

US Visa issuance 2018 to 2023: Non-immigrant visas showed a steady increase from 40,679 in 2018 to 80,852 in 2023, and while Immigrant visas fluctuated they too increased from 10,114 in 2018 to 16,320 in 2023 - Gallup Pakistan Digital Analytics Report on Immigration and Non Immigration Visas to US from Pakistan

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Gallup Pakistan Digital Analytics team has been working on understanding immigration from Pakistan to US. For this purpose, we have built a dashboard based on monthly data available publicly at the US Government websites. This Press Release showcases some of the learnings available from this dashboard. Dive into Gallup Pakistan's latest US visa issuance statistics Dashboard! Explore immigrant & non-immigrant visa trends from 2018 to 2023.

Visit dashboard [here](#).

Bilal Ijaz Gilani, Executive Director adds '*Gallup Pakistan as premiere data and survey research institution wishes to introduce a culture of data and fact-based informed conversation in the country. We believe that by making available data accessible to wider population, the level of debate in terms of quality of arguments would improve which would help come up with better policy prescriptions. Immigration or influx from Pakistan is one such issue on which a lot of speculation has been done. In this current Press Release and the Dashboard, we are making public, the trends are far more conservative and sobering than the usual debate. There is an increased number of immigrant visas from Pakistan to US but the numbers are still very low as compared to Pakistan's population. More conversation on why people are leaving and if their leaving the country is beneficial for the country must be held in a more nuanced fashion*'

Has there been an increase in influx from Pakistan to US between 2018 to 2023?

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KEY FINDINGS FROM THIS PRESS RELEASE:

1. There was a fluctuating trend of non-immigration US visas issued for Pakistanis in 2023, with peaks in October (9,565) and December (7,483), and low points in July (4,795) and April (5,723), highlighting potential seasonal patterns or shifts in travel behaviour.
2. Across categories: “Business & pleasure” lead with 85.11% of the visas issued, followed by “Student” making up 3.67% of the visas issued, while “Temporary Workers” only made up 1.33% of the total Non-Immigration US Visas issued in 2023.
3. Immigrant US visa issuance for Pakistanis fluctuated month-to-month, reflecting varying demand.
4. Across categories: “Special immigrants” lead with 46.65%, closely followed by “Immediate relatives of US citizens” at 32.22%, while “Employment based” visas only made up 1.41% of the Immigrant US Visas issued in 2023, indicating a lesser reliance in work-related sponsorship.
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7. Examining the Non-Immigrant Visa issuances in Pakistan, Islamabad Consulate led with 52.2%, while the Karachi Consulate followed with 47.8%.

Check out the full dashboard at: www.galluppakistandigitalanalytics.com/immigrants-non-immigrants-usa-visa-issuance-statistics/



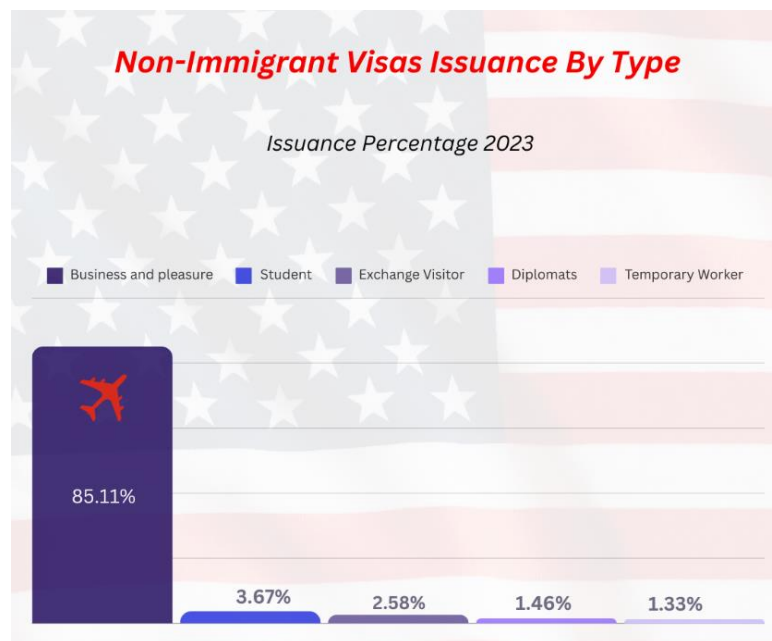
1. Non-Immigration US Visa issuance in 2023 for Pakistanis:

A fluctuating trend for Pakistan with peaks in October (9,565) and December (7,483) and lows in July (4,795) and April (5,723). These numbers illustrate the gradual decline and flow of non-immigrant travel throughout the year, highlighting potential seasonal patterns or shifts in travel behavior.



Source: Gallup Pakistan US Visa issuance Dashboard

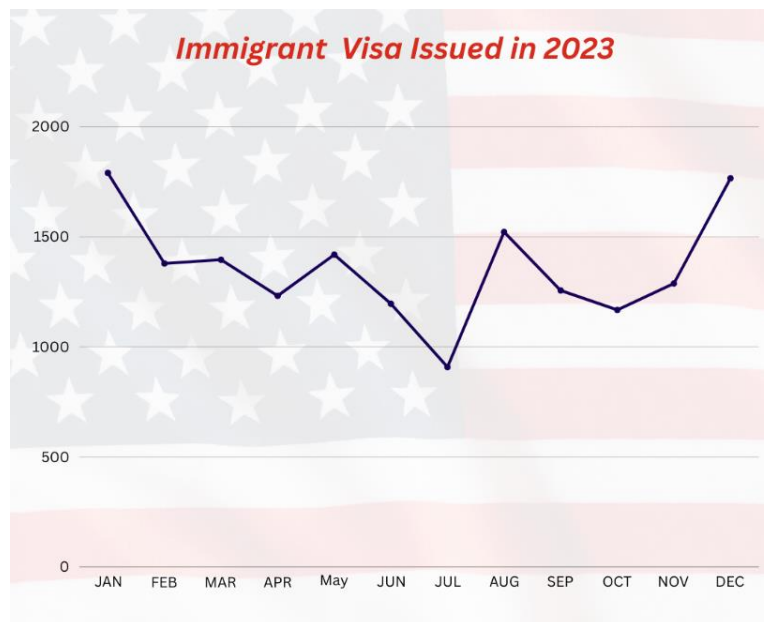
In the breakdown of Non-Immigrant Visa Issuance Percentage, Business & pleasure lead at 85.11%, students follow at 3.67%, while Temporary Workers are at 1.33%.



Source: [Gallup Pakistan US Visa issuance Dashboard](#)

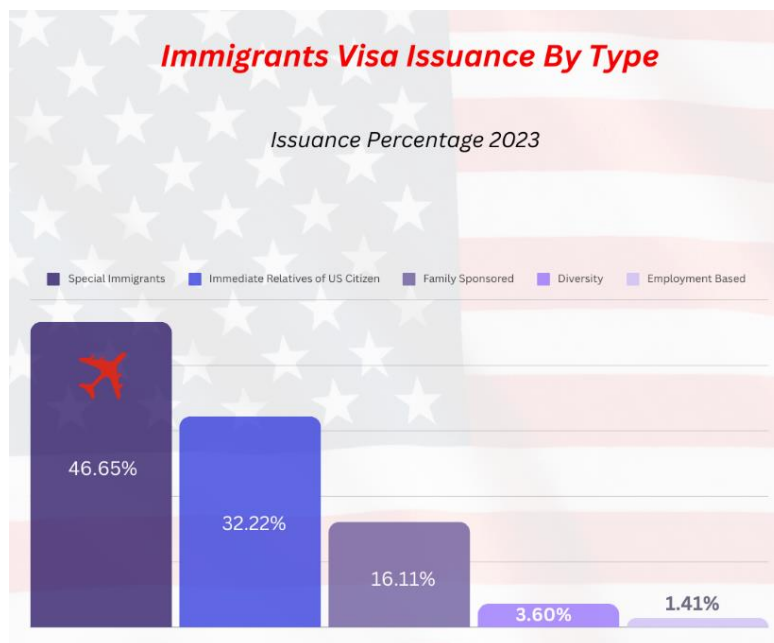
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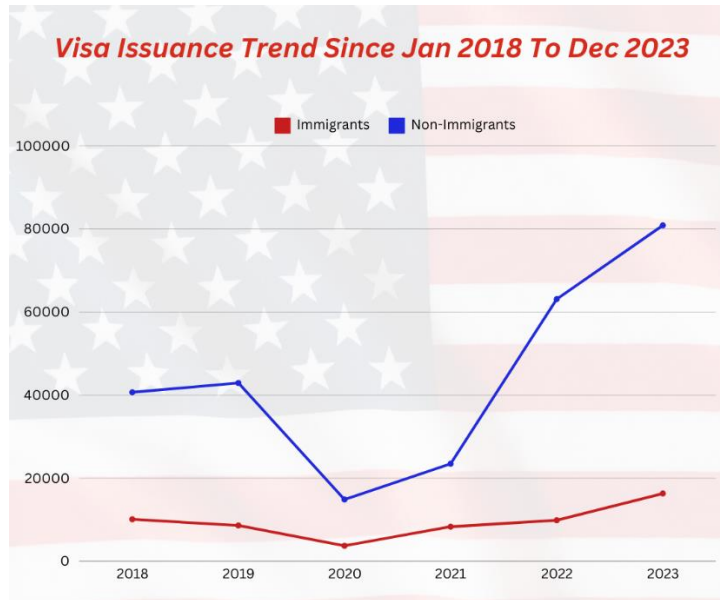
At the top of the immigrant visa issuance breakdown, Special Immigrants lead at 46.65%. Immediate Relatives of US Citizens follow closely at 32.22%, followed by Family Sponsored visas at 18.96%. Employment-based visas are at 3.60%, indicating lesser reliance on work-related sponsorship.



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3. Trend of US Visa issuance for Pakistanis since 2018:

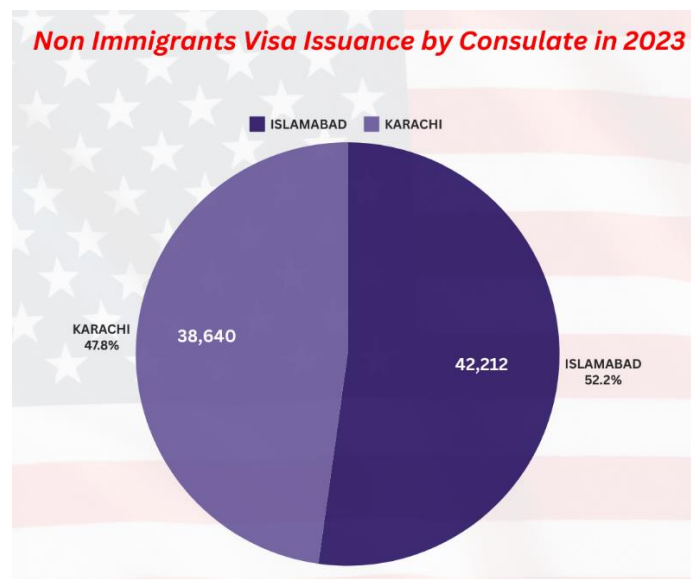
Analyzing visa trends from 2018 to 2023: Non-immigrant visas showed a steady increase from 40,679 in 2018 to 80,852 in 2023. Conversely, immigrant visas fluctuated, with a noticeable drop in 2020 due to Covid-19, but a rebound in 2022 and 2023. These numbers reflect the dynamic nature of travel and immigration patterns over the past few years.



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4. Non-Immigrant US Visa issuance by consulate in 2023:

Examining Non-Immigrant visa issuance percentages in Pakistan: Islamabad Consulate led with 52.2%, while Karachi Consulate followed with 47.8%.



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