

FY 2013 ICE Immigration Removals

Overview

In addition to its criminal investigative responsibilities, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shares responsibility for enforcing the nation's civil immigration laws with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). ICE's role in the immigration enforcement system is focused on two primary missions: (1) the identification and apprehension of criminal aliens and other removable individuals located in the United States; and (2) the detention and removal of those individuals apprehended in the interior of the U.S., as well as those apprehended by CBP officers and agents patrolling our nation's borders.

In executing these responsibilities, ICE has prioritized its limited resources on the identification and removal of criminal aliens and those apprehended at the border while attempting to unlawfully enter the United States. This report provides an overview of ICE Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 civil immigration enforcement and removal operations:

In FY 2013:

- ❖ ICE conducted a total of 368,644 removals.
- ❖ ICE conducted 133,551 removals of individuals apprehended in the interior of the U.S.
 - ❖ 82 percent of all interior removals had been previously convicted of a crime.
- ❖ ICE conducted 235,093 removals of individuals apprehended along our borders while attempting to unlawfully enter the U.S. ¹
- ❖ 59 percent of all ICE removals, a total of 216,810, had been previously convicted of a crime.
 - ❖ ICE apprehended and removed 110,115 criminals removed from the interior of the U.S.
 - ❖ ICE removed 106,695 criminals apprehended at the border while attempting to unlawfully enter the U.S.
- ❖ 98 percent of all ICE FY 2013 removals, a total of 360,313, met one or more of ICE's stated civil immigration enforcement priorities. ²
- ❖ Of the 151,834 removals of individuals without a criminal conviction, 84 percent, or 128,398, were apprehended at the border while attempting to unlawfully enter the U.S. and 95 percent fell within one of ICE's stated immigration enforcement priorities. ³

The leading countries of origin for those removed were Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

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¹ Approximately 95 percent these individuals were apprehended by U.S. Border Patrol agents and then processed, detained, and removed by ICE. The remaining individuals were apprehended by CBP officers at ports of entry.

² As defined in the March 2011 ICE Memorandum: Civil Immigration Enforcement: Priorities for the Apprehension, Detention, and Removal of Aliens

³ ICE defines criminality via a recorded criminal conviction obtained by ICE officers and agents from certified criminal history repositories. The individuals described above include recent border crossers, fugitives from the immigration courts and repeat immigration violators.



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