WHO WE ARE

The Alternatives to Detention (ATD) Program is a noncitizen compliance tool overseen by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO).

While the non-detained docket has risen to 3.26 million noncitizens, ATD allows for closer monitoring of a portion of non-detained cases awaiting immigration court proceedings or final orders of removal. The level of supervision and technology assigned to participants is based on:

- current immigration status
- criminal history
- compliance history
- community or family ties
- being a caregiver or provider
- other humanitarian or medical conditions

In the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2021, ATD participants adhered to the following types of monitoring:

- **SmartLink**: Facial recognition technology allows participants to report compliance via an app
- **GPS Monitoring**: Satellites track location to ensure compliance with the conditions of release
- **Telephonic Reporting**: Phone calls are compared against a voiceprint obtained during enrollment

In 2021:
- **26,000** cases monitored via SmartLink
- **28,000** cases monitored via GPS
- **32,000** cases monitored via telephonic reporting
On a case by case basis, ERO Officers based in the local ERO Field Office determine the type and manner of monitoring appropriate for each participant. ERO may adjust the level of supervision required as the level of compliance either increases or decreases.

ATD is most effective when used to monitor those with community ties, a history of compliance, and their release from detention is contingent on adherence to check-ins.

GOAL OF ATD:
ATD seeks to increase compliance with release conditions, court appearances and final orders of removal while allowing noncitizens to remain in their communities.

ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE

On average, there is 1 ATD Case Manager for every 125 ATD participants.

In FY 20, the ATD average daily population was 90,000.

$149 million total cost of ATD in FY 20.

$440 million enacted in FY21 for ATD.