



**U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement**

FACT SHEET

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Fiscal Year 2009

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), established in 2003, is the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), with a mission to protect the American people from the illegal introduction of goods and the entry of terrorists and other criminals seeking to cross our Nation's borders. ICE fulfills this mission by identifying criminal activities and eliminating vulnerabilities that pose a threat to our nation's borders, as well as enforcing economic and infrastructure security.

(\$ in thousands)

Salaries and Expenses

Headquarters Management & Administration (HQ M&A) - The Offices of the Assistant Secretary (OAS), State and Local Coordination (OSLC), the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), Acquisition Management (OAQ), and Professional Responsibility (OPR) perform the management and administration (M&A) activities for ICE. The M&A activities include executive and overall leadership direction, strategic planning, policy development, and administrative support for the human, financial, information, and physical resources required to facilitate the operational capabilities of a productive ICE workforce.

CFO/OAS/OAQ	121,144
OPR	81,932
Information Technology	169,348
Total HQ M&A	372,424

Legal Proceedings - The Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) provides the legal advice, training, and services required to support the ICE mission. As the legal representative for the U.S. Government at immigration court hearings, OPLA attorneys handle a variety of immigration-related issues that range from contested removals to custody determinations to applications for administrative relief. Additionally, OPLA provides legal advice in customs-related enforcement actions, represents the Government in Merit System Protection Board and Equal Employment Opportunity hearings, provides ethics advice, and handles matters involving commercial and administrative law.

Legal Proceedings	215,035
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Investigations - The Office of Investigations (OI) enforces trade and immigration laws through the investigation of activities, persons, and events that may pose a threat to the safety or security of the United States and its people. OI also investigates illegal trafficking in weapons (including weapons of mass destruction), the smuggling of narcotics and other contraband, human smuggling and trafficking, money laundering and other financial crimes, fraudulent trade practices, identity and benefit fraud, child pornography, child sex tourism, and health and public safety dangers.

Investigations **1,519,208**

International Affairs - The Office of International Affairs (OIA) conducts investigative efforts in over 50 Attaché offices in 40 foreign locations. OIA performs a multi-faceted enforcement mission that includes working with foreign governments and international partners to facilitate enforcement of U.S. customs and immigration laws beyond U.S. borders. OIA facilitates removals and repatriations of aliens from the United States to foreign locations. OIA operates the Visa Security Program (VSP), which focuses on high-risk visa-issuance locations to identify and interdict potential threats before they enter the United States. OIA represents ICE internationally and collaborates with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), other DHS components, Department of State (DOS), and other U.S. Government entities.

International Investigations	106,741
Visa Security Program	26,800
Total International Affairs	133,541

Intelligence - The Office of Intelligence collects, analyzes, and distributes information on critical homeland security vulnerabilities that could be exploited by terrorist and criminal organizations. Intelligence utilizes data and information on the movement of people, money, and materials into, within, and out of the United States to provide accurate and timely reporting to ICE leadership and field agents. Intelligence Operations' Field Intelligence Groups (FIGs) are the agency's primary vehicle for intelligence analysis in support of field operations and enforcement. FIGs link headquarters and field components to facilitate intelligence collection, integration, analysis, and dissemination.

Intelligence **55,789**

Detention and Removal Operations - The Office of Detention and Removal Operations is responsible for ensuring that every alien who has been ordered removed departs the United States through fair enforcement of the Nation's immigration laws and coordination with foreign governments to ensure countries will accept removable aliens.

Custody Operations	1,721,268
Fugitive Operations	226,477
Criminal Alien Program	189,069
Alternatives to Detention	63,000
Transportation and Removal Program	281,399
Total Detention and Removal Operations	2,481,213

Secure Communities (SC) - SC sets out a comprehensive plan to improve community safety by transforming the way the federal government cooperates with state and local law enforcement agencies to identify, detain, and remove all criminal aliens held in custody. Once it is fully

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implemented, SC will revolutionize immigration enforcement by using technology to share information between law enforcement agencies and by applying risk-based methodologies to focus resources on assisting all local communities in the removal of those criminal aliens representing the greatest threat to community safety.

SC/Identification and Removal of Criminal Aliens (two-year funds) 150,000

Total Salaries and Expenses 4,927,210

Automation - The Automation Modernization program allows ICE to improve information sharing with DHS and across ICE organizations, strengthen information availability, improve detainee tracking and preparation of travel documents, provide a fully secure IT environment, and enhance financial management and audit practices. Key areas in FY 2009 include Atlas, TECS, DRO Modernization, and Financial System modernization. The resources are available until expended.

Automation 57,000

Construction - The Construction Program provides housing, processing, medical, administrative, and support facilities needed to assist and meet the needs of Detention and Removal activities.

Construction 5,000

Federal Protective Service (FPS) - FPS is responsible for ensuring a safe environment in which Federal agencies can conduct business by reducing threats posed against approximately 9,000 federal government facilities nationwide.

FPS 640,000

Immigration Inspection User Fees 119,000

Breached Bond Detention Fund 60,000

Student and Exchange Visitor Program 120,000

Total, ICE	5,928,210
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FY 2009 Initiatives:

ICE's FY 2009 Budget will allow ICE to capitalize on its successes over that last several years in investigations, removals of illegal aliens from the United States, and management successes. The FY 2009 enacted budget includes new funding for interior enforcement, international, and intelligence activities, management and IT improvements, 33,400 detention beds, and the Secure Communities Program.

The following highlights the key initiatives funded in FY 2009:

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- **Detention Bed Space.....\$71.7M**
Funding will provide 1,400 additional detention beds, personnel, and removal costs to support the end of “catch and release” at the northern and southern U.S. borders and continuation of “catch and return,” the 287(g) program, and other increases in enforcement efforts. (Of the total new beds, 275 beds are funded out of fee accounts)

- **Alternatives to Detention.....\$7.2M**
The Alternatives to Detention program places low-risk aliens under various forms of intensive supervision rather than traditional detention as a cost-effective way to ensure their appearance for an immigration hearing or for removal.

- **State and Local Law Enforcement Support.....\$14.2M**
Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to delegate authority to enforce Federal immigration laws to State and local law enforcement officers. The enhancement funds initial training, training travel, and annual refresher training for 200 State and local law enforcement officers under the 287(g) program, necessary IT connectivity for State and local participants, support for the Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC), and \$5M for the Office of Professional Responsibility to undertake compliance reviews of 287(g) agreements.

- **Information Technology Investments.....\$57.0M**
This increase will fund: the modernization of the ICE portion of the DHS Investigative Case Management system; projects to improve infrastructure and technology and functionality of IT products and services available to ICE employees; DRO Modernization to upgrade and improve systems supporting DRO business processes for the detention and removal of illegal aliens; and ICE’s portion of the DHS enterprise-wide initiative of consolidating a number of financial systems and migration to a new DHS financial system in the future.

- **Improved Integrity Oversight.....\$9.1M**
This increase will fund law enforcement positions and support staff within the Office of Professional Responsibility to increase workforce integrity efforts – to conduct criminal and serious misconduct investigations involving the activities of ICE and CBP employees – and staff the Security Management Unit that is responsible for centralization, management, and operational oversight of ICE internal security functions.

- **Detainee Health Care Reviews.....\$2.0M**
The Office of Professional Responsibility will conduct an immediate, comprehensive review of medical care of detainees.

- **Gang Enforcement.....\$6.0M**
Criminal aliens pose a significant threat to public safety. ICE will use the additional resources to enhance its anti-gang initiative and increase the number of transnational gang members that are identified, arrested, and removed from the United States.

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- **Worksite Enforcement\$34.0M**
Resources will fund additional positions devoted to worksite enforcement efforts. ICE will increase investigations of employers that attract significant numbers of illegal and undocumented workers. Expanding our enforcement of immigration laws at worksites is another key element of any comprehensive border enforcement and control strategy.
- **National Security/Critical Infrastructure Investigations.....\$11.8M**
This enhancement will fund positions to increase national security and critical infrastructure investigations especially at Ports of Entry and other sensitive facilities that attract terrorists and/or illegal and undocumented workers.
- **Cyber Crime Investigations.....\$8.7M**
This funding will increase staffing at the ICE Cyber Crime Center (C3) and those programs directly supporting cyber crime investigations. ICE will increase investigations of cyber related crimes related to identity and benefit fraud, child exploitation, money laundering as well as supporting other investigations by providing digital forensics and electronic monitoring.
- **Commercial Fraud/Intellectual Property Rights Investigations.....\$4.6M**
This enhancement will fund positions for priority Commercial Fraud, IPR, Trade Transparency Unit (TTU) and requisite supporting investigative programs. These resources will be used to identify, target, counter, and dismantle methods and vulnerabilities exploited by criminal organizations engaged in highly profitable trade crimes, such as trafficking counterfeit merchandise and pharmaceuticals.
- **Visa Security Program/Security Advisory Opinion Unit.....\$11.8M**
This funding will increase staffing for ICE’s Visa Security Program (\$6.8M – provided as two-year funding) and the Security Advisory Opinion Unit (\$5M). These programs proactively investigate and vet visa applications to identify not yet known terrorist or criminal suspects and stop them before they get to the United States.
- **Field Intelligence Groups.....\$2.8M**
This funding will increase staffing for the Office of Intelligence’s Field Intelligence Groups, which support ICE operations in the field.
- **ICE Training\$1.0M**
This funding will facilitate the consolidation of ICE training coordination and oversight, including improved training delivery and support at both the ICE Academy and the Leadership Development Center.
- **Human Rights Law Division.....\$0.5M**
The funding will allow ICE to expand its Human Rights Law Division.
- **ICE Co-Location.....\$7.0M**
This funding will allow ICE to implement a portion of first-phase requirements to consolidate core mission functions in cities where ICE currently occupies multiple locations.

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The initiative will facilitate ICE-wide physical integration through co-location of facilities that provide safe, secure, and efficient workspace conducive to achieving the ICE mission.

- **Construction.....\$5.0M**
The increase will provide additional funding for necessary repairs and alterations of ICE-owned detention facilities.

- **Secure Communities/Comprehensive Identification and Removal of Aliens.....\$150.0M**
These resources will fund ICE’s efforts to identify and remove criminal aliens under the Secure Communities Program.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.