

The Department is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and has an extensive global presence, with more than 270 embassies, consulates, and other posts in over 180 countries. A two-page map of the Department's locations appears in Appendix B. The Department also operates several other types of offices, mostly located throughout the United States, including over 25 passport agencies, two foreign press centers, one reception center, five logistic support offices for overseas operations, 20 security offices, and two financial service centers.

The Foreign Service officers and Civil Service employees in the Department and U.S. missions abroad represent the American people. They work together to achieve the goals and implement the initiatives of American foreign policy. The Foreign Service is dedicated to representing America and to responding to the needs of American citizens living and traveling around the world. They are also America's first line of defense in a complex and often dangerous world. The Department's Civil Service corps, most of whom are headquartered in Washington, D.C., is involved in virtually every policy and management area – from democracy and human rights, to narcotics control, trade, and environmental issues. Civil Service employees also serve as the domestic counterpart to Foreign Service consular officers who issue passports and assist U.S. citizens overseas.

Host country Foreign Service National (FSN) and other Locally Employed (LE) staff contribute to advancing the work of the Department overseas. Both FSNs and other LE

staff contribute local expertise and provide continuity as they work with their American colleagues to perform vital services for U.S. citizens. At the close of 2017, the Department was comprised of nearly 75,000 employees.

The U.S. Department of State, with just over one percent of the entire Federal budget, has an outsized impact on Americans' lives at home and abroad. For a relatively small investment, the Department yields a large return in a cost-effective way by advancing U.S. national security, promoting our economic interests, creating jobs, reaching new allies, strengthening old ones, and reaffirming our country's role in the world. The Department's mission impacts American lives in multiple ways.

These impacts include:

1. **We support American citizens abroad.** We provide emergency assistance to U.S. citizens in countries experiencing natural disasters or civil unrest. We assist with international adoptions and work on child abduction cases. In 2016, there were 5,372 adoptions to the United States, and 89 adoptions from the United States to other countries. In calendar year 2016, we worked on parental child abduction cases involving more than 1,600 children – resulting in the return of 230 American children.
2. **We create American jobs.** We directly support millions of U.S. jobs by promoting new and open markets for U.S. firms, protecting intellectual property, negotiating new U.S. airline routes worldwide, and helping American companies compete for foreign government and private contracts.
3. **We promote democracy and foster stability around the world.** Stable democracies are less likely to pose a threat to their neighbors or to the United States. We partner with the public and private sectors in countries in conflict to foster democracy and peace.
4. **We help to make the world a safer place.** Under the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, we are reducing the number of deployed nuclear weapons to levels not seen since the 1950s. The Department has helped over 40 post-conflict countries clear millions of square meters of landmines and unexploded ordnance. We also work with foreign partners to strengthen international aviation and maritime safety and security.



Secretary Tillerson shakes hands with a State Department employee in Washington, D.C., May 3, 2017. *Department of State*