

## ***Immigration***

The Washington Post analysis of U.S. State Department data released in early March shows that [legal immigration is falling from most countries](#). The United States issued about a quarter million fewer visas in the first eight months of 2025 compared with the same period in 2024. These visas are generally issued for students, workers, and family members of citizens and legal residents. The 11 percent drop doesn't include tourist visas, which also fell during the same period.

India and China bore the brunt of the visa declines by about 84,000 compared with the same period in 2024, which largely reflect a drop-off in international students and workers from those countries. Visas for Afghan and Cuban nationals dropped sharply, reflecting the Trump administration's travel ban since last June. Visas also fell by more than 10,000 for citizens of the Philippines and Vietnam.

A majority of voters disapprove of the Trump administration's handling of immigration issues by 52.8% to 44.7%, according to [RealClearPolitics average as of March 20, 2026](#). A recent [Washington Post-ABC News-Ipsos poll](#) finds that a growing majority of Americans have soured on President Trump's immigration policies, with 58 percent saying he has gone too far deporting undocumented immigrants, a rise of eight points since last fall. A slightly higher number, 62 percent, oppose the aggressive tactics of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). 75 percent of Asian Americans say the same about deportations, up from 50 percent in the fall.

The poll also underscores the extent to which large numbers of Americans are living in fear of the deportation dragnet. One in 3 people say they worry that a family member or close friend could be detained by federal immigration officers. 54 percent of Hispanics, 49 percent of Asian Americans, and 44 percent of Black Americans say the same.

Another [recent poll by AAPI Data/AP-NORC conducted in early February](#) shares similar findings. Seventy-three percent of AAPI adults have unfavorable views of ICE, compared with 60% of the general population. Among both AAPI adults and the general population, about 9 in 10 Democrats view ICE unfavorably, while 61% of AAPI Republicans and 71% of Republicans overall hold favorable views.

Most AAPI adults agree Trump has gone too far when it comes to deporting immigrants living in the U.S. illegally (67%) or putting new restrictions on who can enter the country legally (63%).