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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 December 2, 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 September.

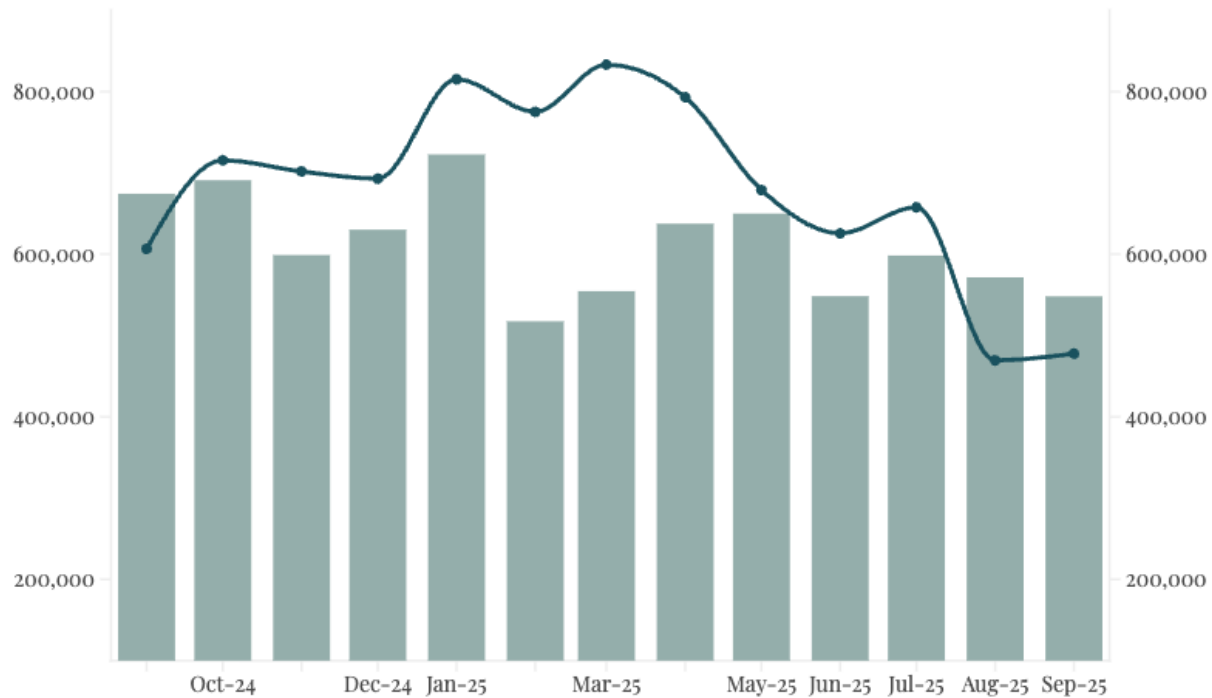
### Key takeaways from the July 2025 USCIS processing data:

- Consistent with [reported pauses](#) in refugee and asylum green card applications, case completions in these categories have decreased sharply since January.
- Form receipts remained much lower in September than the year prior.
  - 37 percent fewer applications for work authorization were received in September 2025 compared to September 2024. Compared to January 2025, 56 percent fewer applications for work authorization were received.
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- Processing times varied for the reported forms with green card applications for beneficiaries of the Cuban Adjustment Act seeing the sharpest increases, including a 37% increase over January 2025 and a 70% increase compared to the same time last year.

# Form Receipts and Completions Among Subset of USCIS Forms

## September 2024 through September 2025

■ Receipts ■ Completions



Source: FY22 Appropriations Reporting Requirement, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Data, September 2024 through September 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 September 2025 as Compared to September 2024

	Forms Received	Approvals	Denials	Pending	Pending over six months	Avg. Processing Time	Case Completions (Approvals & Denials)
Petition for Alien Relative	-5%	+51%	+5%	+7%	+9%	-18%	+44%
Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	-12%	+1%	+96%	+28%	+48%	-11%	+8%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Asylum)	-11%	-75%	-66%	+16%	+20%	+7%	-75%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Cuban)	+3%	-74%	+6%	+111%	+118%	+70%	-73%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Employment)	-16%	+63%	-40%	-5%	-8%	-44%	+12%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Family)	-2%	+37%	+31%	+5%	+9%	-27%	+36%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Other)	-15%	+86%	+72%	-14%	-2%	+34%	+85%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Refugee)	+95%	-40%	-34%	+93%	+91%	-28%	-40%
Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence	+113%	-14%	-55%	+22%	+3%	-10%	-15%
Application for Employment Authorization	-37%	-36%	-16%	+42%	+67%	+16%	-35%
Application for Naturalization	-1%	-3%	+27%	+4%	+23%	+8%	-1%

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

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## USCIS Processing in September 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%	+75%	+14%	+1%	+4%	-18%	+66%
Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	-2%	+1%	+50%	+14%	+28%	-18%	+5%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Asylum)	-31%	-78%	-69%	+29%	+61%	+21%	-77%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Cuban)	-51%	-65%	-22%	+64%	+100%	+37%	-64%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Employment)	-39%	-70%	-24%	-15%	-9%	+21%	-64%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Family)	-18%	+59%	+37%	-3%	+10%	-28%	+56%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Other)	-2%	+160%	+77%	+10%	+18%	-7%	+146%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Refugee)	+65%	-59%	-60%	+98%	+139%	+1%	-59%
Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence	-12%	+12%	-48%	+19%	+12%	-10%	+9%
Application for Employment Authorization	-56%	-41%	-56%	+39%	+83%	+3%	-42%
Application for Naturalization	+1%	-5%	+4%	-1%	-7%	+5%	-4%

Source: USCIS FY22 Appropriations Reporting Requirement - Application Processing Data for January 2025 and September 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-Edtion 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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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 429% between January 31, 2025 and August 31, 2025.
- Many forms currently have higher processing times than in January 2025, likely as a result of new vetting requirements and staffing changes.

## 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 vetting procedures—such as social media reviews and duplicative interview requirements—have taken effect. While some posts have managed to lower wait times in spite of these changes, other locations have seen steep increases in estimated wait times, driving up the average change statistics seen below.**
  - Among reported posts, visitor wait times increased by an average of 95% between January 7, 2025 and November 20, 2025.
  - Student wait times increased by an average of 188%.
  - Petition-based wait times increased by an average of 137%.
  - Transit and crew wait times increased by an average of 144%.
  - *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. 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.

	Visitors (in months)	Student/Exchange Visitors (in months)	Petition-based (in months)	Transit and Crew (in months)
City/Post	As of November 20, 2025			
Abidjan	5.5	1.5	1	<0.5
Abu Dhabi	17.5	<0.5		<0.5
Abuja	9	3.5	2	6.5
Accra	5	<0.5	2	<0.5
Addis Ababa	1	1.5	1	1.5
Algiers	8.5	2	<0.5	<0.5
Almaty	2	2	<0.5	<0.5
Amman	1	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Amsterdam	2	1	1	1
Ankara	<0.5	2	3	

Antarivo	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Apia	3.5	2.5	<0.5	1
Ashgabat	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Asmara	2	2	2	2
Asta	2.5			<0.5
Asuncion	6.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Athens	2	1	1	1
Auckland	2	1	1	1
Baghdad	2			
Baku	1	<0.5	1	1
Bamako	5.5			
Bandar Seri Begawan	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Bangkok	3	3	3	1.5
Banjul	3	3	3	3
Beijing	<0.5	<0.5	1.5	<0.5
Beirut	4.5	<0.5	1	
Belfast	3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Belgrade	1	<0.5	1	0.5
Belmopan	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Berlin	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Bern	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Bishkek	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Bogota	16	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Brasilia	2	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Bratislava	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Brazzaville	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Bridgetown	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Brussels	1		1	1
Bucharest	1	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Budapest	1	2	1	1
Buenos Aires	3	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Bujumbura	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Cairo	2	2	2	2
Calgary				
Cape Town	1	1	1	1.5
Casablanca	2	1	3	4.5
Cheni (Madras)	3	2	1	<0.5
Chiang Mai	1	0.5		0.5
Chisiu	1	<0.5	<0.5	0.5

Ciudad Juarez	16	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Colombo	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	1
Cokry	1	1	1	1
Copenhagen	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Cotonou	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Curacao	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Dakar	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Dar Es Salaam	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Dhahran	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Dhaka	8	4	<0.5	1
Djibouti	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Doha	1.5	1	<0.5	<0.5
Dubai	12	<0.5	<0.5	
Dublin	1	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Durban	1	<0.5	1	1
Dushanbe	3	3	3	3
Erbil	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Florence	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Frankfurt	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Freetown	1	1	1	1
Gaborone	1	1	1	1
Georgetown	0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Guadalajara	13	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Guangzhou	1	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Guatemala City	2.5		<0.5	1
Guayaquil	4	1	1	4
Halifax	11.5	0.5	1	11.5
Hamilton				
Hanoi	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Harare				
Helsinki	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Hermosillo	9	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Ho Chi Minh City	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Hong Kong	<0.5		<0.5	<0.5
Hyderabad	5	2.5	2	<0.5
Islamabad	6	1.5	1	<0.5
Istanbul	1	2	1	<0.5
Jakarta	1	1	<0.5	1
Jeddah	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

Jerusalem	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Johannesburg	3	3	3	3
Kampala	9.5	3.5	<0.5	<0.5
Karachi	7	1	1	<0.5
Kathmandu	<0.5	<0.5	0.5	0.5
Kigali	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Kingston	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Kinshasa				
Kolkata	5	2.5		
Kolonia	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Koror	1	1	1	1
Krakov	<0.5		<0.5	<0.5
Kuala Lumpur	1	0.5	<0.5	0.5
Kuwait	1	0.5	1	1
La Paz	2	1	<0.5	2
Lagos	10	1	1.5	1.5
Libreville	2	2	2	
Lilongwe	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Lima	8	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Lisbon	1	2	1	<0.5
Ljubljana	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Lome	1	1	1	1
London	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Luanda	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Lusaka	6	1	6	6
Luxembourg	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Madrid	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Majuro	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Malabo	3	3	3	
Magua	0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.5
Mama	1	0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Manila	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Matamoros	9.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Mbabane	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	2
Melbourne	4	2	0.5	1
Merida	8	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Mexico City	10		1	1
Milan	0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Monrovia	3	3	3	3

Monterrey	12.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Montevideo	3	0.5	<0.5	3
Mumbai (Bombay)	9.5	3	1	1
Munich	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Muscat	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
ha	<0.5	1	<0.5	<0.5
irobi	2.5	3	2.5	3
ples	0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
ssau	1	1	1	1
New Delhi	10	0.5		<0.5
Niamey				
Nicosia	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Nogales	5	0.5	2.5	<0.5
Nouakchott	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Nuevo Laredo	9	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Osaka/Kobe				
Oslo	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Ottawa	11.5	2	4.5	<0.5
Ouagadougou				
Pama City	3.5		1	1
Paramaribo	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Paris	3.5	1	1	1
Perth	2	2	2.5	1
Phnom Penh	1.5	1	1.5	1.5
Podgorica	2.5	0.5	0.5	1
Port Louis	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Port Moresby	2	2	2	2
Port Of Spain	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Porto Alegre	2	1	1	<0.5
Prague	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Praia	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Pristi	1	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Quebec	11.5	2	4.5	0.5
Quito	2	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Rangoon	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Recife	3	0.5	<0.5	0.5
Reykjavik	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Riga	0.5		0.5	0.5
Rio De Janeiro	1	0.5	0.5	0.5

Riyadh	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Rome	0.5	<0.5	0.5	<0.5
San Jose	14	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
San Salvador	1	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Santiago	3	1.5	2	1.5
Santo Domingo	14	1.5	0.5	1
Sao Paulo	1	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Sapporo				
Sarajevo	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Seoul	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Shanghai	3	1	3	<0.5
Shenyang	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.5
Singapore	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Skopje	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Sofia	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Stockholm	1	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Surabaya	1	0.5	<0.5	1
Suva	1	1	1	<0.5
Sydney	7	<0.5	2.5	1
Taipei	1	1	2	1
Tallinn	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Tashkent	0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.5
Tbilisi	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Tegucigalpa	5	<0.5	<0.5	1
Tel Aviv	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Tijua	6.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Tira	3	0.5	0.5	
Tokyo	3	1	1	1
Toronto	16.5	1	2	1
Tunis	1.5	0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Ulaanbaatar	4	1	<0.5	<0.5
Valletta	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Vancouver	9	6.5	4	0.5
Vien	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Vientiane	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Vilnius	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Warsaw	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Windhoek	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Wuhan				



Yaounde	<0.5	<0.5	0.5	<0.5
Yerevan	5	<0.5	1	0.5
Zagreb	0.5		0.5	0.5

#### 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

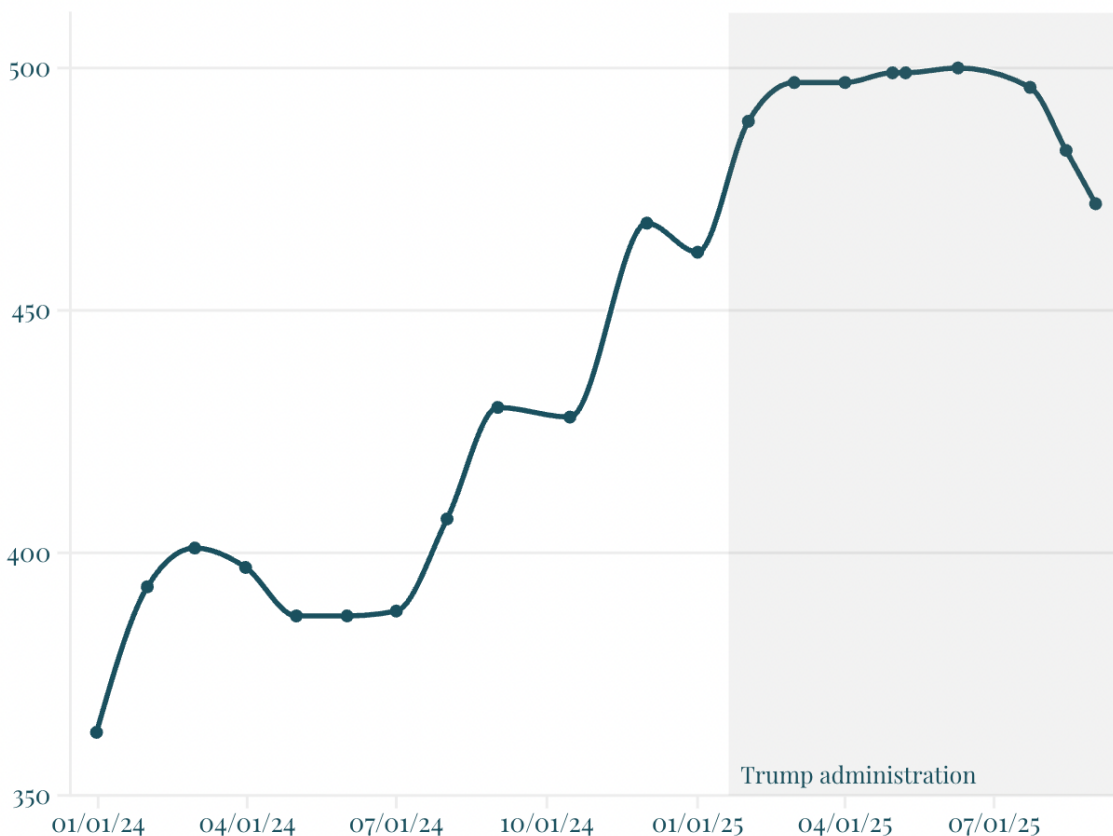
The Department of Labor (DOL) oversees multiple labor certification and prevailing wage processes that were designed to protect American workers and uphold minimum standards for the employment of foreign nationals sponsored on employment visas.

### Key takeaways from the PERM processing times

- PERM processing times began rising steadily well before the change in administration. From March 2025 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

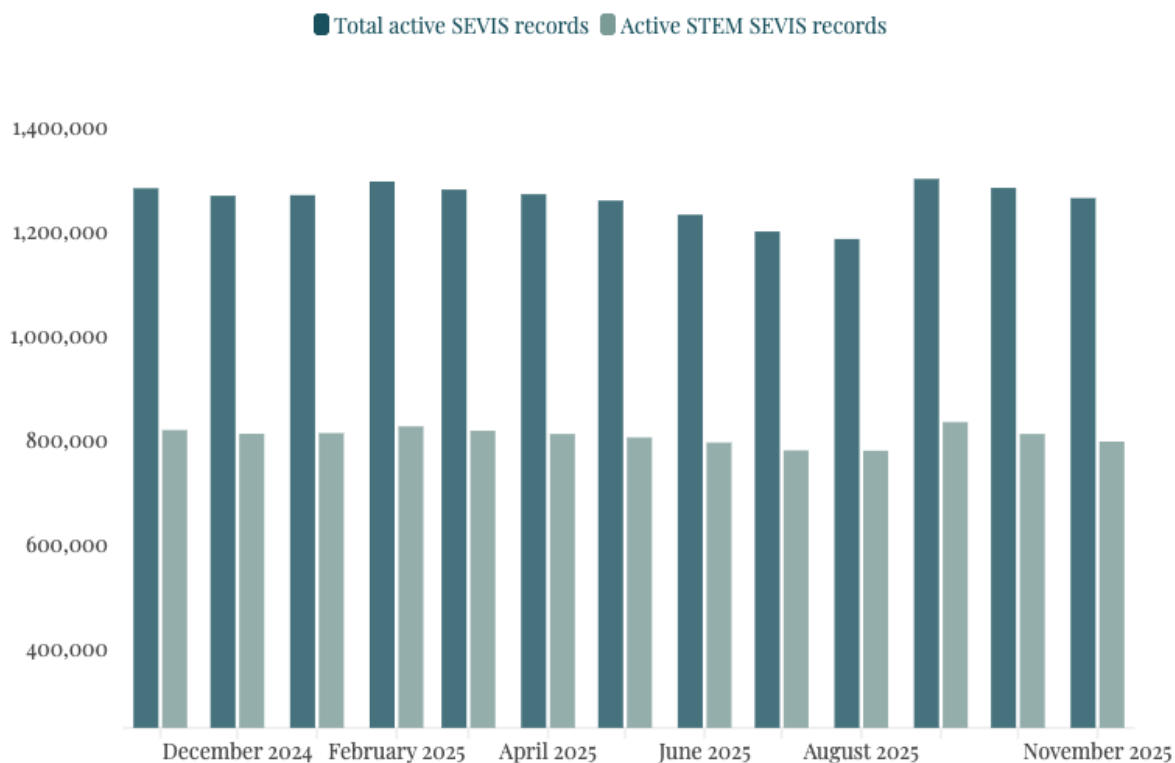
Beyond leading the interior enforcement efforts, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) also administers SEVIS, (the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System used by international students and cultural exchange visitors).

### Key takeaways from the SEVIS records

- **October and November 2025 reported the first year-over-year declines in active SEVIS records since the Trump administration took office.**
- **In October 2025, there were 10,370 fewer active international student records overall and 13,226 fewer STEM-enrolled international student records.**
- **In November 2025, there were 18,795 fewer active international student records overall and 22,075 fewer STEM-enrolled international student records, suggesting that international students pursuing STEM fields have been more affected or deterred by recent policy changes.**

## Active SEVIS Records by Month November 2024 - November 2025

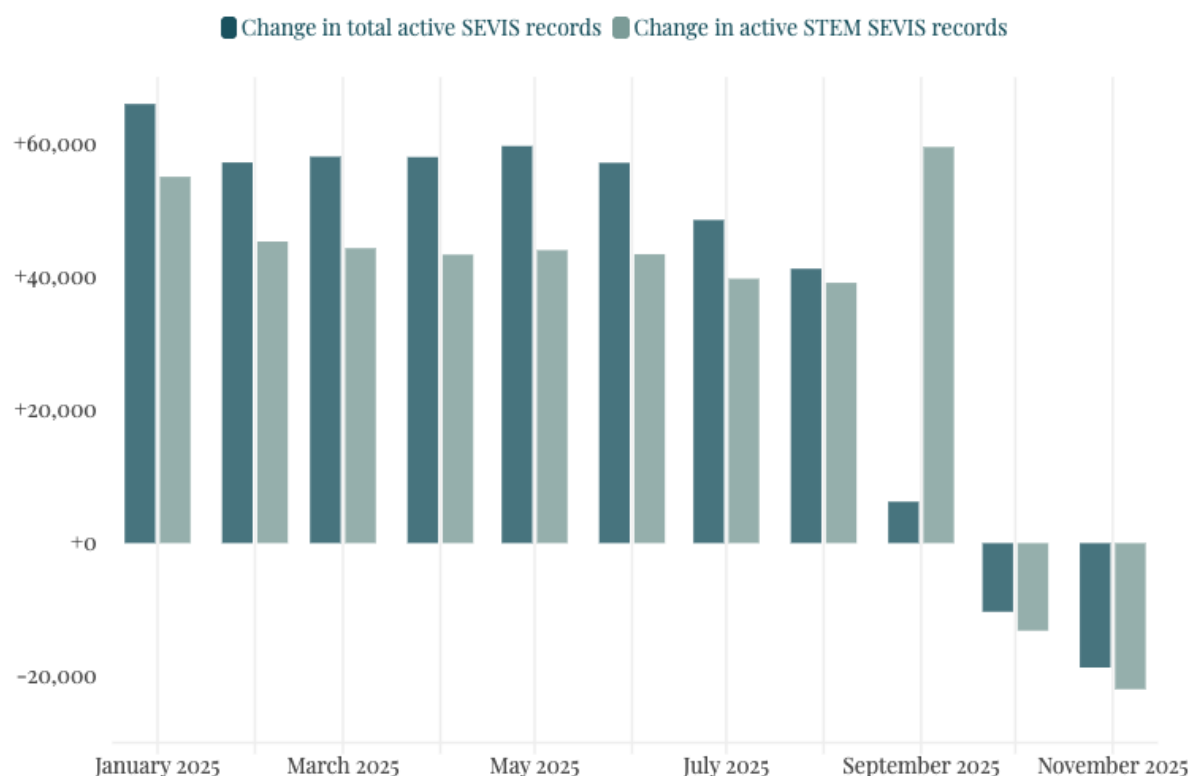
Compared to November 2024, there were over **18,000 fewer** active SEVIS records and over **22,000 fewer** active STEM SEVIS records in November 2025.



Source: SEVIS Data Mapping Tool Data, November 2024 through November 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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## Year-over-Year Change in Active SEVIS Records



Source: SEVIS Data Mapping Tool Data, January 2024 through November 2025

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### National Travel and Tourism Office

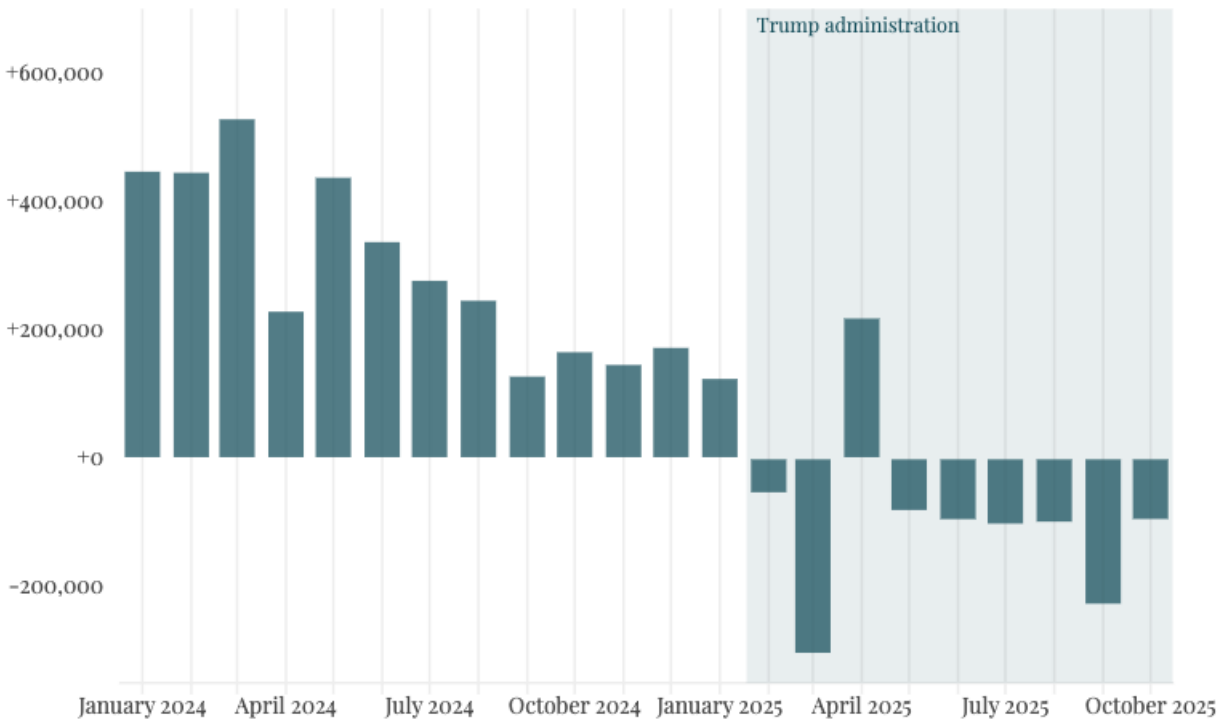
The National Travel and Tourism Office, part of the International Trade Administration, tracks data on international travel to and from the United States.

#### Key takeaways from the overseas visitor numbers

- **Over 739,000 fewer overseas visitors came to the U.S. during the first 10 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.**
- **The International Trade Administration that publishes this data says that every 40 international visits supports 1 U.S. job. At that rate, the U.S. could be missing out on over 16,000 American jobs as a result of tourism declines.**

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

The U.S. had over 739,000 *fewer* overseas visitors in the first 10 months of 2025 compared to the same period in 2024.



Source: International Visitor Arrivals Program, I-94 Monthly Visitor Arrivals, January 2024 through October 2025

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