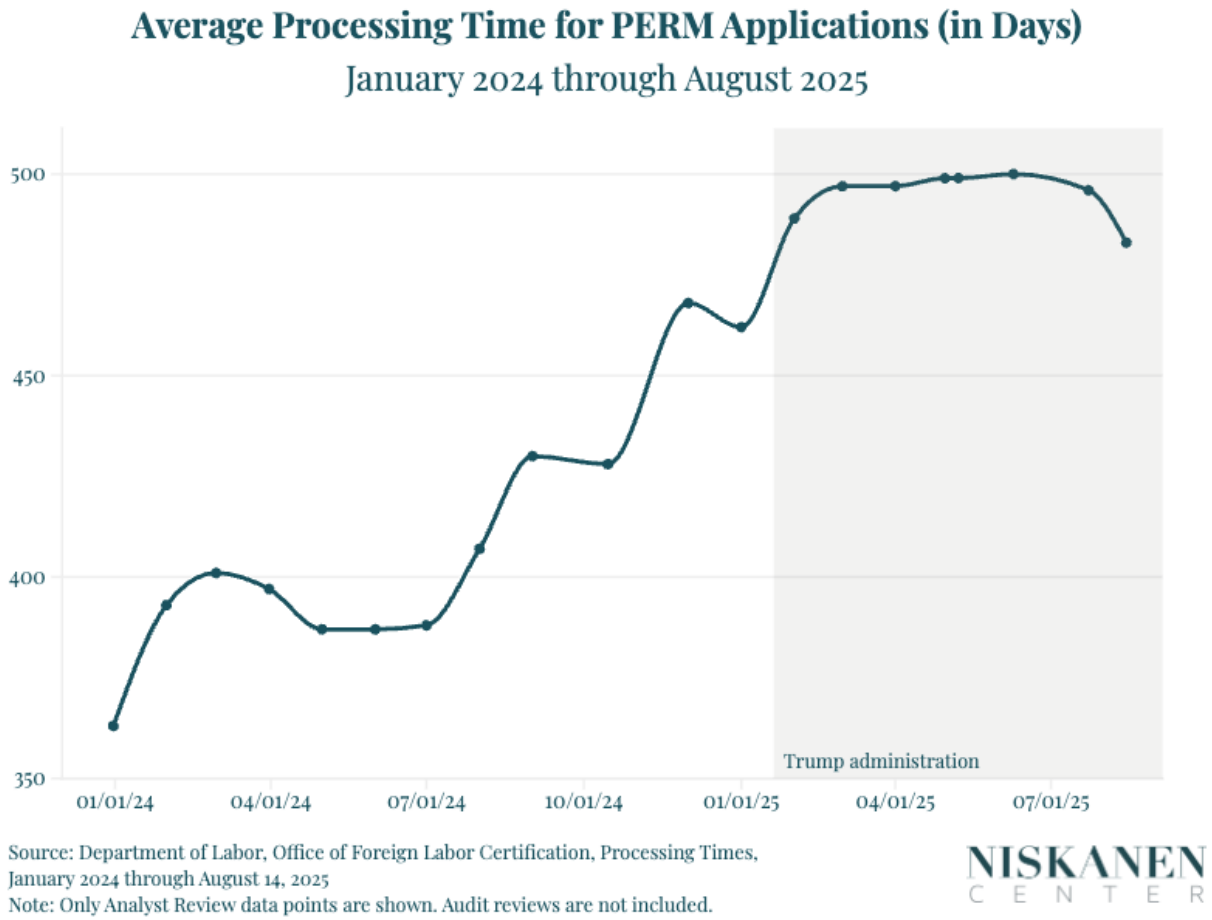
Department of Labor

The Department of Labor (DOL) oversees multiple labor certification and prevailing wage processes that were designed to protect American workers and uphold minimum standards for the employment of foreign nationals sponsored on employment visas.

Key takeaways from the PERM processing times

- **PERM processing times began rising steadily well before the change in administration. From March 2025 and July 2025, processing times actually leveled off, holding at roughly 500 days for several months.**
- **In late June, the Trump administration created the Office of Immigration Policy within the Department of Labor to steer immigration priorities and resources. It remains unclear whether this new office will take steps to reduce PERM delays.**

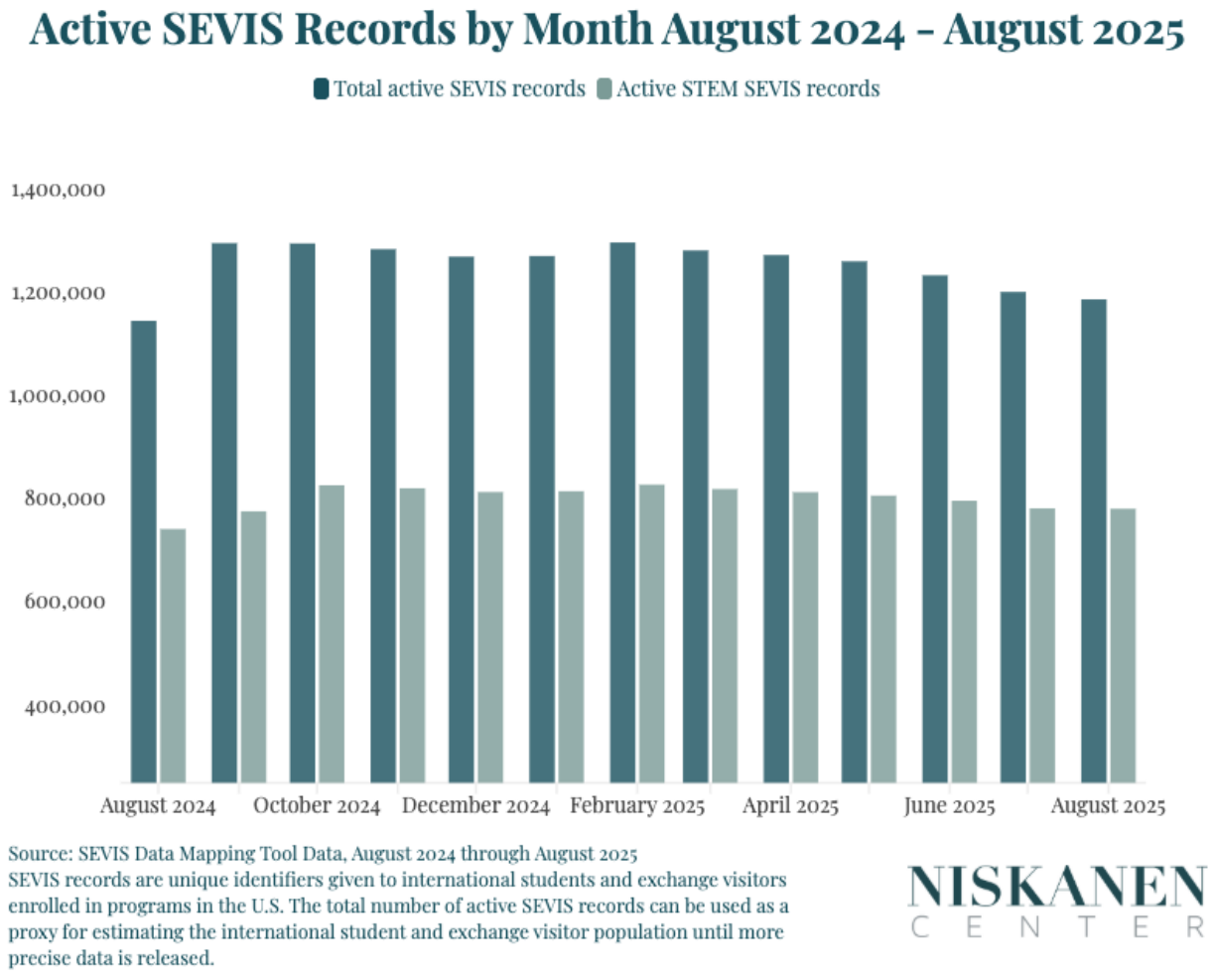


Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Beyond leading the interior enforcement efforts, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) also administers SEVIS, (the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System used by international students and cultural exchange visitors).

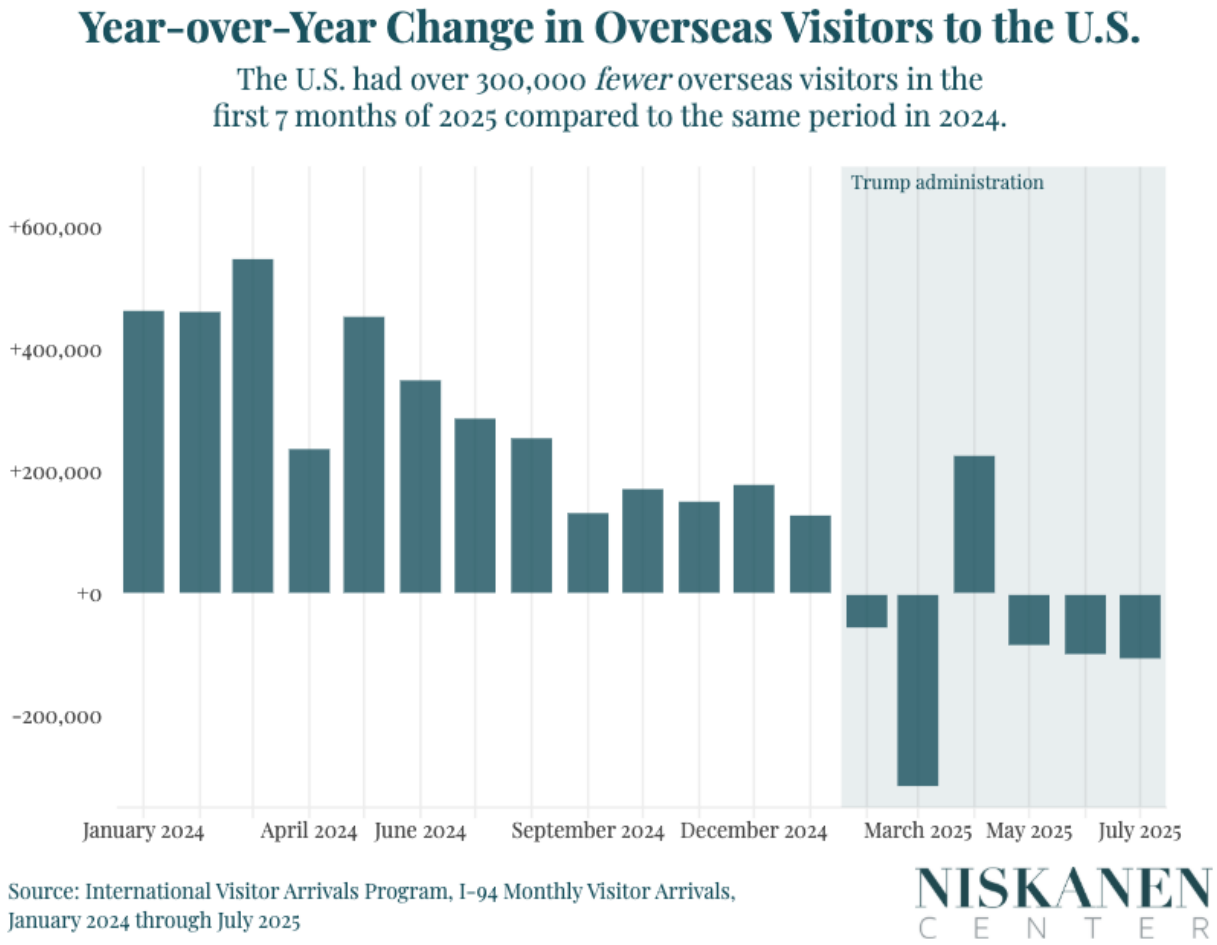
Key takeaways from the SEVIS records

- **Although international student enrollment is expected to decline significantly this fall, the monthly SEVIS data does not yet show that trend. In fact, August 2025 recorded more than 41,000 additional active SEVIS records compared to August 2024.**
- **This dataset also does not appear to reflect the termination of more than 1,800 SEVIS records earlier this year—likely because most have since been reinstated.**
- **Notably, in July 2025, SEVIS data was re-released after a prior deletion.The new data varies significantly from the data available prior to April 25, 2025. For a review of what changes were made, read "ICE rewrites international student data without explanation."**



National Travel and Tourism Office

The National Travel and Tourism Office, part of the International Trade Administration, tracks data on international travel to and from the United States.

Key takeaways from the overseas visitor numbers

- **Over 300,000 fewer overseas visitors came to the U.S. during the first 7 months of 2025 compared to the same time period in 2024.**
- **February 2025 marked the first month with a year-over-year decrease in overseas visitors since the COVID-19 pandemic.**