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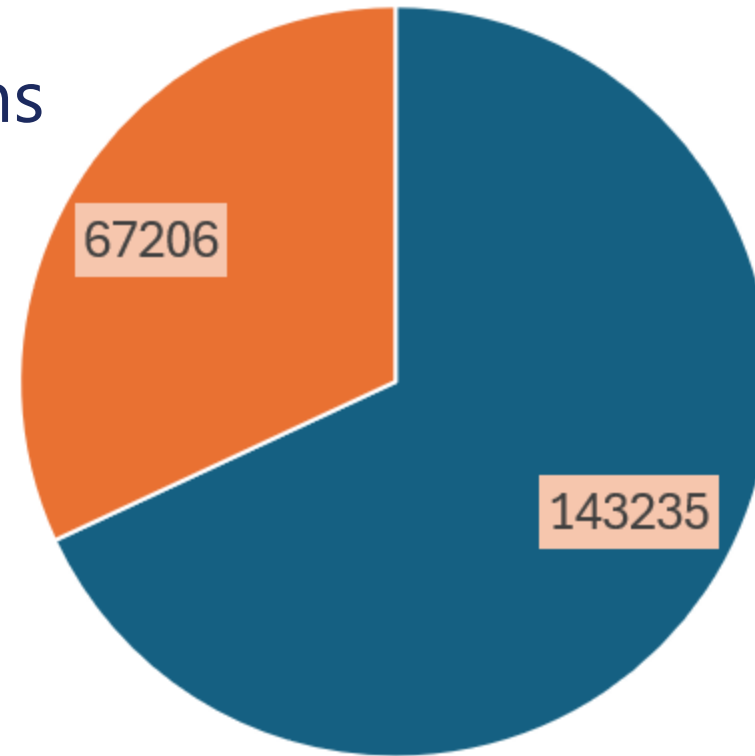
Agenda

1. Overview
2. USCIS Mission Shift to Enforcement
3. Enforcement at Immigration Courts
4. Asylum dismissals
5. Q&A

In June 2025, less than 1/3 of ICE arrests had a criminal conviction

Total ICE arrests, June 2025

Criminal convictions
32%



Other
68%

Sources: ICE; Austin
Kocher, Syracuse Univ.

ICE arrests FY 2025

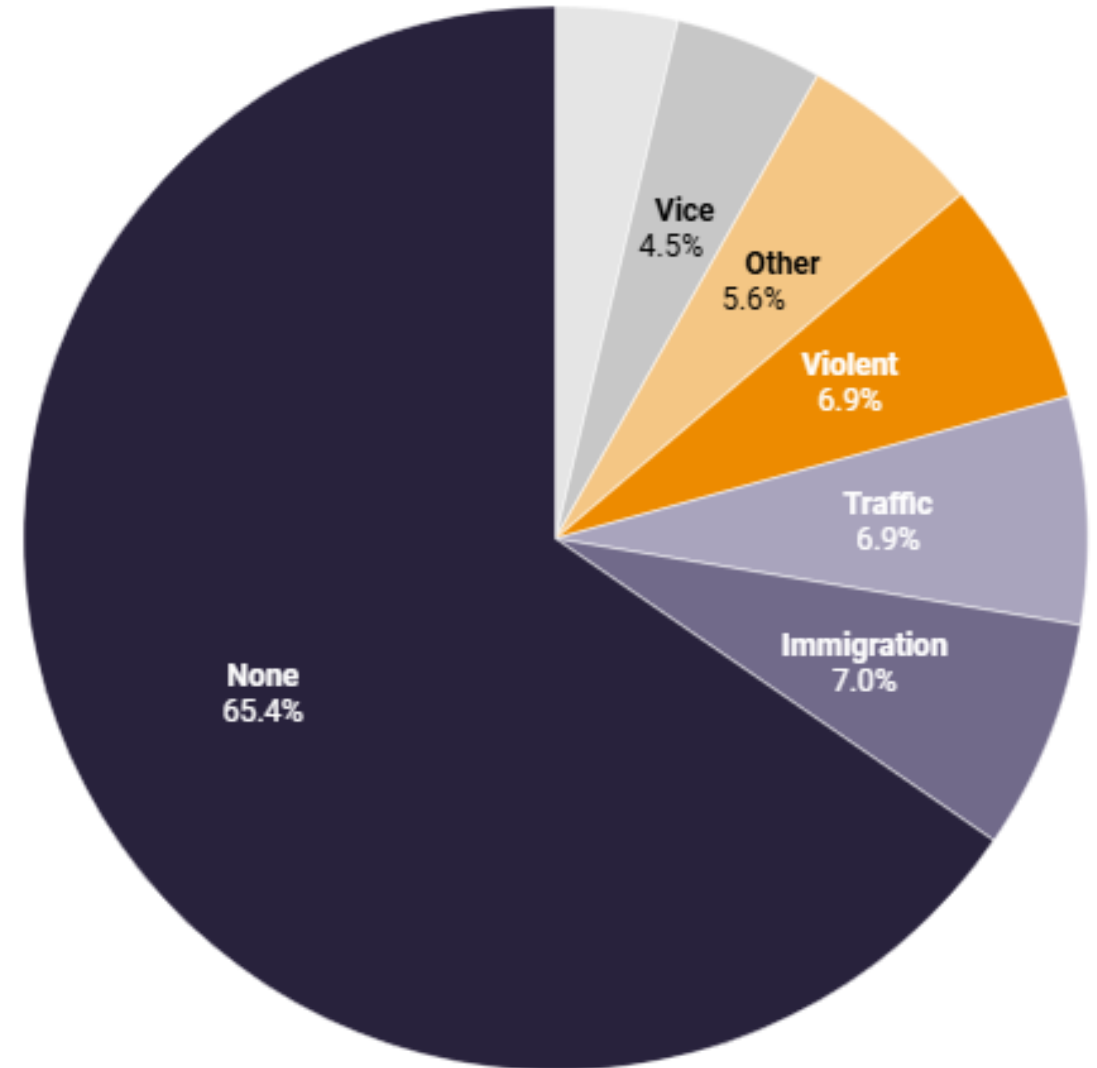
- 65% never convicted of any crime.
- Of convictions, 53% were for immigration, traffic, and nonviolent vice crimes

Sources: ICE; Cato Institute

ICE detains very few serious public safety threats

ICE Book-Ins by Criminal Conviction, FY 2025 as of June 14

Property Vice Other Violent Traffic Immigration None



Trump administration assault on immigration courts

- ICE Enforcement at courts
- Stripping judges of authority over bond
- Immigration judge docket changes



Policy Brief: ICE Arrests
at Immigration Courts



AILA Client Flyer:
Courthouse Arrests



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Circulating Misleading
Legal Advisories to
Respondents



Policy Brief: ICE Plan to
Detain Most Undocumented
Noncitizens Would Deprive
Millions of Liberty and
Undermine Immigration
Courts' Authority



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Changing the Mission of USCIS

- DHS is targeting people complying with legal processes
- Arrests at USCIS interviews
- USCIS dismissals of asylum applications
- USCIS delegated power on expedited removal & enforcement May 2



Policy Brief: ICE Arrests at
USCIS Field Offices
Undermine U.S.
Immigration Processes

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