



# Homeland Security





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## United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT)




**Biometric Services**





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## What is US-VISIT?

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

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

Immigration and Border Management	Law Enforcement	Defense and Intelligence
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- Decision makers rely on US-VISIT's services to accurately identify people and assess their risk





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## US-VISIT's Guiding Principles

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



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*US-VISIT within the Department of Homeland Security has developed a capability which supports and assists state and local law enforcement agencies in identifying crime suspects, victims and unknown deceased.*

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*Through this capability, state and local law enforcement agencies can submit latent and rolled fingerprints related to major crimes to the DHS Biometric Support Center (BSC) for identification.*

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The DHS Biometric Support Center has the ability to search millions of fingerprint records related to foreign visitors, immigration benefit applicants and violators that are only available through DHS.

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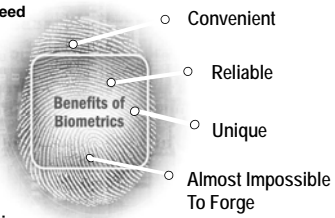
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### Why Biometrics?

- Increased accuracy and speed for screening
- Increased detection of fraudulent or stolen documentation
- Decreased false hits
- Verification throughout various DHS processes
- Enhanced Officer safety
- Increased privacy
- Decreased mistaken identities
- Increased convenience
- Reduced paper work




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### Users of US-VISIT's Biometric Identification and Analysis Services




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**Border Management**

- > Entry and exit process
- > Pre-entry visa process
- > Stay management

**Enforcement**

- > Border Patrol
- > Investigations
- > Detention & Removal
- > Coast Guard
- Biometrics- at-Sea

**Immigration Services**

- > Asylum
- > Refugee
- > Benefits

**DHS Biometric Applications**

**Credentialing**

- > Registered Traveler
- > Employment Screening
- > Employee ID

**Forensics**

- > Unknown deceased
- > Unsolved crime scene latent prints

**Security**

- > Physical access control
- > Logical/system access control

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## How Does DHS Process Fingerprints?

*Rapid Processing of Fingerprints through DHS' Automated Biometric Identification System (IDENT)*



**IDENT Highlights**

- World's Largest: 90 Million Individuals
- World's Fastest: 120,000 Transactions/Day
- 200 Million Transactions Processed
- Over 18 Million Identifications
- Over 75,000 Wanted Criminals Identified
- NIST Certified Accuracy
- Matcher Power of over 160 Million Matches/Sec
- Inputs From Over:
  - 15,000 Users
  - 5,000 Work Stations
  - 210 Overseas Consular Posts
- Automated Synchronization with FBI IAFIS

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## DHS/IDENT Data Categories

**IDENT Watchlist (4.7M People)**

- Known and Suspected Terrorists
- DoD Military Operations
- Wanted Persons
- Deported Felons
- International Criminals (INTERPOL)
- Sexual Registrants
- Aliens with a Criminal History
- Selected State and Local Criminals
- Gangs
- Expedited Removals
- DOS Visa Denials
- Recidivists with Alerts (officer safety)
- Adverse Actions from Ports of Entry

**IDENT Database (90 M People)**

- US-VISIT - Entry
- DOS - Visa Applications
- DOS - Border Crossing Card Applications
- CIS - Asylum
- CIS - Refugee
- CIS - Benefits
- CBP - NSEERS
- CBP - Registered Traveler
- Recidivists

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## A Day in the Life of US-VISIT

- 86,400** International visitors' identities enrolled or verified at ports of entry for **U.S. Customs and Border Protection**
- 22,800** Visa applicants' identities enrolled or verified for **U.S. Department of State**
- 11,000** Benefit applicants' identities enrolled or verified for **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**
- 7,000** Immigration and enforcement actions.
- 5** Illegal migrants' identities enrolled or verified for **U.S. Coast Guard** at sea



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## US-VISIT Biometric Support Center

*The Biometric Support Center (BSC) Provides Human Verification Services to DHS Customers Nationally and Internationally...*

### Fingerprint Verifications

- 10 Minute Response on Urgent Verifications
- 24 Hour Response on non-Urgent Requests

### Latent Print Verifications

- Latent Encoding and Searching Against DHS Databases
- Latent Verifications Against Candidates



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## US-VISIT Biometric Support Center

### 2 Locations

- Virginia
- California

### Highlights

- 24x7 Operations
- Experienced 10-print and latent examiners
- 600,000 fingerprint verifications annually
- 2.4M latent comparisons annually
- 9,100 YTD fugitive identifications
- 174 YTD unknown deceased identifications
- 5,300 special services for other agencies



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