Legal Immigration in Numbers: August 2026 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 31, 2026.

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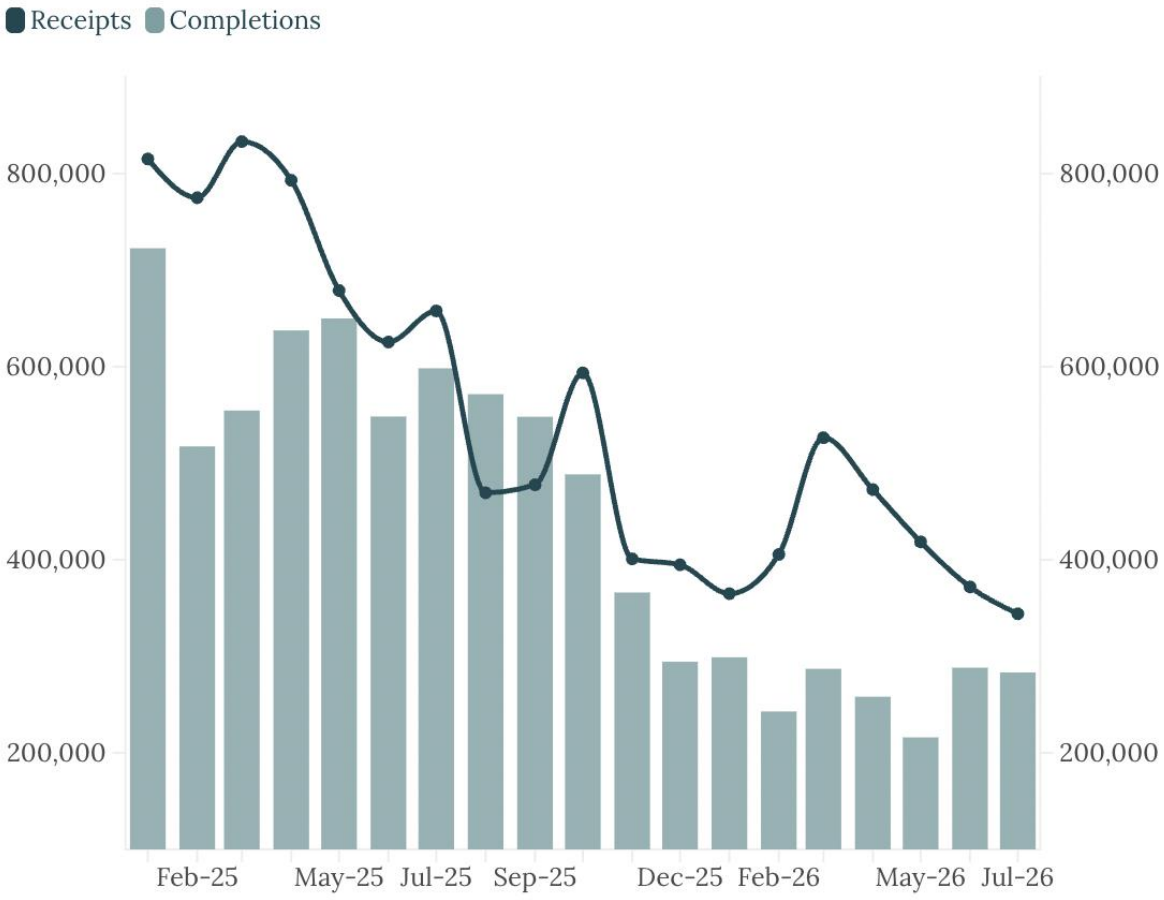
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) oversees the administration of legal immigration by adjudicating applications and petitions for benefits such as work authorization, citizenship, and legal permanent residence (green card status). Comprehensive processing data for all USCIS forms is only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

Key takeaways from the July 2026 USCIS processing data:

- **In July 2026, USCIS received 48 percent fewer forms among the reported form types. Despite the decreased workload, USCIS completed 53 percent fewer cases among these types.**
- **Most strikingly, USCIS completed just 20,674 naturalization cases in July 2026, down from 80,077 a year prior. From January 2026 to July 2026, USCIS completed an average of just 27,077 naturalization cases per month. By comparison, from January to July of 2025, USCIS completed an average of 86,044 naturalization cases per month.**
- **Between July 2025 and July 2026, the share of naturalization completions that were denied doubled from 10 percent in July 2025 to more than 20 percent in July 2026.**
- **The number of naturalization applications that have been pending for over six months increased by 338 percent between July 2025 and July 2026.**

- **The average processing time for an application for employment authorization rose by 132 percent between July 2025 and July 2026.**
- **Notably, the month prior in June 2026, 40 percent of completed refugee green card applications were denied. By comparison, in June 2025, only 14 percent were. July 2026 reported 20 percent of its refugee green card completions as denials, compared to just 6 percent in July 2025.**

Form Receipts and Completions Among Subset of USCIS Forms - January 2025 to July 2026



Source: FY22 Appropriations Reporting Requirement, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Data, January 2025 through July 2026.
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 July 2026 as Compared to July 2025

	Forms Received	Approvals	Denials	Pending	Pending over six months	Avg. Processing Time	Case Completions (Approvals & Denials)
Petition for Alien Relative	-33%	-64%	-55%	+2%	+10%	+24%	-63%
Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	-30%	-5%	-1%	+41%	+44%	+4%	-5%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Asylum)	-22%	-38%	+41%	+45%	+87%	+88%	-33%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Cuban)	-93%	-86%	+54%	+17%	+105%	+91%	-75%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Employment)	+18%	+3%	+23%	+53%	+1%	+9%	+5%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Family)	-39%	-46%	-8%	+5%	+22%	+34%	-42%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Other)	+126%	-65%	-41%	+35%	+13%	+22%	-61%
Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Refugee)	-64%	-94%	-77%	+99%	+287%	+68%	-93%
Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence	+16%	-63%	+110%	+35%	+44%	+22%	-59%
Application for Employment Authorization	-59%	-54%	-2%	+13%	+106%	+132%	-49%
Application for Naturalization	-31%	-77%	-46%	+46%	+338%	+78%	-74%

Source: USCIS FY22 Appropriations Reporting Requirement - Application Processing Data for July 2025 and July 2026.

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For all USCIS forms, processing data is only currently available through the second quarter of fiscal year 2026, or January through March 2026.

Key takeaways from the FY2026 Q2 USCIS data:

- USCIS set a new record with over 12 million pending cases at the end of FY2026 Q2. The pending caseload has ballooned in spite of a 45 percent decrease in incoming forms compared to the same time last year.
- This is because USCIS completed just 1.5 million cases in Q2, a 44 percent decrease compared to the year prior and 17 percent lower than the quarter prior.
- The growth in pending cases was driven primarily by cases within the government's control. The net backlog, or backlogged cases within the government's control, grew by 42 percent between FY2025 Q2 and FY2026 Q2, surpassing a startling 7 million cases in FY2026 Q2.
- Down from nearly 200,000 at the end of Q1, the frontlog (unopened cases received by USCIS) numbered 38,500 cases at the end of FY2026 Q2. At the end of FY2025 Q2, the frontlog was 34,028.
- In a rapid acceleration of recent trends, the active DACA population dropped by over 40,000 individuals between Q1 and Q2. By comparison, the drop between FY2025 Q4 and FY2026 Q1 was just 10,620 individuals.
- The processing times for DACA renewals and DACA-based work authorization applications both increased by 388 percent between FY2025 Q2 and FY2026 Q2.

USCIS Processing of All Forms in FY2026 Q2

January 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending
As compared to FY2025 Q2	-45%	-46%	-35%	-44%	+7%
As compared to FY2026 Q1	+1%	-15%	-24%	-17%	+7%

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Data, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2025 Q2, Fiscal Year 2026 Q1, Fiscal Year 2026 Q2.

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USCIS Processing of Employment Forms in FY2026 Q2 Compared to FY2025 Q2

Form	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending	Processing Time
I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker	-1%	-12%	-16%	-12%	+90%	+61%
I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Workers	-12%	+30%	+47%	+32%	+23%	-55%
I-526, Immigrant Petition by Alien Investor (Legacy)		-97%	-72%	-89%	-44%	+31%
I-526, Immigrant Petition by Standalone Investor (Post-Edition 06/01/22)	-22%				+50%	+98%
I-526E, Immigrant Petition by Regional Center Investor	-7%	+275%	+1,709%	+347%	+25%	+0%
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (Asylum)	-78%	-64%	-75%	-65%	-76%	-14%
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (Adjustment of Status)	-26%	-75%	+31%	-69%	+206%	+115%
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (DACA)	-9%	-76%	-39%	-76%	+64%	+388%
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (All Other)	-62%	-60%	-11%	-58%	-25%	+200%
I-829, Petition by Investor to Remove Conditions on Permanent Resident Status	+44%	-26%	-2%	-25%	+3%	+33%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Employment)	+97%	+70%	-34%	+55%	+20%	-31%

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2025 Q2 and Fiscal Year 2026 Q2

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USCIS Processing of Family-Based Forms in FY2026 Q2 Compared to FY2025 Q2

Form	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending	Processing Time
I-129F, Petition for Alien Fiancé(e)	-29%	+20%	-16%	+8%	+12%	+32%
I-130, Petition for Alien Relative (Immediate Relative)	-38%	-10%	+35%	-6%	-16%	-20%
I-130, Petition for Alien Relative (All Other Relative)	-43%	-11%	+14%	-2%	+7%	+12%
I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative	-26%	-50%	-48%	-49%	-2%	-5%
I-601A, Application for Provisional Unlawful Presence Waiver	-2%	-35%	-42%	-36%	-16%	-21%
I-751, Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence	-6%	-32%	-34%	-32%	+27%	+15%
I-800, Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative	-16%	-29%	-33%	-29%	-18%	+25%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Family)	-4%	-7%	-18%	-9%	-2%	-39%

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2025 Q2 and Fiscal Year 2026 Q2

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USCIS Processing of Humanitarian Forms in FY2026 Q2 Compared to FY2025 Q2

Form	Forms Received	Approved	Denied	Total Completions	Pending	Processing Time
I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal	-81%	-98%	-95%	-36%	-9%	
I-730, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition	-47%	-12%	-33%	-15%	+16%	
I-817, Application for Family Unity Benefits	-49%			-29%	-27%	+35%
I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status	-100%	-82%	-66%	-81%	-29%	+133%
I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals	-9%	-76%	+13%	-75%	+61%	+388%
I-870, Record of Determination/Credible Fear Worksheet	-88%	-92%	-79%	-79%		
I-881, App. for Susp. of Deport. or Spec. Rule Cancel. of Removal (Sect. 203 of Public Law 105-100 (NACARA))	-69%			-97%	+9%	
I-899, Record of Determination/Reasonable Fear Worksheet	-41%	-83%	-27%	-25%		
I-914, Application for T Nonimmigrant Status	+92%	-61%	-59%	-60%	+167%	+46%
I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status	+43%	-2%	+37%	+9%	+12%	-44%
I-929, Petition for Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Nonimmigrant	+196%	-44%	-41%	-43%	+0%	+33%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Asylum)	-37%	-94%	-72%	-93%	+66%	+120%
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Refugee)	+19%	-100%	-91%	-99%	+190%	+112%
I-131, Application for Travel Document (Humanitarian Parole)	-65%	-97%	-84%	-86%	-22%	

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, All USCIS Application and Petition Form Types, Fiscal Year 2025 Q2 and Fiscal Year 2026 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 median processing times:

- Median processing times have generally increased or stayed approximately the same since last reporting.
- At the end of FY2025, the median processing time for an asylum-based green card was 10.3 months. As of May 31, 2026, the FY2026 median time is 17.2 months, or a 67 percent increase.
- At the end of FY2025, the median processing time for the petition a U.S. citizen would use to adopt an orphan was 13.8 months. As of May 31, 2026, the FY2026 median time is 18.2 months, or a 32 percent increase.
- At the end of FY2025, the median processing time for an I-730, the petition for a family member of an asylee was 10.9 months. As of May 31, 2026, the FY2026 median time is 22.1 months, or a 103 percent increase.

Form	FY2026 as of May 31, 2026	FY2026 as of April 30, 2026	FY2026 as of February 28, 2026	FY2025 as of September 30, 2025	FY2025 as of August 31, 2025	FY2025 as of June 30, 2025	FY2025 as of May 31, 2025	FY2025 as of April 30, 2025	FY2025 as of February 28, 2025	FY2025 as of January 31, 2025
I-90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card	8.5	9.1	9.2	4.1	3.7	4	4.2	4.3	0.9	0.7
I-102, Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival/Departure Record (Form I-94)	6.2	5.3	6.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.7	2	2.2
I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker (Premium filed)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker (non Premium filed)	5.3	5.1	4.7	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.5
I-129F, Petition for Alien Fiancé(e)	7.8	7.6	7.5	7.7	7.1	6.4	6.2	6	5.7	6

I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, Adoptions	45.5	45.2	44.7	45.9	45.9	45.9	45.8	45.8	45.6	45.1
I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, Immediate Relative	12.9	13	12.9	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.6	14.8	14.6	14.4
I-131, Application for Travel Document, Advance Parole Document	6	6.1	7.2	6	6	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.4	6.7
I-131, Application for Travel Document, Parole in Place	12	11.4	9.6	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.1
I-131, Application for Travel Document, Travel Document	14.9	15	15.3	13.6	13.6	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.6	13.7
I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Workers (Premium filed)	1.1	1.1	1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Workers (non Premium filed)	3.7	3.7	3.7	7.9	8.1	8.1	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.6
I-360, Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant	6.1	6.1	5.9	4.2	4	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status (asylum-based)	17.2	15.8	13.4	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status (refugee-based)	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.9
I-485, Application to Register Permanent	5.7	5.7	6.2	7.2	7.2	7.1	7	6.9	7	6.9

Residence or to Adjust Status (employment-based)										
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status (family-based)	5.8	5.7	5.5	7.4	7.6	8.2	8.7	9.2	9.5	9.3
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status (Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966)	10.7	10.5	10.4	7	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.9	7.3
I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status, All Other Adjustment of Status	7.7	7.7	7.9	11.6	11	10.6	10.9	11.3	11.3	11
I-526, Immigrant Petition By Alien Entrepreneur (investor)	94.7	91.6	94.3	72.9	72.8	72.5	72	71.7	71.1	70.9
I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status	3.3	3.3	3.2	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.5
I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative	18.2	16.8	16.5	13.8	13.9	13.1	13.2	12.3	11.2	10.6
I-600A, Application for Advance Processing of Orphan Petition	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2
I-601A, Application for Provisional Unlawful Presence Waiver	24.1	24.1	24	29.7	29.8	30.4	30.9	31.3	32	32.1

I-730, Asylee Relative Petition	22.1	18.5	15.2	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.7	10.4	10.2	9.9
I-751, Petition to Remove the Conditions on Residence	23	23	22.3	21	21.1	21.4	21.6	21.6	21.8	21.8
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (other)	3.9	4	4.1	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	1.9
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (DACA)	2.8	2.7	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (pending asylum)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (pending I-485 adjustment)	4.6	4.3	4.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1
I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (parole)	5.9	5.5	6.2	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
I-800, Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.2
I-800A, Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt a Child from a Convention Country	3.3	3.4	3.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.8
I-817, Application for Family Unity Benefits	3	3	3.4	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.5	3.3	3.9
I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status	11.9	11.4	10.3	6.1	6.1	6	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.5

I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (renewal)	2.8	2.7	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4
I-824, Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition	7.2	7.1	7.4	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.8	6
I-829, Petition by Investor to Remove Conditions on Permanent Resident Status	10.6	10.3	9.1	11.5	11.5	10.5	10.1	9.7	9.5	17.1
I-914, Application for T Non-immigrant Status	28.4	28.2	27.2	20.8	20.6	19.9	19.6	19	18	17.5
I-918, Petition for U Non-immigrant Status	18.2	17.9	17.6	26.3	26.8	27.4	27	28.1	31.4	32.1
I956, Application for Regional Center Designation	10.7	10.3	10.2	11	11	11	10.7	10.7	10.3	8.8
I956F, Application for Approval of an Investment in a Commercial Enterprise	7.2	7.2	7.5	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.6	7.9	8.2	8.5
N-400, Application for Naturalization (general)	6.9	6.7	6.4	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.5
N-400, Application for Naturalization (military)	3.1	3	3.2	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.2
N-565, Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document	6.9	6.8	6.3	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.9	5	5.2	5.4
N-600, Application for Certificate of Citizenship	5.4	5.2	4.7	2.9	2.9	2.8	3	3.3	3.9	3.7
N-600K, Application for Certificate of Citizenship and	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.6	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.3

Issuance of Certificate										
Waivers, Excluding I-601A	35.7	35.4	35.4	21.9	22	21.2	21	20.2	18.1	16.9

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.**
- ***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.**

	Visitors (in months)	Student/Exchange Visitors (in months)	Petition-based (in months)	Transit and Crew (in months)
City/Post	**As of August 17, 2026**			
Abidjan	6	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Abu Dhabi	6	6	6	6
Abuja				
Accra	3.5	3.5	1	2
Addis Ababa	3	2	2.5	1.5
Algiers	< 0.5	3	2	< 0.5
Almaty	1.5	< 0.5	1	1
Amman	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Amsterdam	2	< 0.5	1	1
Ankara	4	< 0.5	1	
Antananarivo				
Apia	3.5	2.5	< 0.5	1.5
Ashgabat	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Asmara				
Astana	< 0.5		1	1

Asuncion	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Athens	1	< 0.5	1	1.5
Auckland	1.5	1	1.5	1.5
Baghdad	6	6	6	6
Baku	< 0.5	< 0.5	1.5	< 0.5
Bamako	2			
Bandar Seri Begawan	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Bangkok	1.5	1	1.5	1.5
Banjul	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Beijing	4	4	5	1.5
Beirut	3.5	3	3	
Belfast	1.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Belgrade	2.5	2	2	1.5
Belmopan	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Berlin	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Bern	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Bishkek	1	1	1	1
Bogota	9	1.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Brasilia	1.5	< 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	1.5	1	< 0.5	1.5
Bucharest	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Budapest	1	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Buenos Aires	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Bujumbura	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Cairo	2	1	2	2
Calgary				
Cape Town	1.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Casablanca	3	1	3	3
Chennai (Madras)				
Chiang Mai				
Chisinau	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Ciudad Juarez	4.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Colombo	2	< 0.5	1.5	1
Conakry	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Copenhagen	< 0.5	< 0.5	1	1
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	1	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Dhahran	1.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	
Dhaka	3	3	3	3.5
Djibouti	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Doha	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Dubai	11.5	5	4.5	5
Dublin	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Durban				
Dushanbe	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Erbil				
Florence	3	1	2	1.5
Frankfurt	2.5	1.5	2	1.5
Freetown				
Gaborone				
Georgetown	5	1	< 0.5	< 0.5
Guadalajara	6	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Guangzhou	1.5	2.5	2.5	2
Guatemala City	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	
Guayaquil	2.5	1	1.5	1
Halifax	13.5	< 0.5	1	13.5
Hamilton	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Hanoi	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Harare				
Helsinki	2	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Hermosillo	3	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Ho Chi Minh City	1	1	1	< 0.5
Hong Kong	1.5	1.5	1.5	< 0.5
Hyderabad	9.5	1.5	4.5	< 0.5
Islamabad	12	5	5	5
Istanbul	4.5	2	< 0.5	1
Jakarta	1.5	1	1	1.5
Jeddah	1	< 0.5	1	< 0.5
Jerusalem	6	< 0.5	1	6
Johannesburg	1	< 0.5	1	1
Kampala				
Karachi	7.5	1	1	< 0.5
Kathmandu	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5

Kigali	1	1	1	1
Kingston	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Kinshasa				
Kolkata	4	2	1	
Kolonia	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Koror	1	1	1	1
Krakow	1	< 0.5	< 0.5	
Kuala Lumpur	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Kuwait	3.5	< 0.5	3.5	3.5
La Paz	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Lagos	1	< 0.5	1	1
Libreville	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	
Lilongwe				
Lima	9	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Lisbon	1	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 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				
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	
Managua	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Manama	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Manila	< 0.5	1	< 0.5	< 0.5
Matamoros	3	< 0.5	< 0.5	
Mbabane				
Melbourne	5.5	< 0.5	1	1.5
Merida	3	1.5	1	1
Mexico City	4	1	1	1
Milan	3.5	2	2	1.5
Monrovia	13.5	4	1	1
Monterrey	5	< 0.5	< 0.5	
Montevideo	1	< 0.5	< 0.5	1
Mumbai (Bombay)	14	2	1.5	1.5
Munich	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Muscat	4	4	2	4

Naha	1.5	< 0.5	1.5	1.5
Nairobi	2	2	2	2.5
Naples	< 0.5	< 0.5	1	< 0.5
Nassau	1	1	1	1
New Delhi	9	2.5	2.5	< 0.5
Niamey				
Nicosia	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Nogales	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Nouakchott	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Nuevo Laredo	1.5	< 0.5	1	1
Osaka/Kobe	2	1	1.5	2
Oslo	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Ottawa	13.5	< 0.5	2.5	1
Ouagadougou				
Panama City	1	1	< 0.5	< 0.5
Paramaribo	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Paris	2.5	1	1	< 0.5
Perth	< 0.5	< 0.5	1	< 0.5
Phnom Penh	1.5	< 0.5	1.5	1.5
Podgorica	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Port Louis				
Port Moresby	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Port Of Spain	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Porto Alegre	1	1	1	1
Prague	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Praia	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Pristina	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Quebec	13.5	3	3	3
Quito	1	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Rangoon	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Recife	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Reykjavik	1	1	1	1
Riga	< 0.5	< 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	2.5	1.5	1.5	1
San Jose	8.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
San Salvador	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Santiago	2	1.5	2	2

Santo Domingo	9	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Sao Paulo	1	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Sapporo		< 0.5		
Sarajevo	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Seoul	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Shanghai	< 0.5	2.5	3.5	2.5
Shenyang	< 0.5	< 0.5	1	< 0.5
Singapore	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Skopje	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Sofia	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Stockholm	1	1	< 0.5	< 0.5
Surabaya	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	1
Suva	< 0.5	< 0.5	1	< 0.5
Sydney	18	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Taipei	1	1	1	< 0.5
Tallinn	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Tashkent	1.5	1.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Tbilisi	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Tegucigalpa	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Tel Aviv	2	< 0.5	< 0.5	1
Tijuana	2	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Tirana	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	
Tokyo	2.5	1.5	1.5	2
Toronto	24	1	1	< 0.5
Tunis	1.5	2	< 0.5	< 0.5
Ulaanbaatar	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Valletta	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Vancouver	16	4	5.5	2
Vienna	< 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				
Wuhan	2	2.5	4.5	
Yaounde	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Yerevan	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Zagreb	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5

Key takeaways from the consular visa issuance statistics

- U.S. consulates issued 26% fewer nonimmigrant visas in February 2026 than in February 2025.
- Compared to February 2025, consulates issued 74 percent fewer H-1B visas for specialty occupation workers in February 2026. Similarly, consulates issued 81 percent fewer H-4 visas for H-1B spouses and children in February 2026.
- Compared to the year prior, consulates issued 80 percent fewer H-2B visas for seasonal, non-agricultural workers in February 2026.
- U.S. consulates issued 48% fewer immigrant visas in February 2026 than in February 2025.
- In absolute terms, U.S. consulates issued 24,575 fewer immigrant visas in February 2026 compared to February 2025, with diversity visas only accounting for 4,140 of those visas.
- By magnitude, the largest drop was seen among parents of U.S. citizens who were issued nearly 6,000 fewer immigrant visas in February 2026 compared to the year prior.

Change in Monthly Nonimmigrant Visa Issuances at U.S. Consulates: February 2025 to February 2026

Total monthly NIV issuances down 26% compared to February 2025

Visa Type	Change	Visa Type	Change	Visa Type	Change
TOTAL	-26%	F2	-45%	NATO4	+50%
A1	-29%	G1	-15%	NATO6	-29%
A2	+20%	G2	-17%	O1	-4%
A3	-35%	G3	+26%	O2	-21%
B1	+13%	G4	-14%	O3	-8%
B1/B2	-29%	G5	-44%	P1	-31%
B2	-78%	H1B	-74%	P2	+167%
BBBCC	-17%	H1B1	+6%	P3	-47%
BBBCV	-40%	H2A	+8%	P4	-32%
C1	-55%	H2B	-80%	Q1	+29%
C1/D	-2%	H3	-50%	R1	-33%
C2	+45%	H4	-81%	R2	-51%
C3	-20%	I	+78%	T2	-33%
C4/D3	+2%	J1	-7%	T3	+0%
CW1	+129%	J2	-32%	T4	-64%
CW2	+100%	K1	-23%	T5	+25%
D	-73%	K2	-50%	T6	+0%
E1	-7%	L1	-11%	TD	-31%
E2	+19%	L2	-20%	TN	-24%
E3	+6%	M1	+13%	U1	-70%
E3D	+5%	M2	-40%	U2	-13%
E3R	+21%	N8	-67%	U3	-30%
F1	-41%	NATO2	-17%	U4	+0%

Source: U.S. Department of State, Monthly Nonimmigrant Visa Issuances, February 2025 and February 2026

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Change in Monthly Immigrant Visa Issuances at U.S. Consulates: February 2025 to February 2026

Total monthly IV issuances down 48% compared to February 2025

Visa	Change	Visa	Change	Visa	Change
TOTAL	-48%	GV2	-84%	RR2	+67%
B2A	-50%	GV3	-79%	RR3	+52%
BX	+100%	I5	-27%	RU1	-67%
C5	-29%	IB1	+75%	RU2	-63%
CR1	-42%	IB2	-75%	RU3	-33%
CR2	-32%	IH3	-44%	SB1	+20%
DV	-100%	IH4	-83%	SD	-29%
E1	+38%	IR1	-29%	SI1	-100%
E2	-25%	IR2	-50%	SI2	-100%
E3	+21%	IR3	-40%	SK	-100%
EW	-45%	IR4	-86%	SQ1	-100%
F1	-45%	IR5	-53%	SQ2	-100%
F2A	-95%	IW	-17%	SQ3	-100%
F2B	-50%	R5	-50%	SR	-100%
F3	-60%	RH1	-79%	SU	-33%
F4	-51%	RH2	-43%	SW	-100%
FX	-36%	RH3	-75%	T5	+633%
GV1	-75%	RR1	+76%		

Source: U.S. Department of State, Monthly Immigrant Visa Issuances, February 2025 and February 2026.

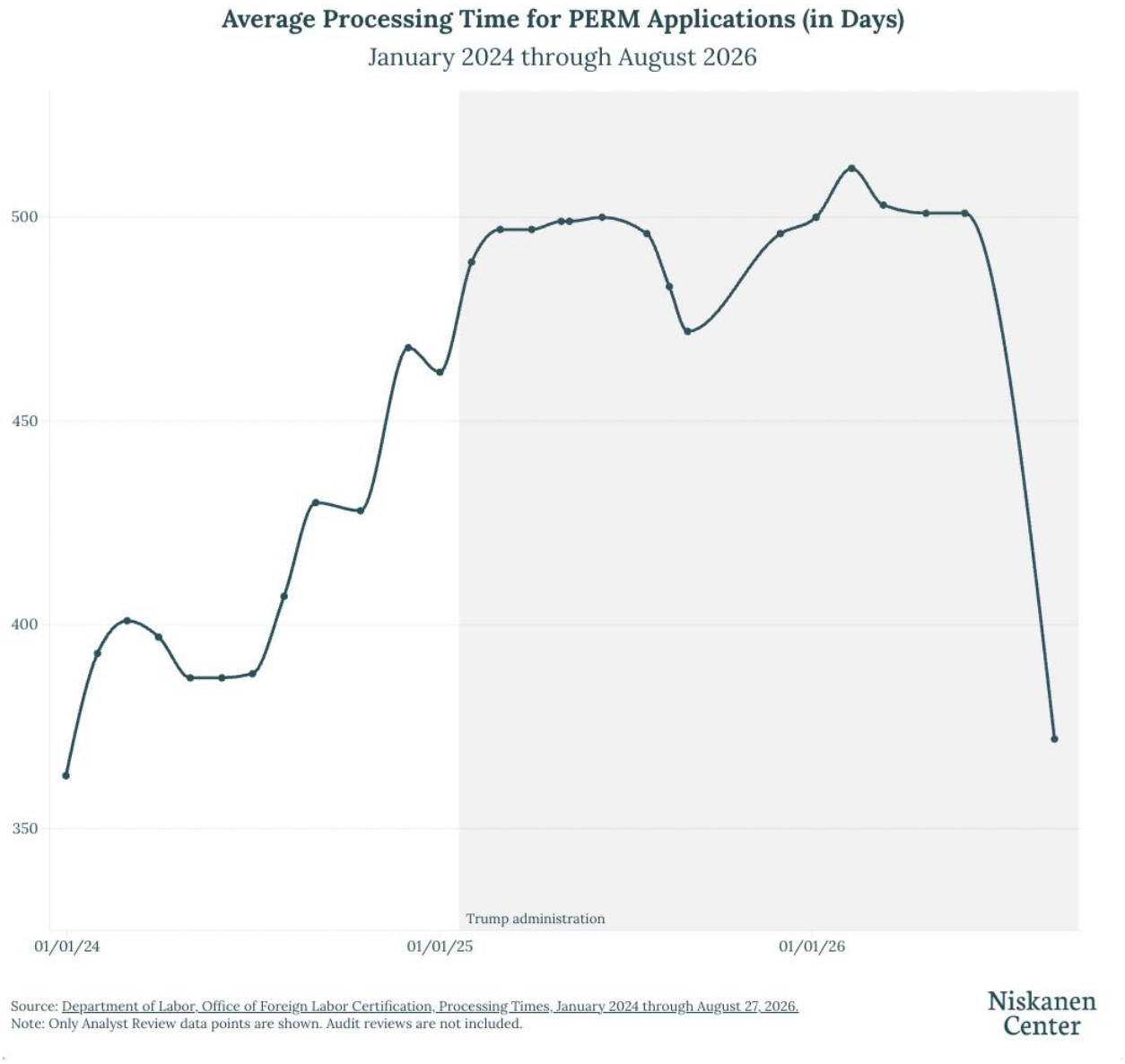
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Department of Labor

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

- Following record highs, PERM processing times have reported a new low not seen since 2023.
- As of August 27, 2026, PERM processing times are reported at 372 days, an impressive improvement over the 501 days reported at the end of May.



Immigration and Customs Enforcement

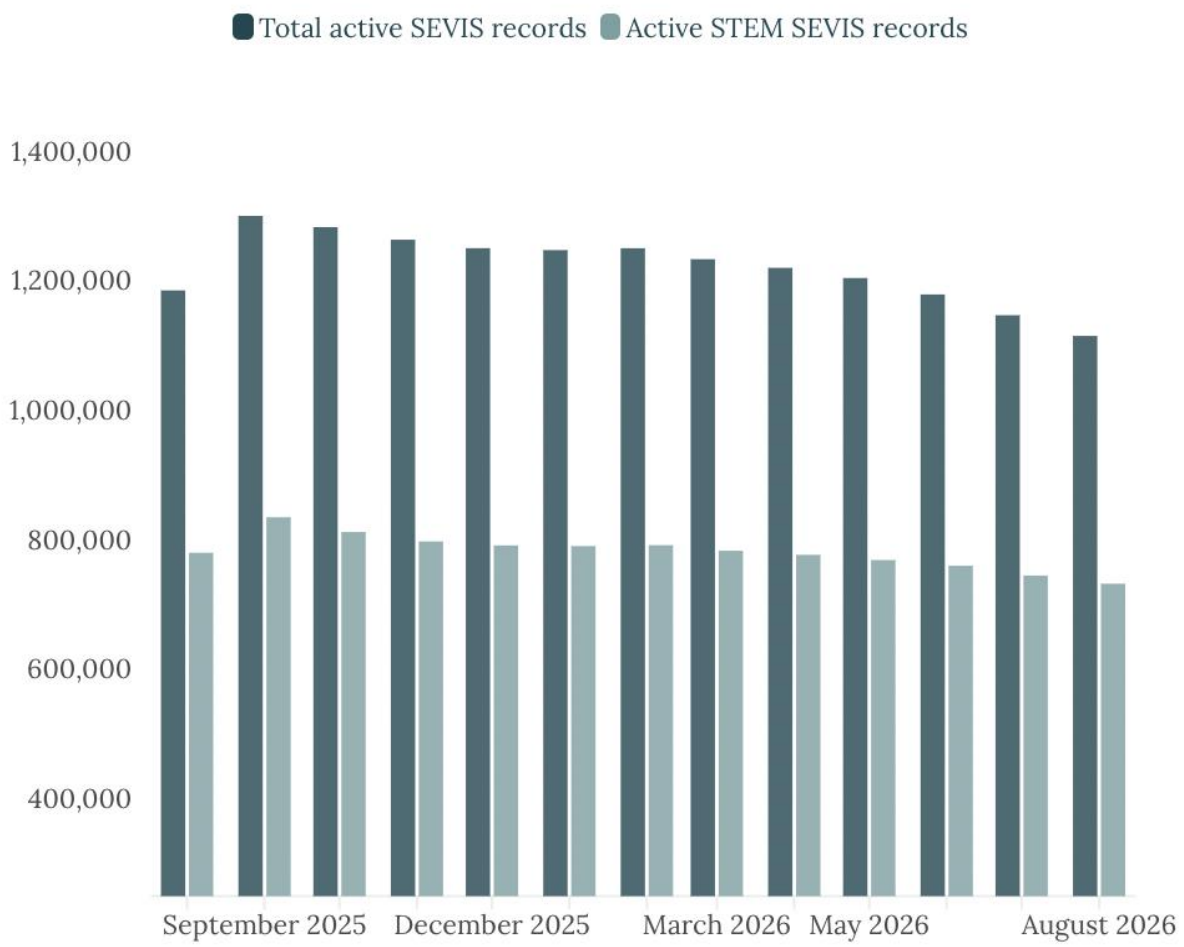
Beyond leading the interior enforcement efforts, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) also administers SEVIS, (the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System used by international students and cultural exchange visitors).

Key takeaways from the SEVIS records

- Latest data continues to reflect year-over-year declines in active SEVIS records.
- As of August 2026, there were over 70,000 fewer active international student records overall and over 47,700 fewer STEM-enrolled international student records compared to August 2025.
- This represents the single largest year-over-year drop since the Trump administration took office.

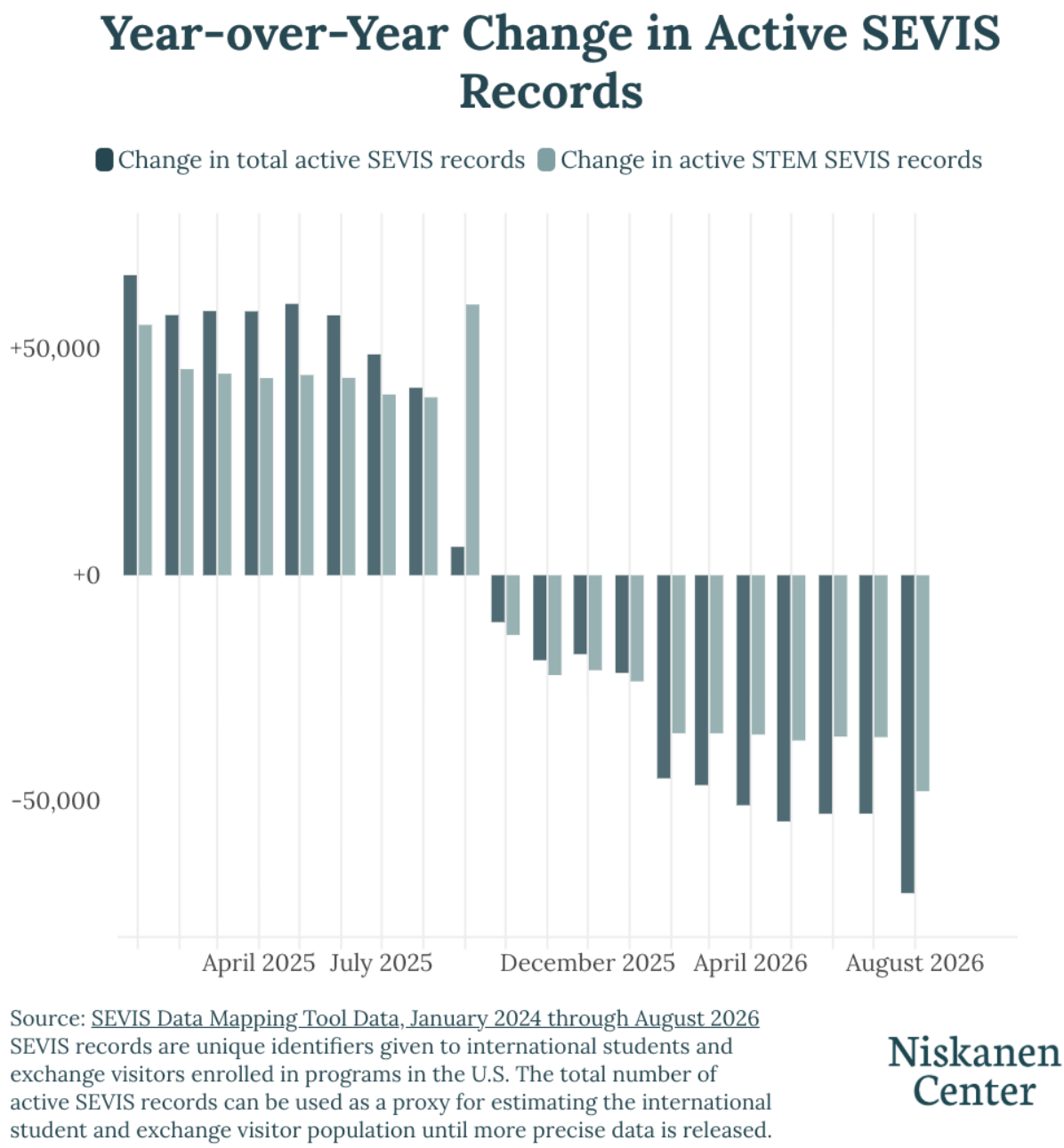
Active SEVIS Records by Month August 2025 - August 2026

Compared to August 2025, there were over **70,000 fewer** active SEVIS records
and **over 47,000** fewer active STEM SEVIS records in August 2026.



Source: SEVIS Data Mapping Tool Data, August 2025 to August 2026
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

- Despite the international appeal of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, overseas visitor numbers for June and July 2026 still underperformed the year prior. *Note, Canadian and Mexican visitors are not included in overseas visitor numbers.*
- In July 2026, the U.S. received 233,073 fewer visitors than it did in July 2025.
- In the first seven months of 2026, the U.S. received over 900,000 fewer overseas visitors compared to the same time last year.

- The International Trade Administration that publishes this data says that every 40 international visits support 1 U.S. job. At that rate, the U.S. could have missed out on over 22,800American jobs thus far in 2026 as a result of tourism declines.

