



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 2012 (*based on Fiscal Year 2012 statistics from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012*):

- 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 **27** days.
- ERO housed an average of **34,260** illegal aliens in these various facilities nationwide.
- ERO personnel managed over **1.71** million aliens in the various stages of immigration removal proceedings.
- ERO processed **1,305** 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 **603** intake health care screenings in facilities staffed by ERO health care providers.
- ERO facilitated **285** physical examinations and **95** dental examinations.

- Health care professionals conducted **372** chronic disease interventions and **151** mental health interventions.
- Facility clinics received **377** detainees during sick call and **896** prescriptions were filled at facilities staffed by ERO health care providers.
- Health care personnel saw **44** detainees for urgent care, and there were **46** emergency room or off-site referrals.
- ERO responded to **250** calls placed by detainees, family members, and community stakeholders received through the ICE Community and Detainee Helpline.
- ERO personnel monitored **23,034** aliens enrolled in the Alternatives to Detention program under the Intensive Supervision Appearance Program II (ISAP II).
- ERO employees procured **246** travel documents.
- ERO employees processed **363** bond actions.
- ERO removed **1,120** aliens from the United States to countries around the globe, including **616** criminal aliens.
- ERO processed and removed **382** cases as a result of reinstated final orders.
- **Thirty seven** aliens were removed via commercial airlines and **788** aliens were removed via government aircraft.
- **Thirty one** children were placed with the Office of Refugee Resettlement in the Department of Health and Human Services.
- ERO officers arrested **471** convicted criminal aliens through its enforcement efforts.
- ERO worked with U.S. Attorneys offices, who accepted **25** cases for criminal prosecution.

#ICE#

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.

For more information, visit www.ICE.gov. To report suspicious activity, call 1-866-347-2423.