

# NEWS ARTICLES ON KEY ISSUES – JUNE 12, 2025

## LATEST STATISTICS

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters						
USBP	Demographic	FY 2019 Totals	FY 2020 Totals	FY 2021 Totals	FY 2022 Totals	FY 2023 Totals
Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Child	76,020	30,557	144,834	149,093	131,519
	Family Units	473,682	52,230	451,087	482,962	621,311
	Single Adult	301,806	317,864	1,063,285	1,574,381	1,293,008
Southwest Border Total Apprehensions		851,508	400,651	1,659,206	2,206,436	2,045,838

Data Sources: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters>

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY2024														
USBP	Demographic	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	Total
Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Child	10,697	11,940	12,456	7,483	9,355	7,926	7,632	7,693	6,662	5,624	6,397	5,839	99,704
	Family Units	84,411	82,676	101,707	39,806	45,972	45,987	40,160	41,819	27,817	16,080	15,544	13,599	555,578
	Single Adult	93,641	96,490	135,577	76,926	85,314	83,560	81,103	68,393	49,053	34,696	36,068	34,420	875,241
Southwest Border Total Apprehensions		188,749	191,106	249,740	124,215	140,641	137,473	128,895	117,905	83,532	56,400	58,009	53,858	1,530,523

Data Source: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters>

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY 2025									
USBP	Demographic	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	Total
Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Child	5,878	5,765	6,118	2,748	734	631	788	22,662
	Family Units	15,239	12,250	14,266	7,096	807	470	534	50,662
	Single Adult	35,403	28,600	26,940	19,261	6,804	6,083	7,061	130,152
Southwest Border Total Apprehensions		56,520	46,615	47,324	29,105	8,345	7,184	8,383	203,476

Data Source: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters>

### Immigration Quick Facts - Detention

By the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC), 6/1/25

As of June 1, 2025, 51,302 individuals are held in ICE detention facilities, with 43.7% having no criminal record. Texas leads with 12,511 detainees, followed by Louisiana, California, Georgia, and Arizona.

Source: <https://tracreports.org/immigration/quickfacts/detention.html>

## **Cooking the books? Fears Trump could target statisticians if data disappoints**

*By Robert Tait, The Guardian, 5/18/25*

Mark Twain's famous phrase about "lies, damned lies, and statistics" resonates as experts fear economic data could be manipulated under new civil service rules proposed by the current administration. The policy could make it easier to fire statisticians who produce inconvenient economic figures, raising concerns about political interference in agencies like the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Experts warn that undermining these agencies could mirror past incidents where manipulated statistics led to economic turmoil, as seen in Argentina and Greece.

Source: [https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/18/trump-statisticians-economy-figures?CMP=oth\\_b-aplnews\\_d-1](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/18/trump-statisticians-economy-figures?CMP=oth_b-aplnews_d-1)

## **LOS ANGELES ANTI-ICE PROTESTS**

### **Everything we know about the LA protests**

*By Brandon Drenon and James FitzGerald, BBC News, 6/10/25*

Protests erupted in Los Angeles after federal immigration raids led to the arrests of unauthorized immigrants in Latino-majority areas. Initially peaceful, the demonstrations escalated as protesters set vehicles ablaze and blocked highways. In response, President Donald Trump deployed 2,000 National Guard troops, later increasing the number alongside 700 Marines, sparking backlash from California officials. Governor Gavin Newsom denounced the move as an unconstitutional escalation and filed a lawsuit against the administration. Law enforcement clashed with demonstrators, using flash-bangs and tear gas, while arrests continued across the city and in San Francisco. Trump defended the deployment as necessary to quell what he labeled a "rebellion," marking the first National Guard federalization without a governor's request since 1965. The situation remains tense, with political and legal battles unfolding over the administration's aggressive immigration enforcement.

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cj93d3r0zz0o>

### **Arrests During Protests**

*By Chelsea Hylton and Dean Fioresi, CBS News Los Angeles, 6/10/25 ; By Brandon Drenon and James FitzGerald, BBC News, 6/10/25*

While the initial ICE operations resulted in over a hundred immigrant arrests, the protests themselves have also led to arrests. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) reported 50 arrests between Saturday and Monday (June 7-9) morning. These arrests were for various charges including failure to disperse, assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer, looting, and arson. Five LAPD officers sustained minor injuries. In solidarity protests in San Francisco, approximately 60 people were arrested.

Sources: <https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/anti-ice-protests-los-angeles-immigration-enforcement/> ; <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cj93d3r0zz0o>

### **Deployment of National Guard and Marines**

*By Mike Bedigan, Rebecca Whittaker, James Liddell, Independent, 6/10/25 ; By Eleanor Watson, CBS News, 6/10/25 ; By Ana Faguy, BBC News, 6/10/25*

In response to the protests, President Trump ordered the deployment of military forces to Los Angeles. Initially, 2,000 National Guard troops were deployed on Saturday, June 7, 2025. On Monday, June 9, 2025, an additional 2,000 National Guard members were ordered to Los Angeles, bringing the total to 4,000 National Guard troops.

Furthermore, 700 active-duty U.S. Marines from Twentynine Palms and Camp Pendleton were activated and deployed to the area. Their role is to protect federal personnel and property, including ICE agents and federal buildings, not to conduct immigration raids or general policing.

Sources: <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/la-protests-why-ice-riots-trump-marines-national-guard-b2767122.html> ; <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/marines-high-alert-deploy-los-angeles-ice-protests/> ; <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cyvmz3egr7do>

### **The President's Actions and Statements**

*By Jaclyn Diaz, NPR, 6/10/25; By Ayana Archie NPR, 6/10/25; By Kathryn Watson, CBS News, 6/9/25*

President Trump has defended the ICE raids and the deployment of federal forces, stating that the protests constitute "a form of rebellion against the authority of the Government of the United States." He asserted that the federal government would step in to address the "RIOTS & LOOTERS" if state and local officials did not. He cited Title 10 of the U.S. Code (10 U.S.C. 12406) as his authority for deploying the National Guard without the Governor's consent. Trump has implied that his intervention stopped the city from "burning down."

Sources: <https://www.npr.org/2025/06/10/nx-s1-5428071/los-angeles-protests-national-guard-presidential-powers> ; <https://www.npr.org/2025/06/10/nx-s1-5428579/protests-against-ice-have-continued-in-la-into-the-week-heres-what-to-know> ; <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-title-10-national-guard-deployment-los-angeles-authority-meaning/>

## **The Governor of California's Actions and Statements**

*By Chad de Guzman, TIME, 6/9/25; By Ayana Archie, NPR, 6/10/25; By Ana Faguy, BBC News, 6/10/25*

California Governor Gavin Newsom has vehemently opposed the federal deployment, calling it "unlawful," "inflammatory," "unnecessary," and "a serious breach of state sovereignty." He stated that the federal government is "purposefully inflammatory and will only escalate tensions" and that "they want a spectacle." Newsom has formally requested that the Trump administration rescind the deployment and has sued the Trump administration, arguing that the federalization of the National Guard violates the U.S. Constitution and California's sovereignty, as the governor typically controls the state's National Guard. He also threatened to sue over the Marine deployment. Newsom has urged protesters to remain peaceful, condemning violence and acknowledging that "insurgent groups" and "anarchists" are infiltrating demonstrations.

Sources: <https://time.com/7292191/trump-newsom-national-guard-california-los-angeles-protests-legal-challenge/> ; <https://www.npr.org/2025/06/10/nx-s1-5428579/protests-against-ice-have-continued-in-la-into-the-week-heres-what-to-know> ; <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cyvmz3egr7do>

## **Possibility of Arrests of the Governor and Mayor**

*By John Dickerson, CBS News, 6/9/25;*

There have been discussions and threats from some federal officials, including "border czar" Tom Homan, about the possibility of arresting Governor Newsom and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass if they "impeded law enforcement" or "knowingly harbor and conceal an illegal alien." However, Homan has stated that there is "no intention to arrest" Newsom or Bass at this time, saying they "haven't crossed a line yet." President Trump has also said he "would do it" if he were Homan, but ultimately deferred to the Justice Department. Neither the Governor nor the Mayor has been arrested.

Sources: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/homan-says-trump-administration-has-no-intention-to-arrest-newsom-after-trump-says-i-d-do-it/ar-AA1GoCH4>

## **Legality of Sending National Guard Without Governor's OK**

*By Kathryn Watson, CBS News, 6/9/25; By Chantelle Lee, TIME, 6/9/25; By Jaclyn Diaz, NPR, 6/10/25*

The deployment of the National Guard without the Governor's consent is highly unusual and legally contentious. Typically, a state's National Guard is activated at the request of the governor. President Trump has invoked Title 10 U.S.C. 12406, which allows the President to federalize the National Guard "to repel the invasion, suppress the rebellion, or execute those laws" if there is a "rebellion or danger of a rebellion" against the U.S. government. Legal experts consider this a rare and unprecedented move, with some calling it "uncharted legal waters." This is reportedly the first time since 1965 that a president has deployed the National Guard to a state without the governor's explicit request for civil unrest. Governor Newsom's lawsuit against the Trump administration directly challenges the legality of this action, arguing it violates states' rights under the U.S. Constitution (10th Amendment). The Posse Comitatus Act generally limits the domestic use of federal troops for civilian law enforcement, unless exceptions like the Insurrection Act are invoked, which Trump has not done in this instance.

Sources: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-title-10-national-guard-deployment-los-angeles-authority-meaning/> ; <https://time.com/7292433/trump-national-guard-la-protests/> ; <https://www.npr.org/2025/06/10/nx-s1-5428071/los-angeles-protests-national-guard-presidential-powers>

## **Anti-ICE protests held coast to coast after L.A. unrest as national movement grows**

*By Patrick Smith and Mirna Alsharif, NBC News, 6/10/25*

Protests against ICE raids and immigration policies, which began in Los Angeles, have spread nationwide, with demonstrations occurring in major cities like New York, Chicago, Dallas, and Atlanta. Nationwide, at least 25 rallies have taken place, with varying levels of participation, including trade unionists demanding the release of SEIU California President David Huerta, who was arrested on Friday. Protests have intensified in cities like San Francisco, Santa Ana, and San Diego, with additional demonstrations in Texas, the South, and the Midwest.

Source: <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/anti-ice-protests-held-coast-coast-l-unrest-national-movement-grows-rcna211980>

## **National Guard, Marine deployment in Los Angeles costs \$134 million: Pentagon**

*By Bart Jansen, USA TODAY, 6/10/25*

The Pentagon is allocating \$134 million for a 60-day deployment of 4,000 National Guard troops and 700 Marines to address protests in Los Angeles over federal immigration enforcement. The funding, drawn from operations and maintenance accounts, has sparked criticism from lawmakers questioning the use of military forces for civilian law enforcement. Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-CA) voiced concerns over the lack of preparedness, citing reports of troops without adequate food, fuel, or shelter. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth defended the deployment, emphasizing President Trump's commitment to law and order, while California officials continue to oppose federal intervention.

Source: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2025/06/10/national-guard-marine-deployment-la-cost/84132086007/>

### **'Wildly underprepared': National Guard troops seen sleeping on floors in exclusive photos**

*By Matthias Gafni, San Francisco Chronicle, 6/9/25*

The rushed deployment of California National Guard troops to Los Angeles, ordered by President Donald Trump, has left soldiers without adequate sleeping arrangements, forcing them to sleep on floors in federal buildings with no federal funding for food, water, or lodging. The unplanned deployment has drawn sharp criticism from California officials, including Governor Gavin Newsom, who condemned the lack of resources and support for the troops. Senior military leaders have suggested that temporary accommodations may remain insufficient until Thursday, as more troops arrive. The move, intended to confront immigration protests, has fueled further controversy over the federalization of state assets without local approval.

Source: <https://www.sfchronicle.com/california/article/national-guard-california-photos-20368334.php>

## **DEPORTATIONS**

### **What is the 1798 law that Trump used to deport migrants?**

*By Sofia Ferreira Santos, BBC News, 5/13/25*

The administration has invoked the 1798 Alien Enemies Act to deport hundreds of Venezuelan migrants, arguing they are members of the Tren de Aragua gang and pose a national security threat. Originally designed to detain and remove foreign enemies during wartime, the act has historically been used only during major conflicts, such as World War II. On April 7, the Supreme Court ruled that Trump could use the Alien Enemies Act to deport alleged gang members, but deportees must be given the opportunity to challenge their removal in court. On April 19, the Supreme Court ordered the administration to pause deportations of Venezuelans detained in Texas after lawyers argued they were not informed of their right to contest the decision. On May 1, Trump-appointed Judge Fernando Rodriguez ruled that the act could not be used to deport Venezuelans, marking the first federal ruling that deemed its use unlawful. However, on May 13, Judge Stephanie Haines in Pennsylvania ruled in favor of the administration, stating that Trump could use the act to deport accused gang members but must provide at least 21 days' notice and allow legal challenges.

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy871w21d3vo>

### **The CBP Home app**

*By the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2025*

The CBP Home app is a mobile tool provided by U.S. Customs and Border Protection that allows undocumented immigrants to voluntarily record their intent to leave the U.S. as part of a newly incentivized departure program. Those who participate can receive a \$1,000 stipend, financial and travel document assistance, and be deprioritized for ICE detention while preparing to leave. Eligible individuals include non-criminal aliens who have had prior encounters with CBP and parolees whose legal status has expired or will soon expire. Families can register together, and minors must be logged separately. The program does not have a deadline, but participants are encouraged to act before facing forced removal. Those who do not use the app may be subject to detention and a visa ban. Assistance is available for travel costs and obtaining necessary documents, with self-funded travelers given flexibility in departure timing.

Source: <https://www.dhs.gov/cbphome>

### **DHS Announces Historic Travel Assistance and Stipend for Voluntary Self-Deportation**

*By the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), 2025*

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has introduced the CBP Home App, offering financial and travel assistance to migrants who voluntarily return to their home country. Those who use the app to self-deport will receive a \$1,000 stipend, paid upon confirmation of their departure. Despite the stipend cost, officials estimate that CBP Home will reduce deportation expenses by 70%, as the current average cost for arrest, detention, and removal is \$17,121 per person. Migrants who commit to voluntary departure through the app will also be deprioritized for detention and removal if they show progress toward leaving. Additionally, participation in the self-deportation program may help preserve their ability to legally re-enter the U.S. in the future.

Source: <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/05/05/dhs-announces-historic-travel-assistance-and-stipend-voluntary-self-deportation>

### **Scoop: First flight leaves U.S. under Trump's \$1,000 "self-deport" deal**

*By Marc Caputo and Brittany Gibson, Axios, 5/19/25*

The administration's first charter flight for dozens of "self-deporting" immigrants took off early Monday, May 19, from Houston. The flight was part of a new program offering participants a free trip back to their home countries along with a \$1,000 incentive. The plane departed Houston at approximately 9:30 a.m., carrying 65 individuals from Honduras and Colombia to their respective destinations.

Source: <https://www.axios.com/2025/05/19/self-deportation-flights-1000-dollars>

## **The White House is deporting people to countries they're not from. Why?**

*By Ximena Bustillo, NPR, 6/1/25*

Immigration advocates sued the government, arguing that migrants must be given time to contest deportation to a third country. Federal Judge Brian Murphy sided with plaintiffs, ruling that deportees should receive a credible fear interview to explain any risks they might face in the country they're being sent to. The ruling temporarily halted deportations and required further legal review. The use of third-country deportations has expanded under the administration, which has pressured China, Venezuela, and Cuba to repatriate their nationals. Vietnam has imposed limits on deportations, accepting only certain individuals under a 2020 agreement. Despite ongoing lawsuits, the administration appealed Murphy's order to the Supreme Court, arguing that judicial interference disrupts immigration enforcement.

Source: <https://www.npr.org/2025/06/01/g-s1-69780/trump-deportations-south-sudan>

## **Mass deportation effort sweeps up U.S. citizen children with deported parents**

*By Rebecca Beitsch, The Hill, 6/2/25*

The administration is facing criticism for deporting U.S. citizen children along with their foreign-born parents. While officials argue that the children were not deported but rather traveled voluntarily with their parents, attorneys and advocates claim families were given little notice and forced to make quick decisions about their children's fate. Several cases have drawn attention, including a Honduran mother deported with her two U.S. citizen children—one being a 4-year-old with stage 4 cancer. Another Honduran woman was sent back with her 2-year-old child while the child's father was preparing custody paperwork. The Hernandez family, a mixed-status Mexican family, was deported with five of their six U.S. citizen children, despite seeking urgent medical care for their 10-year-old daughter who had undergone brain tumor surgery. They are now in hiding in rural Mexico. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem defended the administration's actions, stating that parents chose to take their children, while immigration lawyers say families were denied basic rights and left without options.

Source: <https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/5326444-trump-administration-deporting-us-citizen-children/>

## **Migrants criminally charged after failing to register with U.S. government**

*By Jeremy Roebuck and Marianne LeVine, Washington Post, 5/31/25*

The administration has revived a World War II-era immigrant registration law, requiring noncitizens 14 years and older to provide fingerprints and home addresses. Since April 11, when the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) launched the new immigrant registry, the Justice Department has criminally charged dozens of unauthorized immigrants for failing to register—a misdemeanor punishable by six months in prison and a \$5,000 fine. Judges have already dismissed several cases, questioning whether individuals understood the requirement or had sufficient time to comply. The administration claims more than 57,000 immigrants have signed up, while enforcement actions continue.

Source: <https://wapo.st/4ks8exW>

## **Trump administration sets quota to arrest 3,000 people a day in anti-immigration agenda**

*By José Olivares, The Guardian, 5/29/25*

The administration has intensified its immigration enforcement efforts, setting a new daily arrest target of 3,000 migrants, tripling previous figures. This directive was delivered to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials by Stephen Miller and DHS Secretary Kristi Noem, increasing pressure on agents nationwide. The administration is employing new tactics, including deputizing local law enforcement, utilizing federal agencies like the FBI and DEA, and conducting arrests in courthouses. Source: [https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/29/trump-ice-arrest-quota?CMP=oth\\_b-aplnews\\_d-1](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/29/trump-ice-arrest-quota?CMP=oth_b-aplnews_d-1)

## **Trump administration creates 'chatCBP' to help implement immigration policies**

*By Ja'han Jones, MSNBC, 6/2/25*

The administration is rapidly equipping federal agencies with AI tools, raising concerns about their use and transparency. A recent report by FedScoop revealed that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has launched an AI chatbot called "chatCBP" to assist its workforce, following similar federal AI initiatives like DHSChat and StateChat. According to CBP, chatCBP is designed to enhance efficiency, provide quick access to information, and meet security standards. It offers functions such as document summarization, information extraction, compilation, and multi-file analysis, helping personnel reduce time spent searching for and interpreting documents.

Source: <https://www.msnbc.com/top-stories/latest/chatcbp-ai-chatbot-customs-border-protection-trump-rcna210493>



### **Where the hot spots are for immigration enforcement**

*By Russell Contreras and Brittany Gibson, AXIOS, 6/3/25*

An analysis by AXIOS highlights how the administration is deploying resources for its mass deportation plan, revealing that local law enforcement agencies in Texas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia have been the most cooperative with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) through 287(g) agreements—partnerships that facilitate immigrant detentions. There are currently 629 agreements nationwide, with Florida (43%), Texas (14%), and Georgia (5%) having the highest concentrations. GOP-led state governments in Florida, Texas, and Virginia have actively encouraged these partnerships, leading to high-profile mass raids. In March alone, 42,000 immigrants were ordered removed, with Texas, California, New York, Virginia, and Florida accounting for nearly half of all cases. Harris County, Texas recorded the highest number of removal orders (2,460), while Miami-Dade County, Florida had the most residents with pending deportation cases (154,974), followed by Cook County, Illinois (113,959) and Los Angeles County, California (112,090).

Source: <https://www.axios.com/2025/06/03/immigration-enforcement-ice-deportations-states-trump>

### **Trump's New Penalty for Undocumented Immigrants: Billions of Dollars in Fines**

*By Hamed Aleaziz, New York Times, 5/22/25*

The administration is pressuring undocumented immigrants to leave the country by imposing fines of up to \$1,000 per day for staying illegally. So far, nearly 7,000 individuals have been fined, totaling \$2 billion, according to Homeland Security officials. In addition to financial penalties, the government is encouraging voluntary departures by offering free flights and \$1,000 stipends. This week, dozens of migrants were flown to Colombia and Honduras as part of the effort to promote self-deportation. While it's unclear whether the government has successfully collected any of the fines, officials have indicated they could enforce payment through wage garnishment, property liens, or private collection agencies.

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/22/us/politics/trump-administration-fine-undocument-immigrants.html>

### **Texas is a hot spot for immigration enforcement**

*By Russell Contreras, Brittany Gibson and Shafaq Patel, AXIOS, 6/10/25*

The administration's immigration enforcement efforts have been particularly aggressive in Texas and other southern states with Democratic-leaning cities, according to an Axios analysis. In March, Harris County led the nation in removal orders, with 2,460 immigrants ordered deported. Texas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia have been among the most cooperative states in rounding up immigrants through 287(g) agreements, which allow local law enforcement to partner with ICE. Texas alone accounts for over 90 agreements, roughly 14% of the national total. ICE raids continue in Houston, with over 500 arrests in early May and another 140 later that month. Meanwhile, Senate Bill 8, which would require Texas sheriffs to collaborate with federal immigration authorities, awaits Governor Greg Abbott's signature. Immigration advocates warn these partnerships erode public trust and discourage crime reporting.

Source: <https://www.axios.com/local/houston/2025/06/10/houston-immigration-enforcement-ice-deportations-287g-sheriff>

### **Local Police Join ICE Deportation Force in Record Numbers Despite Warnings Program Lacks Oversight**

*By Rafael Carranza, Arizona Luminaria, and Gabriel Sandoval, ProPublica, 6/9/25*

Since the start of President Donald Trump's second term, the 287(g) Program has rapidly expanded, deputizing local police to enforce immigration laws, despite longstanding concerns about inadequate training and racial profiling. The Trump administration revived a controversial task force model, abandoned in 2012, that allows officers to question individuals' immigration status during routine police interactions. 514 new agreements have been signed across 40 states, with local officers assisting ICE in over 1,300 arrests.

Source: <https://www.propublica.org/article/ice-deportation-police-287g-program-expansion>

## **DETENTION CENTERS**

### **Some ICE detainees unable to buy food after payment system goes down**

*By Graig Graziosi, Independent, 5/31/25*

A software outage affecting Access Corrections, a third-party vendor for ICE, has left immigrant detainees without access to basic necessities, including food, hygiene supplies, and medicine. The company processes payments for commissary purchases, but ongoing technical issues have prevented detainees from receiving funds sent by families or nonprofits, forcing some to rely on the generosity of fellow detainees. Reports indicate long-standing problems with Access Corrections, with detainees describing poor food quality, significant weight loss, and excessive fees for transactions. Even when the system functions, administrative errors can create additional barriers for families trying to support detainees.

Source: <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/ice-detainees-food-payment-system-outage-b2761361.html>

## **US immigration authorities collecting DNA information of children in criminal database**

*By Johana Bhuiyan, The Guardian, 5/31/25*

U.S. immigration authorities have significantly expanded their collection of DNA from migrants, including children, uploading their genetic information into the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (Codis). This database is traditionally used to track suspects in criminal investigations, but reports indicate that most of those whose DNA has been collected were not accused of felonies. Since 2020, Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) has increased DNA collection by 5,000%, with more than 1.5 million profiles added.

Source: [https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/31/cbp-dna-collection-children-immigrants?CMP=oth\\_b-aplnews\\_d-1](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/31/cbp-dna-collection-children-immigrants?CMP=oth_b-aplnews_d-1)

## **Plans for nation's largest ICE detention center halted amid DOGE review**

*By Douglas MacMillan and Hannah Natanson, Washington Post, 6/4/25*

The federal government has paused a \$47 million contract for an expanded immigrant detention center in Georgia due to a review by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). The facility, which would have been the largest immigrant detention center in the country, was expected to house nearly 3,000 detainees and create 400 local jobs. DOGE, which has aggressively cut federal spending, flagged the contract under a policy requiring DHS contracts over \$20 million to be reviewed. The decision is a setback for Geo Group, ICE's largest contractor, which anticipated expanding its detention business under President Trump's immigration crackdown. Immigration advocates argue that expanding detention is unnecessary and risks harm to detainees, citing past incidents of neglect. The Trump administration continues to push for more detention centers, with \$59 billion proposed in Congress for immigration enforcement over five years.

Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2025/06/04/ice-detention-georgia-geo/>

## **Glendale ends 'divisive' Ice detention contract amid California protests**

*By Edward Helmore, The Guardian, 6/9/25*

The city of Glendale, California, has terminated its contract to house federal immigration detainees, citing growing division within the community. The decision follows three days of protests against ICE enforcement in the Los Angeles area, including clashes near the Metropolitan Detention Center. Local officials emphasized that the move was not politically driven but rooted in public safety and accountability. Glendale officials reaffirmed that local law enforcement does not enforce federal immigration law, in compliance with California state statutes. Meanwhile, protests intensified across Los Angeles and San Francisco, with the deployment of National Guard troops sparking further opposition from Governor Gavin Newsom and civil liberties groups.

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/09/glendale-terminates-divisive-ice-detainee-holding-contract>

# **ICE ARRESTS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

## **ICE agents making arrests at San Antonio Immigration Court**

*By Elizabeth Zavala, San Antonio Express-News, 5/20/25*

Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents have been arresting immigrants at San Antonio Immigration Court, targeting individuals arriving for scheduled court appearances. The arrests are part of ICE's daily enforcement operations amid the administration's intensified immigration crackdown. ICE claims it is enforcing expedited removal, stating that those with credible fear claims will continue in immigration proceedings, while others face swift deportation.

Source: <https://www.expressnews.com/news/article/ice-immigration-arrests-san-antonio-20353152.php>

## **San Antonio ICE operation arrests 275 undocumented immigrants with criminal records**

*By Christopher Hoffman, News 4 San Antonio, 5/21/25*

ICE arrested 275 undocumented immigrants in Texas during a seven-day enforcement operation (May 11-17) focused on public safety, with 178 individuals having prior criminal convictions. The operation, led by Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) in San Antonio, involved multiple federal and state law enforcement agencies, including the DEA and U.S. Border Patrol. ICE highlighted several arrests, including individuals with convictions for drug trafficking, assault, fraud, and illegal reentry. Officials defended the operation as necessary to remove criminal threats. ICE has not disclosed how many of those arrested will face deportation, continued detention, or release.

Source: <https://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/san-antonio-ice-operation-arrests-275-undocumented-immigrants-with-criminal-records-texas-bexar-county-suspects-field-office-director-convictions-illegal-reentry>

### **San Antonio ICE arrests more migrants Friday, this time at UTSA**

*By Stephanie Koithan, San Antonio Current, 5/31/25*

On May 30, ICE conducted another immigration enforcement operation in San Antonio, arresting several individuals near the University of Texas at San Antonio campus, including construction workers, just days after plainclothes officers detained immigrants outside an immigration court. The earlier court arrests gained national attention, sparking protests and social media outrage. Witnesses reported some detained individuals had attended their scheduled hearings, but ICE agents did not identify themselves before arrests. The sweep is part of the administration's push to increase daily arrests to 3,000, surpassing previous enforcement levels.

Source: <https://www.sacurrent.com/news/san-antonio-ice-arrests-more-migrants-friday-this-time-at-utsa-37621382>

### **Cuban man among dozens detained by ICE in downtown SA, was arriving for immigration hearing**

*By KENS 5 Staff, 5/28/25*

ICE agents detained multiple individuals outside the federal courthouse in downtown San Antonio, including a young Cuban man arriving for an immigration hearing. Witnesses reported that officers were waiting for him by name and did not provide explanations. ICE confirmed that dozens were arrested, describing it as part of efforts to reverse previous immigration policies and increase expedited removals. Similar arrests occurred in Dallas, targeting immigrants attending court hearings.

Source: <https://www.kens5.com/article/news/local/ice-arrests-san-antonio-courthouse-immigration-texas/273-840fb58d-06b4-4325-8da3-8ad7a1576539>

### **Migrant advocacy groups criticize ICE arrests at San Antonio court**

*By Ricardo Delgado, San Antonio Express-News, 6/2/25*

Activists and immigration attorneys gathered Monday, June 2, to protest recent arrests of migrants at the San Antonio Immigration Court, calling the arrests an erosion of due process. The arrests began last week at San Antonio Immigration Court on Dolorosa Street, and come as the administration of President Donald Trump continues its crackdown on illegal immigration. Immigration attorneys and immigrants' advocates say Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents have been waiting at the San Antonio Immigration Court to arrest migrants who are scheduled for a court appearance. The San Antonio Immigration Court, which is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Justice, is one of several across the U.S. that handle immigration cases and determine whether people should be deported, or whether they are eligible for relief from deportation proceedings. Federal officials have not provided details on the number of people who have been arrested or what charges they were facing. At Monday's protest, which was organized by the San Antonio chapter of the Party for Socialism and Liberation, a crowd gathered across the street from the San Antonio Immigration Court on Dolorosa Street and listened as more than a dozen speakers criticized the arrests. The Express-News couldn't immediately verify the immigration status of the people who have been arrested at the San Antonio court. In a written statement on Friday, ICE officials said if any of the people who are being arrested "have a valid credible fear claim," meaning they are seeking asylum, they "will continue in immigration proceedings, but if no valid claim is found, aliens will be subject to a swift deportation."

Source: <https://www.expressnews.com/news/article/san-antonio-immigration-arrests-ice-courthouse-20357083.php>

### **Hundreds march downtown San Antonio to protest ICE deportations**

*By Brooke Park and Nancy M. Preyor-Johnson, San Antonio Express-News, 6/8/25*

Hundreds gathered in downtown San Antonio to protest ICE deportations and federal immigration enforcement, marching through city streets to demand action. The demonstration kicked off at City Hall on Sunday, June 8 at 11 a.m. By noon, roughly 300 people had joined the protest, which then evolved into a march through downtown streets. The demonstration follows recent arrests at immigration courts, where ICE agents have been detaining individuals arriving for scheduled hearings. In Los Angeles, 300 California National Guard troops have been deployed amid widespread protests against ICE raids, with thousands taking to the streets since Friday. Organizers emphasized the growing resistance to immigration enforcement nationwide, urging local leaders to take a stronger stand. Protesters voiced concerns over families being torn apart, the erosion of due process, and increased fear among undocumented communities, while advocacy groups continued calls to end ICE arrests at courthouses.

Source: <https://www.expressnews.com/news/article/ice-protest-downtown-san-antonio-20367072.php>



## TEXAS IN THE NEWS

### **Texas Quietly Downsizes Border Security Spending**

*By Justin Miller, Texas Observer, 6/9/25*

The Texas Legislature has significantly reduced the state's budget for border security operations for the upcoming biennial period, halving it from a proposed \$6.5 billion down to approximately \$3.4 billion. This marks the first decrease in border security spending since the 2000s, though the current \$3.4 billion budget is still four times higher than the \$800 million allocated before the 2021 launch of Operation Lone Star (OLS). Governor Abbott had been lobbying Trump and the GOP Congress for reimbursement of over \$11 billion in state funds spent on border schemes, including National Guard deployments, migrant arrests, busing of tens of thousands of asylum-seekers to other states, and border wall construction. The brunt of the OLS spending cuts for 2026-27, amounting to \$2.7 billion, comes from the governor's office, leaving it with only about \$230 million of its original request. These cuts primarily target Abbott's border wall construction program, for which future funding appears to be zeroed out. Since 2021, the state has allocated approximately \$3.1 billion for wall construction. As of mid-April, 61.8 miles of wall segments had been completed across six counties, with easement rights for nearly 20 additional miles, making it possible to build up to approximately 85 miles with current funding. The wall construction has cost anywhere from \$20 million to over \$30 million per mile, and the state has spent about \$34 million on easement rights. Funding for the estimated \$500,000 per mile annual maintenance of the constructed wall was also cut. Another significant OLS cut is \$500 million to the Texas Military Department, although it still retains \$1.7 billion for border security, enough to maintain a large soldier deployment. The Texas Department of Public Safety, however, remains untouched by the OLS cuts, with its \$1.2 billion allocation for border security preserved. Notably, the budget includes a \$1 million line-item to reimburse the City of Eagle Pass for costs incurred during the year-plus military occupation of Shelby Park.

Source: <https://www.texasobserver.org/texas-quietly-downsizes-border-security-spending/>

### **Texas Supreme Court says Paxton can resume probe of El Paso migrant shelter**

*By Benjamin Wermund, Austin Bureau, 5/30/25*

The Texas Supreme Court ruled that Attorney General Ken Paxton can continue his investigation into Annunciation House, a Catholic nonprofit shelter for asylum seekers in El Paso, Texas. However, the court emphasized that it did not weigh in on Paxton's claims that the shelter operates as a "stash house" or engages in human smuggling. The 9-0 ruling determined that the lower court acted prematurely in blocking Paxton from seeking to revoke the shelter's charter, citing religious freedom protections. The decision does not decide the merits of the case, but allows Paxton to proceed with legal actions. Annunciation House maintains that it operates legally, working with federal immigration officials and the FBI to house migrants awaiting asylum hearings or serving as witnesses in trafficking cases. Paxton's office has also sought records from Team Brownsville and Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, but lower courts have blocked those investigations, and appeals are ongoing.

Source: <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/politics/texas/article/annunciation-house-ken-paxton-20353327.php>

### **Bill requiring that Texas sheriffs work with federal immigration authorities heads to governor's desk**

*By Alejandro Serrano, Texas Tribune, 6/1/25*

The Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 8 (SB 8), which will require most sheriffs to cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) by entering agreements under the federal 287(g) program, allowing local officers limited immigration enforcement powers. The bill applies to 234 of Texas's 254 counties. Gov. Greg Abbott is expected to sign the bill. The final version allows sheriffs to request various types of agreements, including one that lets officers question individuals about their immigration status during routine policing, a practice previously criticized for racial profiling.

Source: <https://www.texastribune.org/2025/06/01/texas-immigration-enforcement-sheriffs-287g-bill/>

### **Plainclothes ICE agents arrest 3 at Houston immigration court moments after cases were dropped**

*By John Wayne Ferguson, Houston Chronicle, 6/9/25*

On Monday, June 9, plainclothes ICE agents arrested three individuals at a Houston immigration court immediately after their asylum cases were dismissed, marking the first publicly known instance of such arrests in the city. The arrests follow similar actions in other courts nationwide, where individuals expecting legal reprieve are instead detained for expedited deportation.

Source: <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/crime/article/houston-immigration-court-arrests-ice-agents-20368949.php>

### **Eliminating the Texas Dream Act is a self-defeating nightmare**

*By Express-News Editorial Board, 6/6/25*

Texas repealed the Texas Dream Act, which had provided in-state tuition to undocumented students who met residency requirements. The law had stood for nearly 24 years, benefiting young immigrants who attended Texas schools and pledged to seek legal residency. Attorney General Ken Paxton played a key role in its abrupt elimination, settling a U.S. Department of Justice lawsuit that argued the law was unconstitutional. Studies had shown that each graduating class of immigrant students generated \$461.3 million annually for the Texas economy, making the repeal a costly setback.

Source: <https://www.expressnews.com/opinion/editorial/article/texas-dream-act-paxton-20363289.php>

### **First trial of immigrant accused of trespassing on Texas border military zone ends in acquittal**

*By Uriel J. García, Texas Tribune, 6/5/25*

A federal jury acquitted Adely Vanessa De La Cruz-Alvarez, a 21-year-old woman from Peru, of illegally entering a national defense area after crossing into Texas from Mexico, marking the first known trial of an immigrant under the Trump administration's military zone designation along parts of the border. She was detained by soldiers and arrested by a Border Patrol agent on May 12 after they found her alone sitting next to the gate on a bollard wall near Tornillo, 40 miles east of El Paso. Although found guilty of illegal entry, she avoided additional charges of trespassing onto military land, a tactic recently used by federal prosecutors to escalate penalties against border crossers. Judges have repeatedly dismissed such charges, citing lack of evidence that immigrants knowingly entered restricted areas. Immigration advocates and legal experts criticized the prosecution, calling the defense's victory a potential turning point against the administration's expanded enforcement strategies. De La Cruz-Alvarez, who now faces deportation, thanked her attorneys as she left court.

Source: <https://www.texastribune.org/2025/06/05/texas-el-paso-trial-immigration-military-zone/>

## **COURT CASES AND RULINGS**

### **Trump administration says it will fly migrant back to U.S. after judge rules his deportation "ignored" due process**

*By Jacob Rose, CBS News, 5/29/25*

The administration is working to return a Guatemalan asylum seeker, identified as O.C.G., to the U.S. after a federal judge ruled that his deportation violated due process. Despite an immigration judge's February ruling that barred his removal to Guatemala or any other country without additional legal steps, O.C.G. was abruptly deported to Mexico—where he had previously faced ransom and assault—before being sent to Guatemala. Judge Brian Murphy ordered his return, stating that key legal protections were ignored, and the Justice Department admitted it had no evidence to support its prior claims. The administration's broader deportation policies have faced scrutiny from multiple judges, including in the case of Kilmar Abrego Garcia, who was wrongly sent to El Salvador and remains in prison there.

Source: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-administration-will-fly-migrant-back-ignored-due-process/?ftag=CNM-00-10aac3a>

### **What to Know About the Biden-Era Migrant Program the Supreme Court Just Let Trump End**

*By Rebecca Schneid, Time, 5/30/25*

The Supreme Court ruled that the administration can terminate the CHNV humanitarian parole program, which allowed migrants from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela to legally enter, stay, and work in the U.S. for up to two years. The program had been used by 530,000 migrants since 2022 and aimed to manage immigration through legal channels rather than unauthorized crossings. The divided court's decision gives DHS Secretary Kristi Noem discretion to revoke legal protections, potentially putting hundreds of thousands at risk of deportation. The ruling allows termination of the program while legal challenges continue, leaving affected migrants uncertain about their future.

Source: <https://time.com/7290155/migrant-parole-program-trump-supreme-court/>

## **U.S./MEXICO BORDER**

### **Trump's Military Buildup at the Border Expands**

*By Eric Schmitt and Helene Cooper, New York Times, 5/15/25*

Over the past four months, the Pentagon has significantly expanded military operations at the U.S.-Mexico border, deploying thousands of active-duty troops, Stryker combat vehicles, surveillance aircraft, and Navy warships to enforce President Trump's strategy against illegal migration and smuggling. This marks a sharp departure from previous administrations, with troop levels jumping from 2,500 under President Biden to 8,600 today. While border crossings have plummeted, the mission's costs have soared to \$525 million, and concerns about its impact on military readiness persist. The Pentagon has designated military-controlled zones along the border where migrants can be temporarily detained, intensifying legal debates over their treatment.

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/15/us/politics/trump-border-military.html>

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### **For the first time in decades, the US-Mexico border is silent. Here's why**

*By Jeff Abbott, Daniel Gonzalez, Kristian Jaime and Raphael Romero Ruiz, USA TODAY, 6/9/25*

Since President Donald Trump's second term began, illegal immigration at the U.S.-Mexico border has sharply declined, with monthly migrant encounters dropping from over 100,000 to fewer than 10,000. Immigration shelters along the border sit nearly empty, and previously overwhelmed local officials report relief. The Trump administration attributes this to stricter border policies, including imprisonment, expedited deportations, and transporting migrants deeper into Mexico to discourage repeat crossings. Meanwhile, a \$150 billion federal spending bill has expanded funding for border security and enforcement. As immigration shelters shut down, migrants awaiting new policies remain in limbo, uncertain whether asylum processing will resume.

Source: <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/immigration/2025/06/09/us-mexico-border-immigrants/83824441007/>

## **DEVELOPING STORIES**

### **List of 'sanctuary jurisdictions' removed from US government website following criticism**

*By the Associated Press, 6/1/25*

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) removed its recently published list of "sanctuary jurisdictions" from its website after receiving widespread criticism. The list, intended to highlight cities, counties, and states deemed noncompliant with federal immigration enforcement, sparked backlash from local officials and law enforcement. The list was part of the administration's broader effort to target jurisdictions it believes do not sufficiently assist in immigration enforcement. DHS originally stated that each listed jurisdiction would receive formal notification of its alleged lack of cooperation, but the list was taken down by Sunday, June 1, showing a "Page Not Found" error. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem acknowledged pushback from some cities, saying they still qualify as sanctuary jurisdictions despite objections. While the list is no longer publicly accessible, DHS has indicated it will continue reviewing and updating it as necessary.

Source: <https://apnews.com/article/immigration-sanctuary-jurisdictions-list-a372c7501746e4f2b7e117ba22ebccac>

### **Trump administration shakes up leadership at ICE amid frustrations with arrest, deportation levels**

*By Camilo Montoya-Galvez and Nicole Sganga, CBS News, 5/29/25*

The administration has announced leadership changes within Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) amid frustrations over the agency's pace of immigration arrests and deportations. Kenneth Genalo, who led Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), is retiring and will transition to an advisory role. Robert Hammer, head of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), has been reassigned to another position. They will be replaced by Marcos Charles and Derek Gordon, both career ICE officials. These changes are part of a "leadership realignment" aimed at accelerating deportation efforts, aligning with President Trump's directive to increase immigration enforcement. The administration has pressured ICE to carry out at least 3,000 arrests per day, an unprecedented target. ICE has undergone multiple leadership changes during Trump's second term. Caleb Vitello, initially appointed as ICE director, was quickly reassigned in February and replaced by Todd Lyons, who continues to serve as acting director.

Source: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-administration-shakes-up-ice-leadership-over-deportation-levels/?ftag=CNM-00-10aac3a>

### **Trump administration continues to target international students. What to know and what could be next.**

*By Kimmy Yam, NBC News, 6/1/25*

The administration has escalated its legal efforts to restrict international students studying in the U.S., leading to widespread confusion, lawsuits, and injunctions. Since March, over 4,700 foreign-born students have been affected by visa revocations and terminations of their legal status, with some even being detained. Recently, a judge granted Harvard an injunction, blocking the administration's attempt to prevent foreign students from enrolling, while a nationwide injunction has temporarily protected students from status termination. Despite these legal setbacks, the administration has doubled down on its efforts, halting new student visa interviews and expanding social media screenings. Secretary of State Marco Rubio also announced plans to revoke visas of Chinese students linked to the Chinese Communist Party or studying in unspecified "critical fields."

Source: <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/trump-administration-international-students-visas-harvard-what-know-rcna209938>

### **USDA, DOGE demand states hand over personal data about food stamp recipients**

*By Jude Joffe-Block and Stephen Fowler, NPR, 5/9/25*

The Department of Agriculture has requested states to provide personal data, including Social Security numbers and citizenship status, of food assistance recipients under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Source: <https://www.npr.org/2025/05/09/nx-s1-5389952/usda-snap-doge-data-immigration>

### **Border czar Tom Homan's security detail costs around \$1 million a month**

*By Jennifer Jacobs and Nicole Sganga, CBS News, 5/23/25*

Security for Trump administration border czar Tom Homan costs approximately \$1 million per month, including \$500,000 in salaries for his 30-agent protective detail plus travel and lodging expenses. The annual cost could reach \$12 million.

Source: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-border-czar-tom-homan-security-detail-costs/?ftag=CNM-00-10aac3a>

### **Newark mayor sues New Jersey's top federal prosecutor after arrest at immigration detention site**

*By Mike Catalini, Associated Press, 6/3/25*

Newark Mayor Ras Baraka is suing New Jersey's top federal prosecutor, Alina Habba, for false arrest, malicious prosecution, and defamation after his brief arrest for trespassing at Delaney Hall, a newly opened federal immigration detention facility. Baraka was denied entry when he attempted to join Democratic Congress members on an oversight tour on May 9, and though his trespassing charge was dropped after 13 days, Habba's office later charged Rep. LaMonica McIver with assaulting officers in the same incident. A federal judge criticized the prosecutor's handling of the case, and McIver plans to fight her charges in an upcoming preliminary hearing. The dispute is unfolding amid national immigration policy shifts, with Geo Group Inc. securing a \$1 billion federal contract to operate Delaney Hall. Baraka previously sued Geo Group over the deal, and the Trump Justice Department is now suing Newark and other New Jersey cities over their sanctuary policies, which limit local law enforcement cooperation with federal immigration officials.

Source: <https://apnews.com/article/newark-mayor-ras-baraka-lawsuit-arrest-immigration-0d17f4adb136b9f9fc02ea8b498124ed>

### **Trump Taps Palantir to Create Master Database on Every American**

*By Hafiz Rashid, New Republic, 5/30/25*

The administration has enlisted data analysis company Palantir, founded by billionaire Peter Thiel, to execute a March executive order requiring federal agencies to share data with one another, raising concerns about government surveillance. The administration has provided little transparency on its efforts, fueling speculation about the creation of a vast database on Americans. Since Trump took office, Palantir has received over \$113 million in government spending through existing and new contracts, including a \$795 million deal with the Department of Defense (DOD) last week. The company is also in discussions with federal agencies like the Social Security Administration and the IRS to sell its technology. Its Foundry tool, designed for data analysis, is already being used by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and other agencies, enabling the White House to aggregate information across multiple sources.

Source: <https://newrepublic.com/maz/post/195904/trump-palantir-data-americans>

### **Rubio lays out detailed plan to restructure State Department to focus on Trump's priorities**

*By Jennifer Hansler, Kylie Atwood and Sean Lyngaas, CNN, 5/29/25*

The U.S. State Department has formally notified Congress of its intent to restructure its operations to align with the Trump administration's priorities, emphasizing immigration enforcement and reducing its global human rights advocacy. The plan, led by Secretary of State Marco Rubio, includes merging and renaming offices, cutting domestic staff, and absorbing USAID's disaster assistance functions, sparking concerns about its effectiveness. A new Office of Remigration will coordinate immigration and repatriation policies, while the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor will refocus on Western values, free market principles, and civil liberties. Despite assurances that overseas staff will remain unaffected, the plan calls for thousands of domestic job reductions.

Source: <https://www.cnn.com/2025/05/29/politics/rubio-lays-out-detailed-plan-to-restructure-state-department-to-focus-on-trumps-priorities>

### **Trump's travel ban takes effect as tensions escalate over immigration enforcement**

*By the Associated Press, 6/9/25*

President Donald Trump's new travel ban, targeting citizens from 12 African and Middle Eastern countries (Afghanistan, Myanmar, Chad, the Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen), took effect Monday, June 8, amid heightened immigration enforcement. The proclamation also imposes restrictions on travelers from six other nations (Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan and Venezuela who are outside the U.S. and don't hold a valid visa), barring entry unless they meet strict exemption criteria. Unlike past bans, this policy focuses on visa applications, citing concerns over passport screening and visa overstay.

Source: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/trumps-travel-ban-takes-effect-as-tensions-escalate-over-immigration-enforcement>



### **Texas governor orders national guard to deploy for protests in San Antonio**

*By Edward Helmore, The Guardian, 6/11/25*

Texas Governor Greg Abbott has ordered the state's national guard to deploy to San Antonio ahead of planned protests related to immigration. The governor stated that soldiers will be "on standby" to support law enforcement in ensuring order. He emphasized that peaceful protest is legal, but harming people or property will lead to arrests. Protests against the Trump administration's immigration policies are expected throughout the week, with nationwide demonstrations planned for Saturday, June 14, as part of the "No Kings" event. Trump has scheduled a military parade in Washington on the same day, warning protesters that authorities will respond harshly. Unlike California, where officials did not request military assistance, San Antonio's police chief reportedly asked state officials to confirm national guard presence in the city. Abbott's office later clarified that guardsmen would be stationed in areas with large protests in case they are needed. The planned "No Kings" protest in San Antonio is being organized by several groups, including the 50501 Movement, the Bexar County Democratic Party, and Women's March. Organizers have called for peaceful resistance against wealth-driven influence in government and have emphasized their commitment to workers' rights. The Texas national guard is the largest in the U.S., with 22,000 soldiers and airmen. While the governor usually commands them, they can also be deployed federally under presidential orders.

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/11/texas-protests-national-guard-san-antonio>

### **Protests against immigration raids spring up in cities across U.S.**

*By CBS News/Associated Press, 6/11/25*

Recent protests against U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations have erupted across multiple cities, with demonstrators rallying against deportations and immigration policies. In Austin, protests turned violent as demonstrators clashed with police, resulting in four officer injuries and 12 arrests. Dallas police declared a gathering unlawful, using pepper spray to disperse crowds. Denver saw escalating tensions with marchers throwing objects at officers, while Philadelphia police arrested 15 people for disrupting traffic. Seattle protesters blocked entrances to an immigration court, and in Santa Ana, the National Guard restricted access following vandalism and clashes. Boston, Washington, D.C., and San Francisco saw large peaceful gatherings supporting detained union leader David Huerta, though arrests occurred in San Francisco and New York City, where protests turned violent. In Chicago, thousands marched with signs advocating immigrant rights, with multiple arrests reported.

Source: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/protests-immigration-raids-seattle-austin-washington/>

### **Trump admin tells immigration judges to dismiss cases in tactic to speed up arrests**

*By Julia Ainsley, NBC News, 6/11/25*

A recent memo obtained by NBC News reveals a new tactic by the Trump administration aimed at increasing immigration detentions. The strategy involves dismissing pending immigration cases and then immediately arresting the affected immigrants, bypassing standard procedures. The Justice Department has instructed immigration judges—who report to the executive branch rather than an independent judiciary—to allow Department of Homeland Security (DHS) lawyers to motion for case dismissals orally, rather than requiring written filings or allowing immigrants the usual 10-day response period. The memo, dated May 30, directs judges to finalize oral decisions on the same day testimony and arguments conclude, with no additional documentation or briefing required to grant the dismissal. Once an immigrant's case is dismissed, they may be placed into expedited removal proceedings, meaning they lose their chance to seek asylum before a judge and are subject to mandatory detention by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), which falls under DHS. ICE currently holds over 51,000 immigrants, exceeding its funded capacity of 41,500 detainees.

Source: <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/national-security/trump-admin-tells-immigration-judges-dismiss-cases-tactic-speed-arrest-rcna212138>

### **US congresswoman indicted by grand jury over immigration centre scuffle**

*By Otilie Mitchell, BBC News, 6/11/25*

Democratic Congresswoman LaMonica McIver has been indicted on charges of forcibly impeding and interfering with federal law enforcement following a confrontation outside a New Jersey Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) center on May 9. McIver faces a maximum sentence of 17 years in prison. She denies the charges, calling them a "brazen attempt at political intimidation." She plans to plead not guilty. A federal grand jury in New Jersey issued a three-count indictment against her on Tuesday, replacing two previous assault charges. McIver was part of a congressional oversight visit to Delaney Hall, a private 1,000-bed immigration detention center—the first reopened under the Trump administration. She was accompanied by Congress members Bonnie Watson Coleman, Rob Menendez, and Newark Mayor Ras Baraka. The indictment alleges that McIver prevented a DHS agent from arresting Newark Mayor Ras Baraka twice. The trespass case against Baraka was later dropped. It also accuses McIver of pushing past an ICE officer and striking him with her forearms. McIver and her legal team plan to challenge the charges in court.

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx2qzwrw26zo>

## What the Data Reveals About Trump's Push to Arrest and Deport More Migrants

By Brian Bennett, *Time*, 6/11/25

President Donald Trump's administration has dramatically increased immigration enforcement, with ICE arrests doubling since he took office, filling detention centers nationwide. His deployment of the California National Guard amid protests has escalated tensions. While border apprehensions have declined, interior arrests have surged, with ICE detention numbers rising 25%. Trump aims to expand detention capacity from 50,000 to 100,000 beds. Deportations, initially stable, have risen sharply, with 207,000 removals reported. His administration seeks \$168 billion for immigration enforcement, a five-fold increase over current funding. Efforts include sending migrants to foreign prisons, pressuring ICE to increase arrests, and offering \$1,000 incentives for self-deportation, though uptake remains low. Critics argue these policies strain resources and violate legal norms.

Source: <https://time.com/7292939/trump-deportations-ice-arrests/>

## San Antonio lays plans to support 'peaceful' ICE protests, while Abbott readies National Guard

By Andrea Drusch, *San Antonio Report*, 6/11/25

San Antonio is preparing for upcoming immigration protests, with city leaders emphasizing support for peaceful demonstrations while Texas GOP officials, including Governor Greg Abbott, are deploying the National Guard. Previous protests in San Antonio have remained relatively calm compared to larger demonstrations elsewhere. The Bexar County Democratic Party and North East Bexar County Democrats are two of several co-sponsors of the upcoming "Not My King, Not My Circus" protest this coming Saturday (June 14) at Travis Park, with other demonstrations planned in surrounding cities and at the Alamo. While city officials were not consulted about the National Guard deployment, organizers restated their commitment to nonviolence.

Source: <https://sanantonioreport.org/san-antonio-ice-deportation-protests-national-guard/>

## 'One Big Beautiful Bill' harms more than it helps, says Miami archbishop

By Miami Archbishop Thomas Wenski, *Miami Herald*, 6/10/25

The "One Big Beautiful Bill Act", passed by the U.S. House and now in the Senate, faces criticism for its enforcement-heavy immigration policies and high costs. The bill allocates \$24 billion for immigration enforcement, \$45 billion for detention (a 400% increase), and \$100 million to expedite the removal of unaccompanied children. It also imposes steep fees on immigrants, including \$8,500 for family reunification, \$1,000 to request asylum, and \$550 for a work permit, renewable every six months. Many undocumented immigrants are not criminals and hold Temporary Protected Status (TPS), humanitarian visas, or pending asylum applications.

Source: <https://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/op-ed/article308048865.html>

## Border and Immigration-Related Items in the House Reconciliation Bill (H.R. 1)

Spending Over \$1 Billion	Spending Over \$100 million	New Fees (to increase with inflation)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$46.5 billion</b> for border barriers. "Planned investments," the Homeland Security Committee reported, "include: completion of 701 miles of primary wall, construction of 900 miles of river barriers, 629 miles of secondary barriers, and replacement of 141 miles of vehicle and pedestrian barriers."</li> <li>• <b>\$45 billion</b> for adult and family detention, enough to detain 100,000 people at a time. The New York Times reported in early April that ICE had already requested proposals from contractors who run detention facilities.</li> <li>• <b>\$14.40 billion</b> for transportation and removal of deportees.</li> <li>• <b>\$12 billion</b> to reimburse states' border security spending, like Texas's "Operation Lone Star" crackdown.</li> <li>• <b>\$8 billion</b> to hire 10,000 new ICE personnel.</li> <li>• <b>\$5 billion</b> for CBP facilities construction.</li> <li>• <b>\$5 billion</b> for military role in border security.</li> <li>• <b>\$4.1 billion</b> to hire 3,000 new Border Patrol agents, 5,000 CBP Office of Field Operations Officers, 200 new Air and Marine Operations agents, and 290 support staff.</li> <li>• <b>\$3 billion</b> to the Office of Refugee Resettlement for unaccompanied children.</li> <li>• <b>\$2.77 billion</b> for CBP surveillance technology, "such as ground detection sensors, integrated surveillance towers, tunnel detection capability, unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), and enhanced communications equipment."</li> <li>• <b>\$2.05 billion</b> for CBP retention bonuses and signing incentives.</li> <li>• <b>\$1.63 billion</b> to protect the 2026 World Cup and 2028 Olympics.</li> <li>• <b>\$1.32 billion</b> for ICE legal advisor (immigration prosecutors).</li> <li>• <b>\$1.25 billion</b> for the immigration court system (EOIR).</li> <li>• <b>\$1.23 billion</b> for CBP Air and Marine Operations procurement.</li> <li>• <b>\$1.08 billion</b> for non-intrusive inspection scanners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$950 million</b> to incarcerate criminal aliens.</li> <li>• <b>\$860 million</b> for bonuses to recruit and retain ICE officers.</li> <li>• <b>\$813 million</b> for CBP vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>\$790 million</b> for state and local participation in homeland security efforts.</li> <li>• <b>\$750 million</b> for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.</li> <li>• <b>\$700 million</b> for new ICE information technology.</li> <li>• <b>\$673 million</b> for CBP "biometric entry and exit system."</li> <li>• <b>\$650 million</b> for 287(g) agreements.</li> <li>• <b>\$600 million</b> for ICE hiring capacity.</li> <li>• <b>\$600 million</b> for DOJ immigration-related investigations and prosecutions.</li> <li>• <b>\$600 million</b> for CBP recruitment and vetting.</li> <li>• <b>\$550 million</b> for ICE facilities upgrades.</li> <li>• <b>\$500 million</b> for DHS to combat drug trafficking.</li> <li>• <b>\$500 million</b> for grants to local law enforcement for counter-drone systems.</li> <li>• <b>\$500 million</b> for removals to contiguous countries.</li> <li>• <b>\$450 million</b> for Operation Stonegarden grants to local law enforcement.</li> <li>• <b>\$300 million</b> for FEMA to reimburse law enforcement for protecting presidential residences.</li> <li>• <b>\$250 million</b> for ICE vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>\$100 million</b> to repatriate unaccompanied children.</li> </ul>	<p>(See American Immigration Council for more explanation: <a href="https://bit.ly/2025-05-aic-recon">https://bit.ly/2025-05-aic-recon</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$5,000</b> inadmissible noncitizen apprehension.</li> <li>• <b>\$5,000</b> ordered removed in absentia.</li> <li>• <b>\$3,500</b> unaccompanied minor sponsor in absentia.</li> <li>• <b>\$3,500</b> unaccompanied minor sponsor.</li> <li>• <b>\$1,500</b> green card application.</li> <li>• <b>\$1,500</b> Non-LPR cancellation application.</li> <li>• <b>\$1,325</b> appeal from a decision of any adjudicating official in a practitioner disciplinary case.</li> <li>• <b>\$1,050</b> waiver of inadmissibility.</li> <li>• <b>\$1,000</b> asylum application.</li> <li>• <b>\$1,000</b> parole.</li> <li>• <b>\$900</b> appeal of immigration judge decision.</li> <li>• <b>\$900</b> motion to reopen or reconsider.</li> <li>• <b>\$600</b> suspension of deportation application.</li> <li>• <b>\$600</b> LPR cancellation application.</li> <li>• <b>\$550</b> work permit (asylum, parole).</li> <li>• <b>\$550</b> Temporary Protected Status.</li> <li>• <b>\$500</b> special immigrant juvenile status.</li> <li>• <b>\$400</b> Diversity Visa application.</li> <li>• <b>\$250</b> nonimmigrant visa.</li> <li>• <b>\$250</b> Diversity Visa registration.</li> <li>• <b>\$100/year</b> pending asylum application.</li> <li>• <b>\$100</b> motion to continue immigration hearing</li> <li>• <b>5 percent excise tax</b> on all noncitizens' overseas financial remittances.</li> </ul>

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