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Immigration by the Numbers

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President Donald Trump will use Tuesday's State of the Union to defend his immigration crackdown. But [60% of Americans](#) now disapprove of his approach, according to a new NBC News poll — a double-digit collapse since last summer. Congress has approved a \$170 billion immigration enforcement package, a sum larger than [what all 50 states combined spend on policing every year](#). Meanwhile, the portion that has been appropriated for ICE, exceeds the budgets for all other non-immigration federal law enforcement functions put together. [Less than 8% of that \\$170 billion](#) is appropriated for immigration courts. By any measure, this policy is failing the American people and undermining the national interest.

The administration is detaining mostly non-criminal immigrants, often for long periods, in a system where deaths and abuse are rising.

- **68,000 in ICE detention.** Approximately 68,000 are in ICE detention in February, up about 75% from when Trump took office in 2025. [Reuters, [2/14/2026](#)]
- **14% have criminal records.** Just 14% of the nearly 400,000 immigrants detained by the administration in 2025 who had charges or convictions for violent criminal offenses. [CBS News, [2/9/2026](#)]
- **40 immigrants have died in ICE custody.** Thirty-two people died in ICE custody in 2025, a two-decade high, and at least 7 people died in January 2026. At least one of the deaths has been characterized as a homicide. [The Guardian, [1/4/2026](#); Austin Kocher, [2/18/2026](#); Austin Kocher, [2/20/26](#)]
- **At least 3 U.S. citizens killed by immigration officers.** Renee Good was tragically shot and killed by an ICE agent on January 7 in Minneapolis. Alex Pretti was shot and killed by Customs and Border Protection officers on January 24 in Minneapolis after stepping in to help a woman an agent had pushed to the ground. In the last few days, news has come to light that on March 15, 2025, Ruben Ray Martinez, a 23 year old U.S. Citizen was killed by a Homeland Security Investigations officer in South Padre Island, TX. [CNN, [1/24/2026](#); Newsweek, [2/20/26](#); The Guardian, [1/16/26](#)]
- **\$40 million for 300 deportations.** The Trump administration paid five foreign governments to accept migrants with no connection to those countries. [AP, [2/13/2026](#)]
- **1.6 million immigrants stripped of their legal status,** upending the lives of immigrants who came into the United States “the right way.” [NPR, [12/23/2025](#)]

Judges appointed by both parties agree: Trump's mass detentions violate the law.

- **4,421 rulings found Trump detained immigrants unlawfully.** Since October 2025, more than 400 federal judges have ruled at least 4,421 times that ICE is holding people illegally. [Reuters, [2/14/2026](#)]
- **44 Trump-appointed judges have ruled against the administration in mass-detention cases.** A minority, 20 Trump-appointed judges, have signed off on the policy. [Politico, [2/12/2026](#)]
- **At least 20,000 federal lawsuits have been filed on behalf of immigrant detainees since Trump took office.** [Reuters, [2/14/2026](#)]

ICE has a documented pattern of ignoring court orders or making misrepresentations to judges.

- **96 court orders ignored in one month, in one state.** In Minnesota, the chief federal judge documented 96 court orders that ICE violated in 74 cases in January 2026 alone, prompting him to warn that ICE may have broken more court orders in one month than some agencies do in their entire history. [NPR, [1/31/2026](#)]
- **19 instances of when the administration failed to comply with court orders in immigration-related cases nationwide.** [Cato, [1/27/2026](#)]
- **24 instances of when the administration misrepresented facts to judges in immigration-related cases nationwide.** [Cato, [1/27/2026](#)]

The administration is firing immigration judges, further constricting the due process available for immigrants.

- **Nearly 100 immigration judges fired.** The Trump administration has fired or forced out nearly 100 immigration judges in 2025 alone, an unprecedented purge aimed at reshaping the courts to speed deportations. [NPR, [1/13/2026](#)]

Mass deportation is destabilizing the economy & devastating key industries

- **98,000 fewer employed hospitality workers** from December 2024 to December 2025. [Guardian, [2/18/2026](#)]
- **\$1.2 billion decline or a 5.5% drop in tourism revenue** from September 2024 to September 2025. International visitors to the U.S. declined by 2.5 million in 2025, even as international tourism increased around the world. [Guardian, [2/18/2026](#)]
- **15% decline in overall international air travelers to Minnesota in 2025**, leading small businesses in Minneapolis to lose up to \$81 million in revenue in January 2026. [Guardian, [2/18/2026](#)]
- **7.5% decline in total number of visitors to Las Vegas in 2025**, reaching “the lowest annual total since 2021.” Air passenger traffic also decreased by 5.9% through the year and Strip hotel occupancy dropped from 86.4% to 83.2%. [Unite Here, [2/12/2026](#)]
- **Unauthorized immigration decline is directly slowing job growth.** A San Francisco Federal Reserve study found that declines in unauthorized immigration have a near one-for-one effect on employment growth, with construction and manufacturing among the most affected sectors. [SF

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[2/17/2026](#)]