

Selected consular statistics

Canadians registered abroad (approximately)	46 757
Canadians residing abroad, including dual nationals	3 million
Passports (1985-86 fiscal year)	
Valid passports in circulation	4 129 946
Total issued	1 005 472
Issued by missions abroad	59 300
Increase in total issued by missions abroad over that of the previous year	0.33 per cent
Travel (calendar year 1985)	
Total visits abroad	39.7 million
United States (of which approximately 10.7 million stayed at least one night)	37.4 million
Countries other than the United States	2.3 million
Europe (preliminary estimate)	1 235 000
Bermuda and the Caribbean (preliminary estimate)	474 000
Consular activities (1985-86 fiscal year)	
Total number of cases or services rendered (approximate)	572 767
a) Cases:	
Repatriation	382
Hospitalization or medical treatment	1 558
Deaths	1 539
Detainees	1 074
b) Services:	
Passport	149 711
Citizenship	35 411
Legal and notarial	25 683
Requests for financial assistance or transfers	3 837
Well-being and whereabouts	14 733
Registration of Canadians	25 307
Advice and assistance	186 790
Child custody	867
General and miscellaneous enquiries (counter cases)	125 875
Consular resources (1985-86 fiscal year)	
Funds advanced against undertaking to repay	
1982-83	\$ 144 000
1983-84	\$ 147 000
1984-85	\$ 102 430
1985-86	\$ 104 261
Recovery rate	38 per cent
Person-years devoted to consular work at headquarters and abroad (expressed as equivalent number of positions)	198

In response to a recommendation from the Treasury Board and Employment and Immigration Canada, a system to recover service costs was established to reduce the deficit and to avoid unreasonable increases in the financial burden on Canadian taxpayers. The system is based on the principle that every person explicitly requesting a service must pay for it. As of February 3, 1986 service costs have been

charged for the examination of permanent resident applications and for temporary work permits. Refugees and members of designated categories, students and diplomats are exempt from these costs. It is estimated that some \$15 million, or one-third of the real cost of processing the applications will be recovered annually in this manner.