## **Immigration**

Late last year, the US Census Bureau said international immigration into the US was at its lowest in decades. Net international migration had added 247,000 people to the population between 2020 and 2021, the bureau said, compared with a high of more than 1m between 2015 and 2016, and lower than the net inflow of 477,000 people added between 2019 and 2020.

Immigration into the country was already in decline before the onset of the pandemic.

The number of visas issued by the state department's overseas posts fell 25 per cent between 2016 and 2019.

Between 2016 and 2020, the number of visas issued fell by more than 60 per cent.

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