



U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement

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Fact Sheet

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established on March 1, 2003, as part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The 20,000 employees of ICE are led by **Assistant Secretary Michael J. Garcia** and represent the largest investigative force within DHS. ICE enforces the nation's immigration and customs laws, provides commercial air security and protects federal facilities.

ICE Organization: Operational Divisions

- **Office of Investigations** is responsible for investigating a wide range of domestic and international activities arising from the movement of people and goods that violate immigration and custom laws and threaten national security.
- **Office of Detention and Removal Operations** is responsible for public safety and national security by ensuring the departure from the United States of all removable aliens and by enforcing the nation's immigration laws.
- **Federal Air Marshal Service** is responsible for ensuring confidence in our nation's civil aviation system through the deployment of Federal Air Marshals to detect, deter, and defeat hostile acts targeting U.S. air carriers, airports, passengers, and crews.
- **Federal Protective Service** is responsible for policing, securing, and ensuring a safe environment in which federal agencies can conduct their business by reducing threats posed against more than 8,800 federal government facilities nationwide.
- **Office of Intelligence** is responsible for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of strategic and tactical intelligence data for use by the operational elements of ICE and DHS.
- ***Air and Marine Operations** is responsible for protecting the nation's borders and the American people from the smuggling of people, narcotics, and other contraband and for detecting and deterring terrorist activity with an integrated and coordinated air and marine interdiction force.

**The Air and Marine Operations Division transfers to Customs and Border Protection in FY05, but will continue to support ICE investigations.*