



US-VISIT Overview

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US-VISIT Mission

US-VISIT supports the DHS mission of protecting the United States from dangerous people

- US-VISIT provides biometric and biographic identification and analysis services to agencies throughout these communities:

Immigration and Border Management

Law Enforcement

Defense and Intelligence

Credentialing

- Decisionmakers rely on US-VISIT's services to accurately identify people and assess their risk



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Guiding Principles

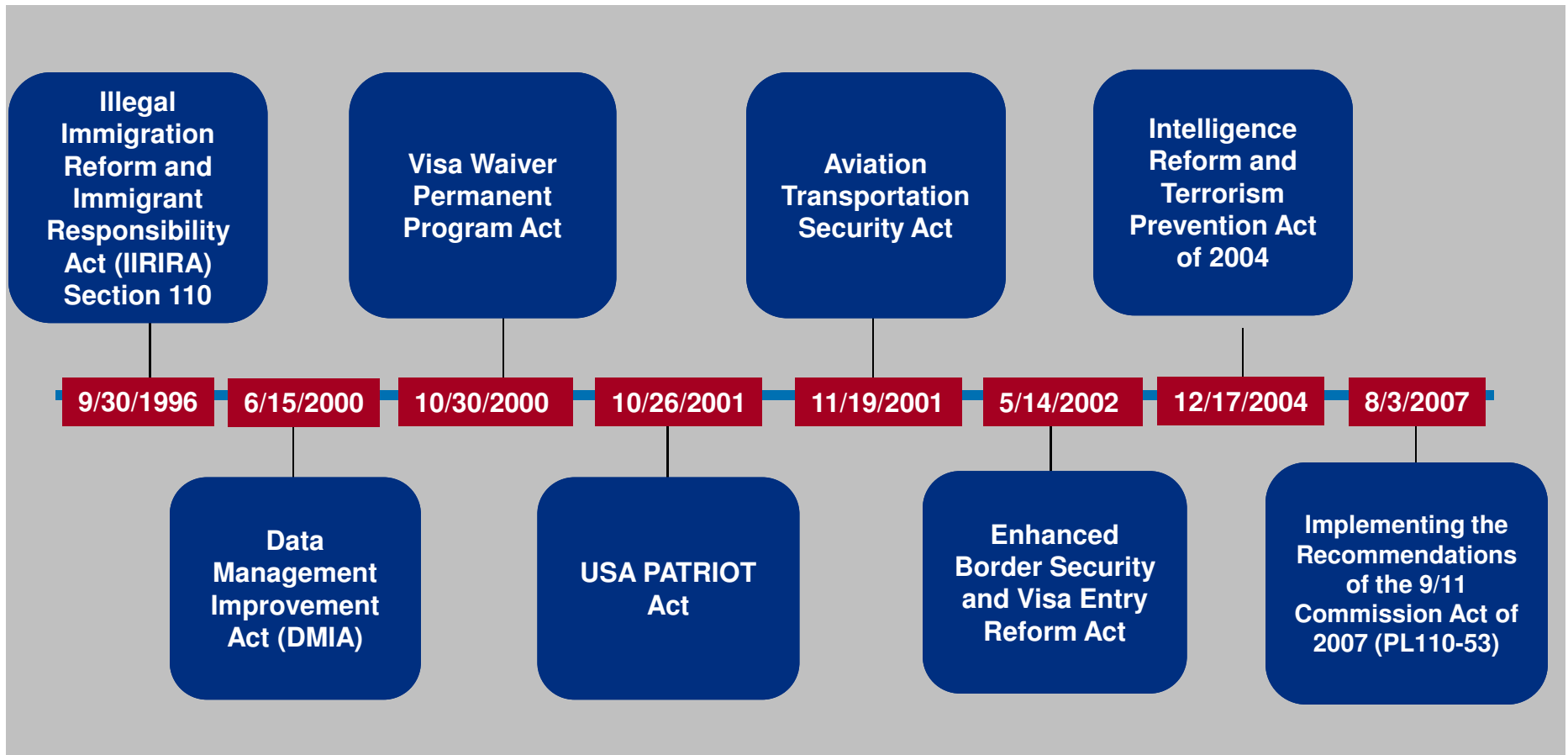
- Enhance the security of our citizens and visitors
- Facilitate legitimate travel and trade
- Ensure integrity of our immigration system
- Protect the privacy of our visitors



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History/Legislation



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Biometrics Revolutionize Security

BEFORE US-VISIT

Paper-based travel documents were susceptible to fraud, alteration

Officials relied on biographic information, which can be forged, to verify identity and make visa issuance or admission decisions

Disparate information systems lacked coordination

Countries operated independently from one another on law and immigration enforcement

SINCE US-VISIT

Significantly increased ability to detect fraudulent /altered travel document use

Officials use biometrics, which are virtually impossible to forge, to prevent dangerous people from obtaining visas or entering the United States

Better coordination with other agencies; provide a single source for biometrics-based information on dangerous people

Countries are adopting similar standards to stop criminals, immigration violators and known or suspected terrorists



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A Day in the Life of US-VISIT

Biometrics

- 100,000** International visitors' identities enrolled or verified at ports of entry for **U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Border Patrol**
- 10,000** Benefit applicants' identities enrolled or verified for **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**
- 4,400** Immigration violators' identities enrolled or verified for **U.S. Border Patrol and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement**
- 9** Illegal migrants' identities enrolled or verified for **U.S. Coast Guard** at sea
- 29,000** Visa applicants' identities enrolled or verified for **U.S. Department of State**
- 7,000** Fingerprints verified as part of investigation support **across agencies**, helping to solve crimes, identify John Does, and support terrorist investigations
- 500** Identities of criminals, immigration violators, and known or suspected terrorists enrolled or verified for **DOD and intelligence agencies.**

**Current capacity of 250,000 transactions a day*



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Biographics

- 1,000** Possible Visa Overstay Records Processed
- 600** Suspected visa overstays identified
- 50** Leads provided to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on suspected visa overstays
- 10** Arrests made of or detainers issued by ICE for visa overstays based on leads provided by US-VISIT
- 75** Records of confirmed visa overstays added to the US-VISIT Watchlist



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Biometric & Biographic Records* (>120M)

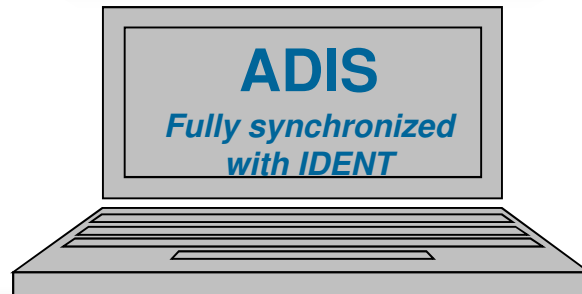
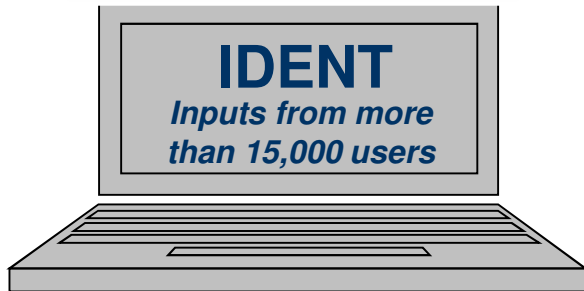
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<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>List Match</i>	Fingerprint
<i>Citizenship</i>	<i>Fingerprint ID</i>	
<i>Sex</i>	<i>Number</i>	
<i>Travel Document Information</i>		

Biographic Records* (>240M)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Fingerprint ID</i>	U.S. Destination
<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Number</i>	Address
<i>Citizenship</i>	Vessel Port	Passenger
<i>Sex</i>	PNR Number	Status Class of Admission
<i>Travel Document Information</i>	Carrier Code	Admit Until Date
<i>Subject of Interest</i>	Vessel Name	Visa Information
<i>List Match</i>	Arrival Info	A-Number
	Departure Info	



***Unique Individuals**



Identity & Status Decision Support



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Biometric Entry Procedures: From 2- to 10-Fingerprint Collection

Makes legitimate travel to the United States more efficient and secure

- Improves fingerprint matching accuracy and facilitates entry into the United States
- Enables DHS to collect better, more actionable information on criminals and immigration violators trying to enter the country
- Enables DHS to check visitors' fingerprints against full or partial fingerprints collected from locations where terrorists have operated



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Individuals Subject to US-VISIT Procedures

At the U.S. ports of entry, US-VISIT covers:

- Visa Waiver Program (VWP) travelers
- Travelers entering on a non-immigrant visa
- Individuals entering on an immigrant visa
- Refugees and persons seeking asylum
- Individuals “paroled” into the United States
- Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs)
- Canadian citizens who’s entry requires a CBP Form I-94
- Guam Visa Waiver Program travelers

Exempted from US-VISIT at the ports of entry are:

- U.S. Citizens
- Children under 14
- Individuals over 79
- Mexican Border Crossing Card (BCC) holders entering at the land ports under the terms of the BCC program.
- Canadian citizens applying for admission as B–1/B–2 visitors for business or pleasure
- Individuals specifically exempted, such as diplomatic and NATO staff and family.



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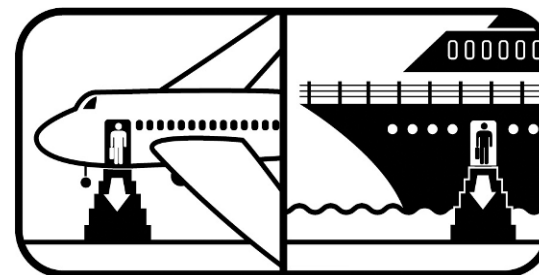
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Biometric Exit Procedures

DHS, Congress and the 9/11 Commission agree that exit control is a priority for securing our nation's borders

Airports and Seaports:

- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) completed its test of biometric exit procedures at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport on July 2, 2009.
- DHS will update international travelers about any changes to biometric requirements before they go into effect.



Land Border Ports:

- US-VISIT submitted a report to DHS on opportunities and challenges of deploying biometric exit procedures at land border ports of entry



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New Technologies and Standards: Multimodal Biometrics

- Multimodal biometrics are the next generation of secure identity management.
- US-VISIT is partnering with other agencies to conduct tests on face and iris biometric technology to evaluate the current market and its state of maturity.



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Growing Global Use of Biometrics

Using Biometrics



Planning to Use Biometrics



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US-VISIT: Committed to Protecting Privacy

US-VISIT fosters a culture that values protecting information

Privacy Protections

- Extend to non-U.S. citizens many of the same protections that are guaranteed by law to U.S. citizens
- Privacy Officer

Transparency

- Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) provide a transparent view of what information we collect, why we collect it, how it is used and how it is protected

Redress

- Offer resolution to visitors through DHS Traveler Redress Inquiry Program



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Public Education and Outreach

- Engage stakeholders
- Maintain dialogue with key stakeholders
- Leverage communications channels
- Deliver clear, consistent messaging
- Distribute informational materials



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Resources

E-mail Updates

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