# The U.S. Immigration System

2016 Nonimmigrant Admissions (I-94/I-94W Only)

Nonimmigrants are foreign nationals granted temporary admission to the United States. Some examples of nonimmigrant admission categories are tourists and business travelers, students, temporary workers, and diplomatic and international organization staff. This graphic provides data for nonimmigrants who received I-94 and I-94W (Visa Waiver) forms in Fiscal Year 2016; these forms are issued to most types of nonimmigrants with the exceptions of Canadian tourists and business travelers and Mexicans with border crossing cards.

76,786,751 admissions to the United States were recorded using Form I-94 or I-94W. An I-94/I-94W is a form documenting the Arrival-Departure Record of particular aliens.

#### Sources of I-94/I-94W admissions: 46.3% North America 23.1% Europe & Exchange Visitor 19.1% Asia admissions were citizens of South America countries in Asia. Oceania 2.5%

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#### I-94/I-94W BY CLASS OF ADMISSION



Africa

1.1%

79.2% Visitors for



Temporary 10.8% Visitors for



Temporary 5.1% Workers &



Students & 3.4% Exchange



1.5% Classes of

### VISA WAIVERS (I-94W)

23,132,817

I-94W admissions participated in the Visa Waiver Program.

The Visa Waiver Program allows nationals of designated countries to travel to the United States as tourists or business travelers without a visa for a period not to exceed 90 days.

## MONTH OF ARRIVAL 8 An average of **7,210,428** I-94/I-94W admissions occured in December, 7 July & August. **5.353.405** I-94/I-94W admissions occured in February. OCT JUNE AUG SEPT