



FACT SHEET

A Day in the Life of ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is the largest investigative agency in the Department of Homeland Security. ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) directorate is responsible for the agency's efforts to enforce the nation's immigration laws in a fair and effective manner.

Each day, ERO employees work to uphold the agency's mission by ensuring the removal of aliens who pose a threat to national security or public safety through fair and effective immigration law enforcement. ERO's mission is broad and requires a diverse workforce made up of law enforcement officers, medical professionals, administrative specialists, and many others to ensure the success of that mission.

On an average day in 2011 (*based on Fiscal Year 2011 statistics from October 1, 2010, to August 13, 2011*):

- ERO managed **6** Service Processing Centers, oversaw **7** contract detention facilities, and housed aliens in over **240** facilities under intergovernmental service agreements.
- The average length of stay in an ERO detention facility was approximately **29** days.
- ERO housed an average of **33,384** illegal aliens in these various facilities nationwide.
- ERO personnel managed over **1.69** million aliens in the various stages of immigration removal proceedings.
- ERO processed **1,177** aliens into detention centers. The intake process includes an initial health care screening that is completed within **12** hours of arrival at the facility, followed by a comprehensive health assessment that includes a physical examination and the completion of a detailed medical history within **14** days of arrival.
- ERO health care professionals conducted approximately **628** intake health care screenings in facilities staffed by ERO health care providers.
- ERO facilitated **298** physical examinations and **94** dental examinations.

- Health care professionals conducted **355** chronic disease interventions and **156** mental health interventions.
- Facility clinics received **439** detainees during sick call and **903** prescriptions were filled at facilities staffed by ERO health care providers.
- Health care personnel saw **41** detainees for urgent care, and there were **46** emergency room or off-site referrals.
- Detainees placed **25,379** phone calls.
- ERO personnel monitored **16,950** aliens enrolled in Alternatives to Detention programs, such as Enhanced Supervision Reporting, Electronic Monitoring, or the Intensive Supervision Appearance Program.
- ERO employees procured **221** travel documents.
- ERO employees processed **227** bonds.
- ERO removed **1,057** aliens from the United States to countries around the globe, including 533 criminal aliens.
- ERO processed and removed **318** cases as a result of reinstated final orders.
- Thirty four aliens were removed via commercial airlines and **535** aliens were removed via government aircraft.
- Seventeen children were placed with the Office of Refugee Resettlement in the Department of Health and Human Services.
- ERO officers arrested **108** fugitive and non-fugitive aliens, many of whom had been convicted for a multitude of crimes, and eliminating these individuals from the ICE fugitive population.
- ERO worked with U.S. Attorneys offices, who accepted **35** cases for criminal prosecution.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

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