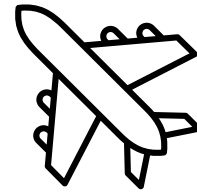


# 75 countries excluded from permanent legal immigration to the United States

All charts are based on State Department data, as analyzed by the Migration Policy Institute and the Spanish Institute for Migration Analysis.

## Share of U.S. Immigrant Visas Affected by the Suspension (FY 2024)

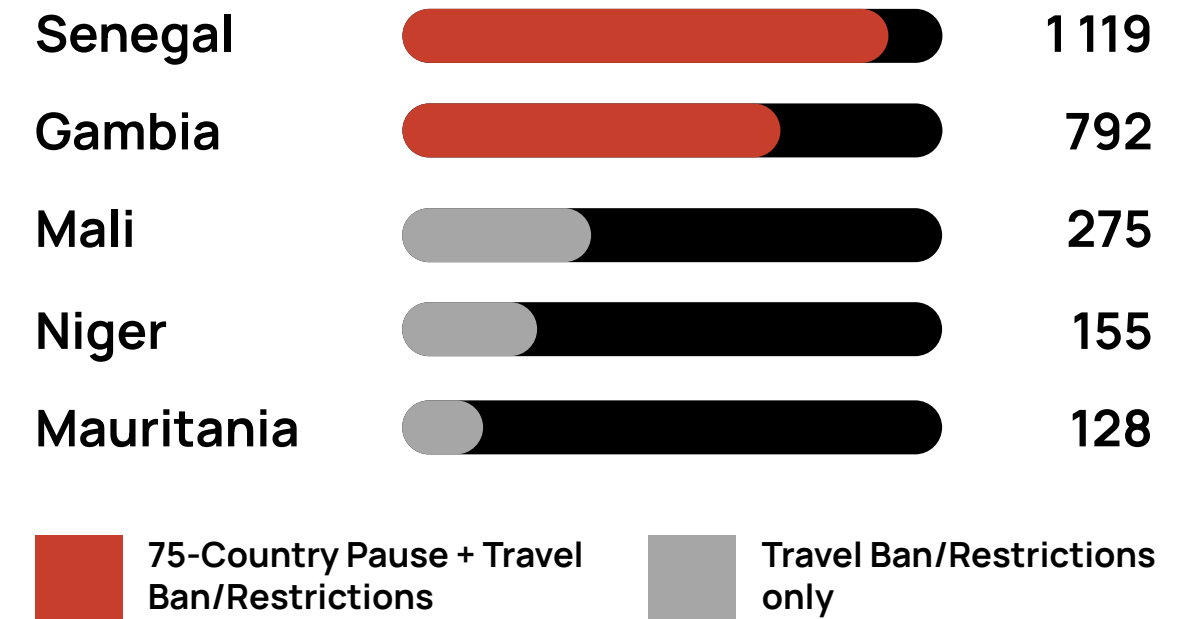


612,258  
All immigrant visas issued in fiscal year 2024

280,015  
Immigrant visas issued to nationals of the 75 countries affected by the pause

287,950  
Immigrant visas issued to nationals of the countries affected by both the pause and the 2025 travel bans/restrictions

## Immigrant Visas Issued to Nationals of West African and Sahel Countries (FY 2024)



## Most Affected Countries



Afghanistan



Cuba



Pakistan



Jamaica



Bangladesh



Colombia

The pause is reportedly intended to give the administration time to develop new screening methods for individuals likely to become a “public charge.”

## Broader Context

- The State Department’s listing of the 75 countries does not affect people entering the U.S. on tourist, temporary work, or student visas.
- Many immigrants forgo benefits they are eligible for, due to administrative concerns or fear that using them could affect a future immigration application.
- This approach ignores the fact that immigrants bring benefits in terms of human capital, job creation, and entrepreneurship.