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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 October 9, 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 June 2025, but a smaller dataset provides updated details through August.

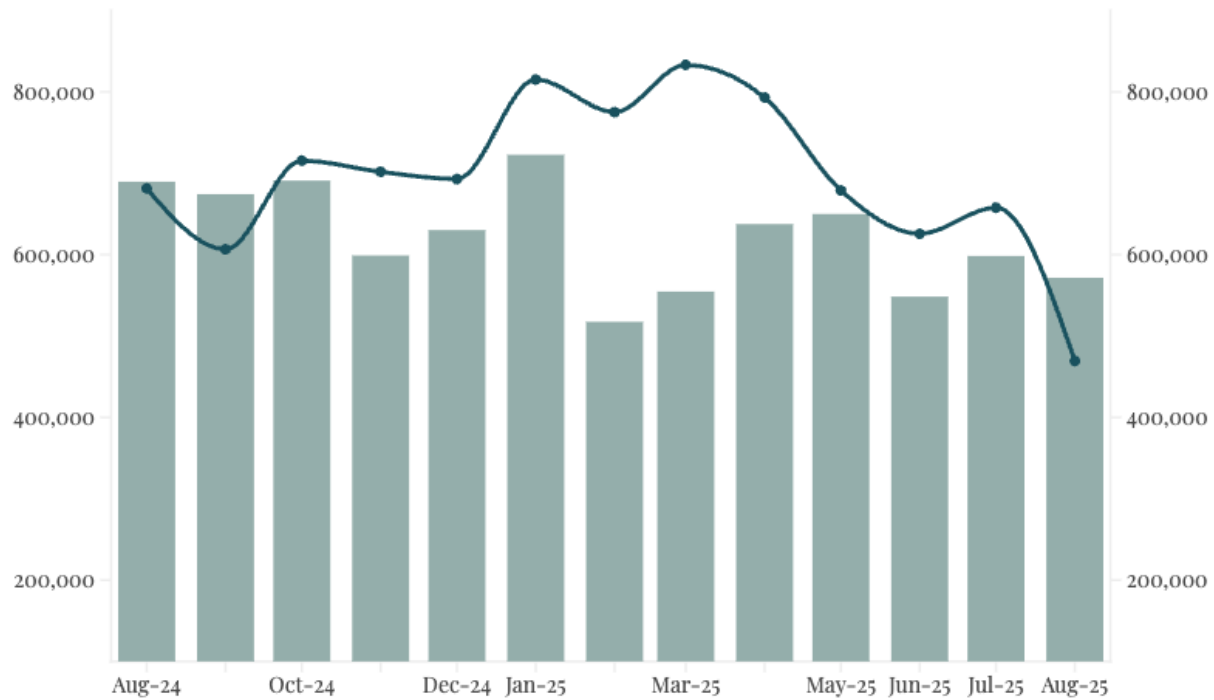
Key takeaways from the July 2025 USCIS processing data:

- Consistent with [reported pauses](#) in refugee and asylum green card applications, case completions in these categories have decreased sharply since January.
- Form receipts dropped sharply in August.
 - 46 percent fewer applications for work authorization were received in August 2025 compared to August 2024. Compared to January 2025, 57 percent fewer applications for work authorization were received.
 - Naturalization application receipts are 20 percent lower than a year ago and 13 percent lower than in January 2025.
- Processing times varied for the reported forms with green card applications for beneficiaries of the Cuban Adjustment Act seeing the sharpest increases, including a 41% increase over January 2025 and a 65% increase compared to the same time last year.

Form Receipts and Completions Among Subset of USCIS Forms

August 2024 through August 2025

■ Receipts ■ Completions



Source: FY22 Appropriations Reporting Requirement, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Data, August 2024 through August 2025.

Forms included in the monthly subset: I-130 Petition for Alien Relative, I-360 Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant, I-485 Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Asylum, Cuban, Employment, Family, Refugee, Other), I-751 Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence, I-765 Application for Employment Authorization, N-400 Application for Naturalization.

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USCIS Processing in August 2025 as Compared to August 2024

	Forms Received	Approvals	Denials	Pending	Pending over six months	Avg. Processing Time	Case Completions (Approvals & Denials)
Petition for Alien Relative	-9%	+24%	+16%	+9%	+13%	-7%	+23%
Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	+4%	-22%	+21%	+30%	+50%	-18%	-19%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Asylum)	+6%	-68%	-40%	+10%	+16%	+3%	-67%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Cuban)	+27%	-73%	-30%	+100%	+103%	+65%	-72%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Employment)	-38%	-16%	-41%	-5%	-7%	-23%	-19%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Family)	-10%	+10%	+29%	+8%	+16%	-19%	+12%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Other)	-22%	+96%	+71%	-10%	+3%	-3%	+93%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Refugee)	+68%	-11%	-60%	+81%	+54%	-37%	-14%
Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence	+147%	-19%	-56%	+18%	+0%	-14%	-21%
Application for Employment Authorization	-46%	-30%	-34%	+40%	+47%	+20%	-30%
Application for Naturalization	-20%	+11%	+10%	+4%	+43%	+3%	+11%

Source: [USCIS FY22 Appropriations Reporting Requirement - Application Processing Data for August 2024 and August 2025](#)

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USCIS Processing in August 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	-24%	+68%	+27%	+1%	+4%	-15%	+62%
Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	+25%	-4%	+6%	+12%	+25%	-23%	-3%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Asylum)	-27%	-78%	-61%	+26%	+50%	+25%	-77%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Cuban)	-40%	-72%	-31%	+61%	+80%	+41%	-71%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Employment)	-26%	+35%	-19%	-16%	-10%	-19%	+28%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Family)	-16%	+58%	+30%	+0%	+11%	-28%	+54%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Other)	-4%	+137%	+27%	+16%	+21%	-9%	+119%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Refugee)	+51%	-58%	-59%	+84%	+102%	-7%	-58%
Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence	-14%	+18%	-40%	+17%	+8%	-11%	+15%
Application for Employment Authorization	-57%	-37%	-53%	+46%	+61%	+0%	-39%
Application for Naturalization	-13%	-4%	+2%	-2%	-10%	+0%	-4%

Source: [USCIS FY22 Appropriations Reporting Requirement – Application Processing Data for January 2025 and August 2025](#)

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For all USCIS forms, processing data is only currently available through the third quarter of fiscal year 2025, or April through June 2025.

Key takeaways from the FY2025 Q3 USCIS data:

- In FY2025 Q3, USCIS completed just 2.7 million cases, which, while consistent with Q2 completions, represents a nearly 16% decrease in completions compared to the same quarter last year.
- USCIS approved 21% fewer cases in FY2025 Q3 compared to the same time last year and 19% fewer than in Q1.
- USCIS completed 397% more affirmative asylum cases in FY2025 Q3 compared to the same quarter last year. In FY2025 Q3, USCIS denied 538% more affirmative asylum cases compared to the same quarter last year.
- Compared to FY2024 Q3, USCIS denied 482% more T nonimmigrant petitions and received 99% fewer U nonimmigrant petitions.
- In June 2025, USCIS received 103,211 H-1B petitions, the highest number of H-1B petitions filed in a single month since April 2019.

- The frontlog (unopened cases received by USCIS) nearly doubled since the end of Q2, rising from around 34,000 to over 60,000 at the end of Q3.
- The net backlog (backlogged cases within the government’s control) rose by nearly 1.6 million between Q2 and Q3, ending Q3 with 5,408,000 backlogged cases.
- The active DACA population dropped by 9,640 individuals between Q2 and Q3.

USCIS Processing of All Forms in FY2025 Q3

	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending
As compared to FY2025 Q1	+3%	-19%	+18%	-13%	+19%
As compared to FY2024 Q3	+6%	-21%	-5%	-16%	+25%

Source: [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Data, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2024 Q3, Fiscal Year 2025 Q1, Fiscal Year 2025 Q3](#)

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USCIS Processing of Employment Forms in FY2025 Q3 Compared to FY2024 Q3

Form	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending	Processing Time
I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker	+18%	+5%	+30%	+8%	+32%	+11%
I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Workers	+5%	-13%	+36%	-8%	+81%	+65%
I-526, Immigrant Petition by Alien Investor (Legacy)		-71%	-27%	-60%	-75%	+47%
I-526, Immigrant Petition by Standalone Investor (Post-Edition 06/01/22)	+174%			-43%	+87%	
I-526E, Immigrant Petition by Regional Center Investor	+617%			+277%	+91%	
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (Asylum)	+40%	+53%	-13%	+44%	+52%	+43%
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (Adjustment of Status)	+41%	-18%	-80%	-32%	+30%	-41%
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (DACA)	+13%	+6%	-24%	+5%	-12%	-50%
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (All Other)	-44%	-64%	+95%	-54%	+26%	+137%
I-829, Petition by Investor to Remove Conditions on Permanent Resident Status	-27%	-31%	-28%	-31%	-2%	-72%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Employment)	+5%	-26%	+11%	-23%	-6%	+12%

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2024 Q3 and Fiscal Year 2025 Q3

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USCIS Processing of Family-Based Forms in FY2025 Q3 Compared to FY2025 Q1

Form	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending	Processing Time
I-129F, Petition for Alien Fiancé(e)	+3%	+2%	-16%	-6%	+25%	+18%
I-130, Petition for Alien Relative (Immediate Relative)	-3%	+67%	+55%	+66%	+2%	+1%
I-130, Petition for Alien Relative (All Other)	-14%	-16%	+140%	+28%	+6%	+9%
I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative	-4%	-20%	+176%	+17%	+1%	+77%
I-601A, Application for Provisional Unlawful Presence Waiver	+53%	-19%	-14%	-19%	-12%	-14%
I-751, Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence	+33%	-32%	-20%	-31%	+18%	-9%
I-800, Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative	+2%	-1%	+47%	+2%	-2%	-17%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Family)	+2%	+46%	+39%	+45%	+7%	-23%

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2025 Q1 and Q3

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USCIS Processing of Family-Based Forms in FY2025 Q3 Compared to FY2025 Q1

Form	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending	Processing Time
I-129F, Petition for Alien Fiancé(e)	+3%	+2%	-16%	-6%	+25%	+18%
I-130, Petition for Alien Relative (Immediate Relative)	-3%	+67%	+55%	+66%	+2%	+1%
I-130, Petition for Alien Relative (All Other)	-14%	-16%	+140%	+28%	+6%	+9%
I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative	-4%	-20%	+176%	+17%	+1%	+77%
I-601A, Application for Provisional Unlawful Presence Waiver	+53%	-19%	-14%	-19%	-12%	-14%
I-751, Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence	+33%	-32%	-20%	-31%	+18%	-9%
I-800, Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative	+2%	-1%	+47%	+2%	-2%	-17%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Family)	+2%	+46%	+39%	+45%	+7%	-23%

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2025 Q1 and Q3

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USCIS Processing of Humanitarian Forms in FY2025 Q3 Compared to FY2025 Q1

Form	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending	Processing Time
I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal	-32%	+32%	+149%	+376%	+4%	
I-730, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition	-16%	-54%	+14%	-47%	-67%	+57%
I-817, Application for Family Unity Benefits	+70%			+108%	+7%	-56%
I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status	+101%	-85%	+13%	-83%	+118%	+50%
I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals	-5%	+10%	+6%	+10%	+7%	+100%
I-870, Record of Determination/Credible Fear Worksheet	-93%	-98%	-95%	-95%	-42%	
I-881, App. for Susp. of Deport. or Spec. Rule Cancel. of Removal (Sect. 203 of Public Law 105-100 (NACARA))	+10%				+5%	
I-899, Record of Determination/Reasonable Fear Worksheet	-22%	-80%	-18%	-27%	+171%	
I-914, Application for T Nonimmigrant Status	-33%	-66%	+354%	+18%	+36%	+28%
I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status	-99%	+16%	+12%	+15%	+2%	-43%
I-929, Petition for Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Nonimmigrant	-34%	-67%	-49%	-64%	-11%	+12%
G-325A, Biographic Information (for Deferred Action)	-73%	-96%	-52%	-96%	+52%	+294%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Asylum)	-19%	-90%	-66%	-89%	+12%	+14%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Refugee)	+39%	-87%	-37%	-85%	+55%	+6%
I-131, Application for Travel Document (Humanitarian Parole)	-63%	-16%	+623%	+325%	-18%	

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2025 Q1 and Q3

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USCIS Processing of Humanitarian Forms in FY2025 Q3 Compared to FY2024 Q3

Form	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending	Processing Time
I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal	-16%	-2%	+538%	+397%	+19%	
I-730, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition	-39%	-70%	+22%	-64%	-56%	+126%
I-817, Application for Family Unity Benefits	+136%			+30%	+13%	-72%
I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status	+244%	-83%	+35%	-80%	+195%	+58%
I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals	+13%	+6%	+26%	+6%	-7%	-56%
I-870, Record of Determination/Credible Fear Worksheet	-94%	-98%	-97%	-96%	-3%	
I-881, App. for Susp. of Deport. or Spec. Rule Cancel. of Removal (Sect. 203 of Public Law 105-100 (NACARA))	+7%				+4%	
I-899, Record of Determination/Reasonable Fear Worksheet	-49%	-89%	-46%	-52%	+46%	
I-914, Application for T Nonimmigrant Status	-13%	-73%	+482%	+3%	+93%	+64%
I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status	-99%	-7%	-17%	-10%	+9%	-67%
I-929, Petition for Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Nonimmigrant	-55%	-22%	+19%	-16%	-14%	+85%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Asylum)	-6%	-55%	-31%	-53%	+1%	-14%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Refugee)	+100%	+4%	-27%	-1%	+71%	-38%
I-131, Application for Travel Document (Humanitarian Parole)	-65%	-75%	+250%	+71%	+1,125%	

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2024 Q3 and Fiscal Year 2025 Q3

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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:

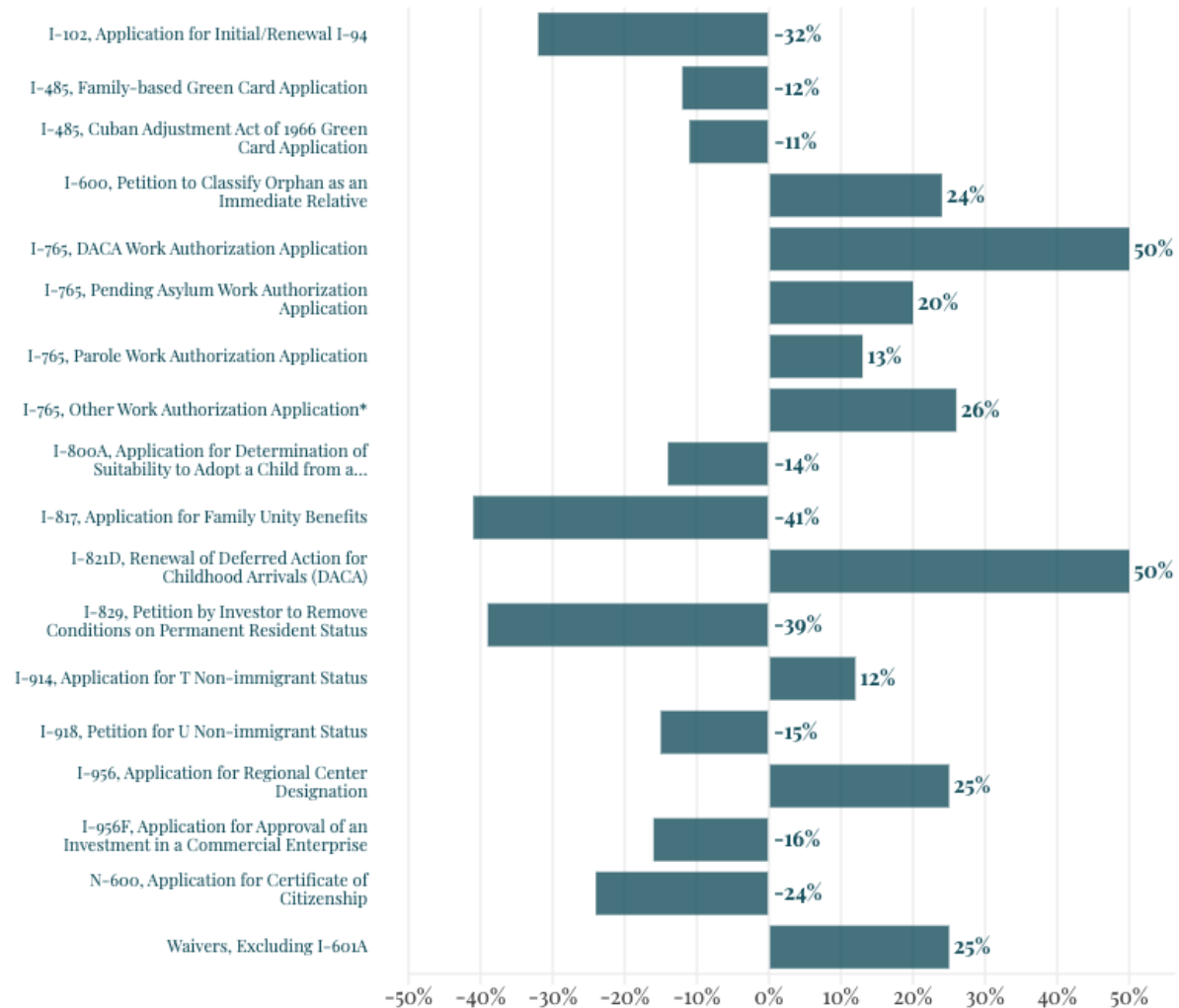
- The FY2025 median processing time for Form I-90, the application for a replacement green card, increased by 471% between January 31, 2025 and June 30, 2025.
- The median processing time for DACA employment authorizations and DACA renewals increased by 50% between January 31, 2025 and June 30, 2025.

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%.

Change in FY2025 Median Processing Time January 31, 2025 to June 30, 2025

Subset of all reported forms: change of 10 percent or more



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 65% between January 7, 2025 and September 17, 2025.
- Student wait times increased by an average of 137%.
- Petition-based wait times increased by an average of 77%.
- Transit and crew wait times increased by an average of 25%.
- New and restricted interview waiver guidelines took effect on September 2nd. New restrictions on third-country processing were enacted around the same time. These changes are likely to increase wait times further. For more context, check out “[Interviewing Babies: The Latest in Consular Inefficiency.](#)”
 - *Notes regarding data consistencies:* 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. Additionally, in September 2025, the Department of State began labeling any value less than 0.5 as “<0.5,” rather than providing the specific value or rounding down. For consistency, these values were rounded down to zero in the below chart.

	Visitors (in months)	Student/Exchange Visitors (in months)	Petition-based (in months)	Transit and Crew (in months)
City/Post	As of September 17, 2025			
Abidjan	5	0	0	0
Abu Dhabi	18.5	0		0
Abuja	5	8.5	2	1
Accra	7.5	4	2	3
Addis Ababa	5	2	4.5	3.5
Algiers	8	3	0	0
Almaty	2	1	0	0
Amman	2	0	0	0
Amsterdam	2	1	1	1
Ankara	8	2	3	
Antananarivo	0	0	0	0
Apia	2	2	2	2
Ashgabat	2	2	2	2
Asmara	2	2	2	2
Astana	2			0
Asuncion	2	0	0	0
Athens	3	2	1	1
Auckland	3	0	2	2

Baghdad	1			
Baku	0	0	0	0
Bamako	6			
Bandar Seri Begawan	0	0	0	0
Bangkok	1	1	1	0
Banjul	3	3	3	3
Beijing	0	1	0	0
Beirut	2	2	1	2
Belfast	3	0	0	0
Belgrade	1	0	1	0
Belmopan	0	0	0	0
Berlin	0	0	0	0
Bern	1	1	0	0
Bishkek	0	0	0	0
Bogota	11	0	0	0
Brasilia	2	0	0	0
Bratislava	0	0	1	0
Brazzaville	0	0	0	0
Bridgetown	1	0	0	0
Brussels	1		1	1
Bucharest	2	0	0	0
Budapest	1	2	1	1
Buenos Aires	2	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)	3	2	1	1
Chiang Mai	0	0		0
Chisinau	1	0	0	0
Ciudad Juarez	10	0	0	0
Colombo	0	3	0	0
Conakry	1	1	1	1
Copenhagen	2	0	0	0
Cotonou	2	2	2	2
Curacao	0	0	0	0
Dakar	1	1	1	1
Dar Es Salaam	1	0	0	0

Dhahran	0	0	0	0
Dhaka	8.5	5	0	0
Djibouti	1	1	1	1
Doha	1	1	1	0
Dubai	13	0	0	
Dublin	1	0	0	0
Durban	3	0	1	1
Dushanbe	3	3	3	3
Erbil				
Florence	0	0	0	0
Frankfurt	1	0	1	0
Freetown	5.5	5	7	5.5
Gaborone	1	1	1	1
Georgetown	0	1	0	0
Guadalajara	10	0	0	0
Guangzhou	2	1	1	1
Guatemala City	11		0	1
Guayaquil	7	1	1	4
Halifax	12	0	1	12
Hamilton				
Hanoi	0	0	0	0
Harare				
Helsinki	2	2	1	1
Hermosillo	7.5	0	0	0
Ho Chi Minh City	0	0	0	0
Hong Kong	0		0	0
Hyderabad	3.5	2	3	0
Islamabad	7.5	2	1	0
Istanbul	29	2	1	0
Jakarta	0	0	0	1
Jeddah	1	0	0	0
Jerusalem	0	0	0	0
Johannesburg	2	1	1	1
Kampala	12.5	4	0	0
Karachi	7	1	1	0
Kathmandu	0	0	0	0
Kigali	2	2	2	2
Kingston	0	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	0	0	0	0
La Paz	2	0	0	2
Lagos	11	11	1	1
Libreville	2	2	2	
Lilongwe	3	3	1	1
Lima	9	1	1	1
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	10	0	10	0
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0
Madrid	1	1	1	1
Majuro	1	1	1	1
Malabo	3	3	3	
Managua	0	0	0	0
Manama	0	1	0	0
Manila	1	1	1	0
Matamoros	9.5	0	1	0
Mbabane	2	0	0	2
Melbourne	7	0	0	0
Merida	8	0	0	0
Mexico City	10		1	1
Milan	0	0	0	0
Monrovia	0	0	0	0
Monterrey	12.5	0	0	0
Montevideo	1	0	0	1
Mumbai (Bombay)	5	2	1	1
Munich	0	0	0	0
Muscat	1	0	1	1
Naha	1	0	1	1
Nairobi	0	0	0	0
Naples	0	0	0	0

Nassau	1	1	1	1
New Delhi	12	2		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	0	0	0	0
Ottawa	12	14.5	4	0
Ouagadougou	1	0	0	
Panama City	2		1	1
Paramaribo	0	0	0	0
Paris	7	1	1	1
Perth	4	0	1	1
Phnom Penh	1	1	1	1
Podgorica	1	1	1	1
Port Louis	0	0	0	0
Port Moresby	2	2	2	2
Port Of Spain	0	0	0	0
Porto Alegre	2	1	1	0
Prague	0	0	0	0
Praia	0	0	0	0
Pristina	1	0	0	0
Quebec				
Quito	11	0	0	0
Rangoon	6	6	6	6
Recife	1	0	0	0
Reykjavik	0	0	0	0
Riga	0		0	0
Rio De Janeiro	2	1	0	0
Riyadh	0	0	0	0
Rome	0	0	0	0
San Jose	17	0	0	0
San Salvador	1	0	0	0
Santiago	3	1	2	1
Santo Domingo	9	1	1	0
Sao Paulo	1	0	0	0
Sapporo				

Sarajevo	0	0	0	0
Seoul	0	0	0	0
Shanghai	1	1	0	0
Shenyang	1	0	0	1
Singapore	0	0	0	0
Skopje	0	0	0	0
Sofia	1	0	0	0
Stockholm	1	0	0	0
Surabaya	1	0	0	1
Suva	1	2		1
Sydney	4	1	0	1
Taipei	0	0	0	0
Tallinn	1	0	0	0
Tashkent	0	0	1	0
Tbilisi	1	1	1	1
Tegucigalpa	18.5	0	0	1
Tel Aviv	0	0	0	0
Tijuana	10	0	0	0
Tirana	1	0	0	
Tokyo	2	1	1	1
Toronto	16	1	1	0
Tunis	2	0	0	0
Ulaanbaatar	2	2	2	2
Valletta	1		1	1
Vancouver	9	2	2	0
Vienna	0	0	0	0
Vientiane	0	0	0	0
Vilnius	0	0	0	0
Warsaw	0	0	0	0
Windhoek	0	0	0	0
Wuhan				
Yaounde	1	0	0	0
Yerevan	2	0	5	5
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,
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Department of Labor

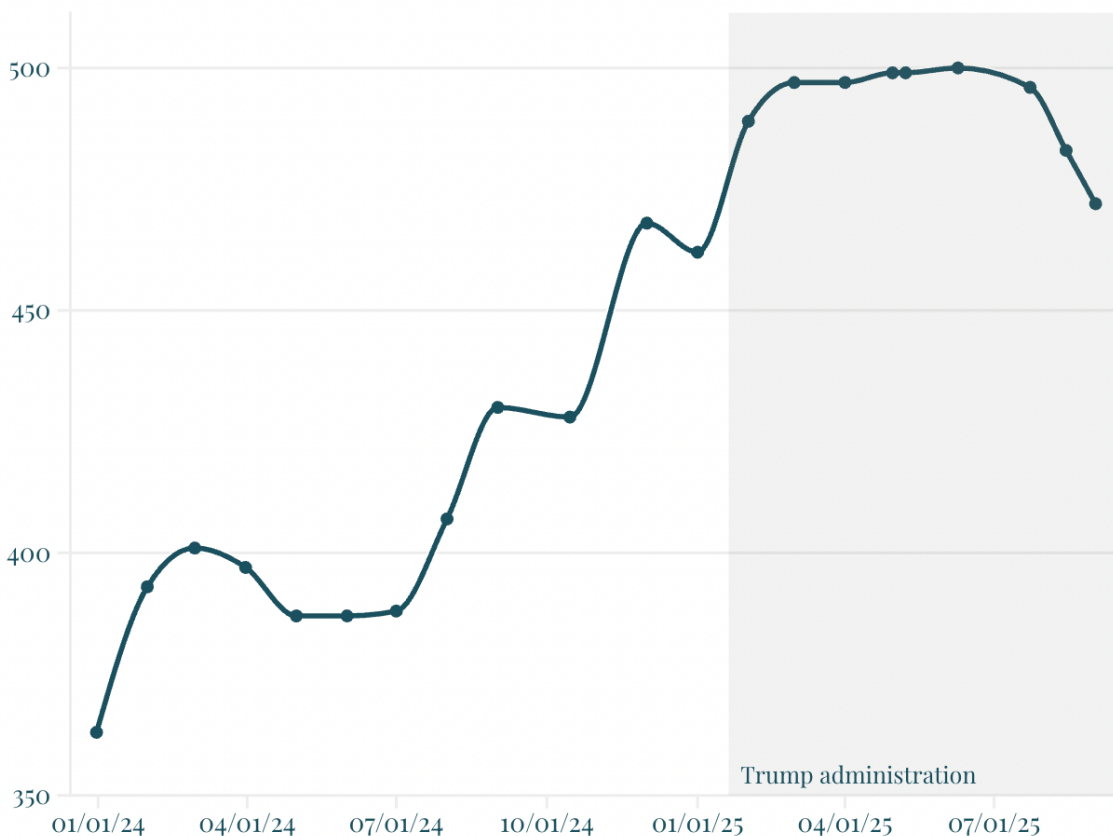
The Department of Labor (DOL) oversees multiple labor certification and prevailing wage processes that were designed to protect American workers and uphold minimum standards for the employment of foreign nationals sponsored on employment visas.

Key takeaways from the PERM processing times

- PERM processing times began rising steadily well before the change in administration. From March 2025 to July 2025, processing times actually leveled off, holding at roughly 500 days for several months. Between July and September, PERM processing times decreased to the lowest reported processing time since January 2025.
- In late June, the Trump administration created the Office of Immigration Policy within the Department of Labor to steer immigration priorities and resources. This office may play a role in the continued lowering of PERM processing times.

Average Processing Time for PERM Applications (in Days)

January 2024 through September 2025



Source: [Department of Labor, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, Processing Times, January 2024 through September 1, 2025](#)

Note: Only Analyst Review data points are shown. Audit reviews are not included.

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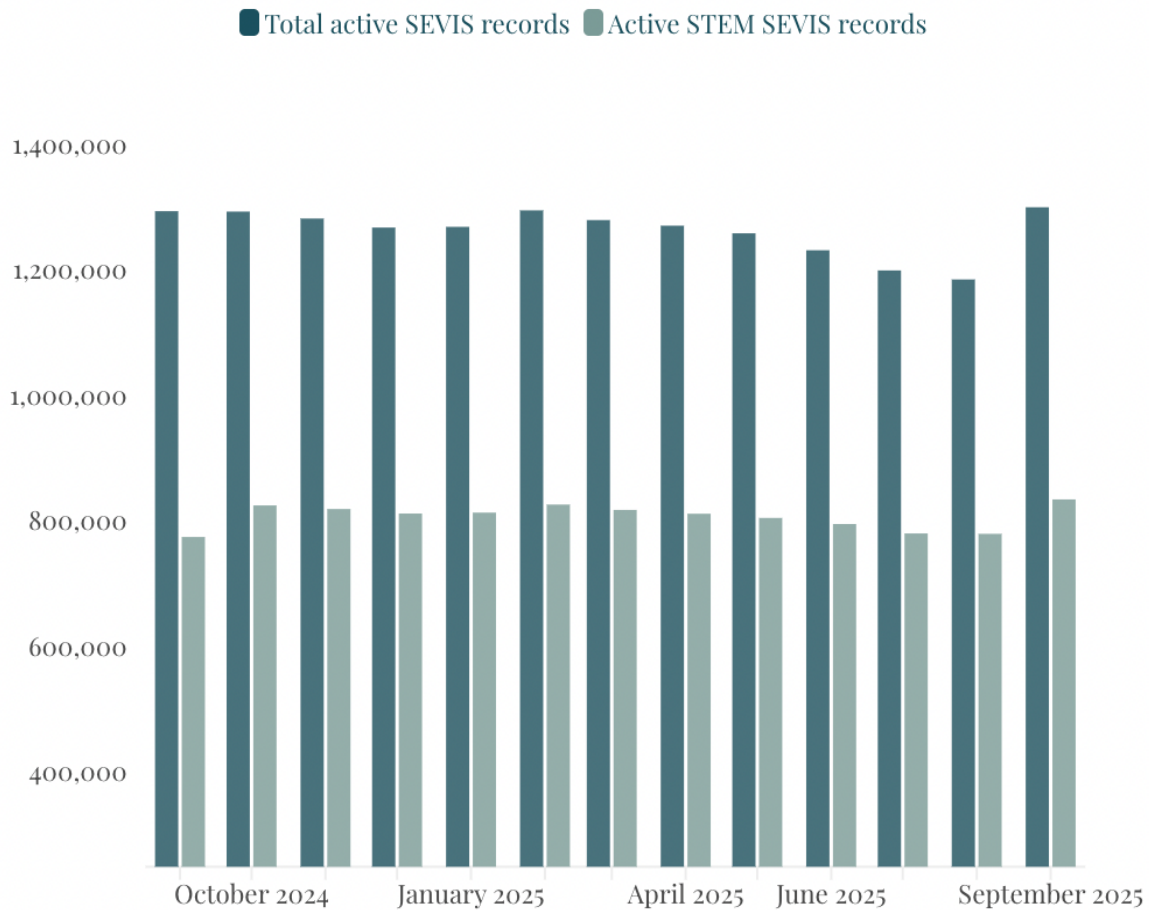
Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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 several universities have reported declining international student enrollment, the monthly SEVIS data does not yet reflect the full extent of that reality.
- In fact, September 2025 recorded more than 6,000 additional active SEVIS records compared to September 2024. However, this is a much smaller rate of growth than the year prior, in which September 2024 had nearly 80,000 more active SEVIS records compared to September 2023.
- 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.](#)”

Active SEVIS Records by Month September 2024 – September 2025



Source: [SEVIS Data Mapping Tool Data, September 2024 through September 2025](#)

SEVIS records are unique identifiers given to international students and exchange visitors enrolled in programs in the U.S. The total number of active SEVIS records can be used as a proxy for estimating the international student and exchange visitor population until more precise data is released.

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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.

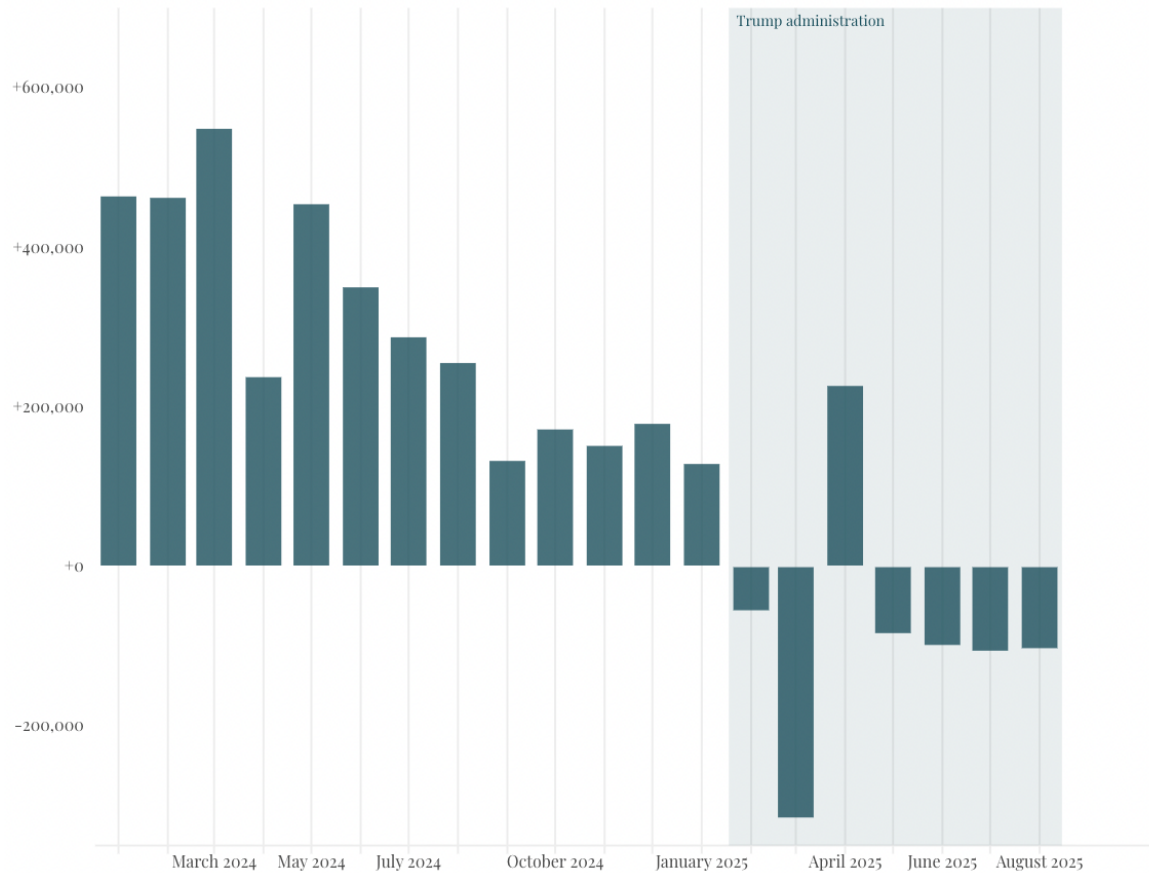
Key takeaways from the overseas visitor numbers

- **Over 400,000 fewer overseas visitors came to the U.S. during the first 8 months of 2025 compared to the same time period in 2024.**
 - **July 2025 and August 2025 both recorded over 100,000 fewer visitors than last year.**

- **March 2025 recorded the sharpest year-over-year drop of over 300,000 fewer visitors.**
- **February 2025 marked the first month with a year-over-year decrease in overseas visitors since the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Year-over-Year Change in Overseas Visitors to the U.S.

The U.S. had over 400,000 *fewer* overseas visitors in the first 8 months of 2025 compared to the same period in 2024.



Source: [International Visitor Arrivals Program, I-94 Monthly Visitor Arrivals, January 2024 through August 2025](#)

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