



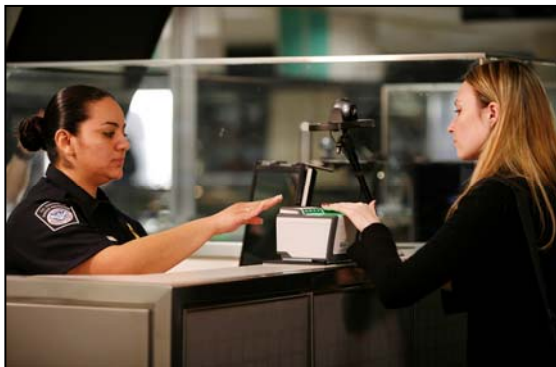
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# Fact Sheet

## Transition to 10-Fingerprint Collection

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is transitioning from collecting two digital fingerprints to collecting 10 fingerprints from international visitors to the United States. This transition is one of the department's top priorities because it furthers DHS's ability to keep dangerous people out of the United States, while making legitimate travel more efficient.

On November 29, 2007, DHS began deploying 10-fingerprint scanners to U.S. ports of entry at Washington Dulles International Airport. Since early 2008, nine U.S. airports and one land border port of entry have also begun using the new scanners to collect additional fingerprints from international visitors: Boston Logan International Airport (Boston, Mass.), Chicago O'Hare International Airport (Chicago, Ill.), Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (Detroit,



A U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer demonstrates how a visitor should place her fingers on the fingerprint scanner during the entry process.

Mich.), Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (Atlanta, Ga.), George Bush Houston Intercontinental Airport (Houston, Texas), Miami International Airport (Miami, Fla.), John F. Kennedy International Airport (New York, N.Y.), Orlando International Airport (Orlando, Fla.), Thousand Islands Bridge (Alexandria Bay, N.Y.) and San Francisco International Airport (San Francisco, Calif.). By the end of this year most visitors who experience US-VISIT procedures will use the new fingerprint scanners when they enter the United States. The Department of State (State) is already using 10-fingerprint scanners at its visa-issuing posts.

The transition to 10-fingerprint collection is being led by DHS's US-VISIT program. US-VISIT provides biometric identification and analysis services to federal, state and local agencies. The most visible part of the program is the collection of biometrics—digital fingerprints and photographs—from visitors to the United States. This data is checked against information about known or suspected terrorists, immigration violators and criminals and helps facilitate legitimate travel, protect visitors against identity theft, prevent fraudulent document use, and keep our visitors and citizens safe from harm.

For more information on US-VISIT, please go to [www.dhs.gov/us-visit](http://www.dhs.gov/us-visit).