

HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) directorate is a critical asset in the ICE mission, responsible for investigating a wide range of domestic and international activities arising from the illegal movement of people and goods into, within, and out of the United States.



HSI is the principal investigative arm of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and is charged with securing the homeland from transnational criminal threats. HSI investigates, disrupts, and dismantles terrorist, transnational, and other criminal organizations that threaten or seek to exploit the customs and immigration laws of the United States.

HSI enforces a diverse portfolio of federal laws. HSI is responsible for investigating violations of U.S. customs and immigration laws pertaining to border security, homeland security, and public safety—all of HSI's mission sets have a nexus to those three areas.

HSI consists of more than 8,500 employees, including more than 6,000 special agents, who are assigned to 210 offices in 205 cities throughout the U.S. and 63 international offices in 47 countries.

HSI is DHS' largest investigative law enforcement presence overseas. HSI advances U.S. based investigations through coordination with foreign counterparts; disrupts transnational criminal organizations before they bring illicit products, people, and proceeds into or out of the U.S.; and builds international partnerships and increases foreign capacity through outreach and training.

