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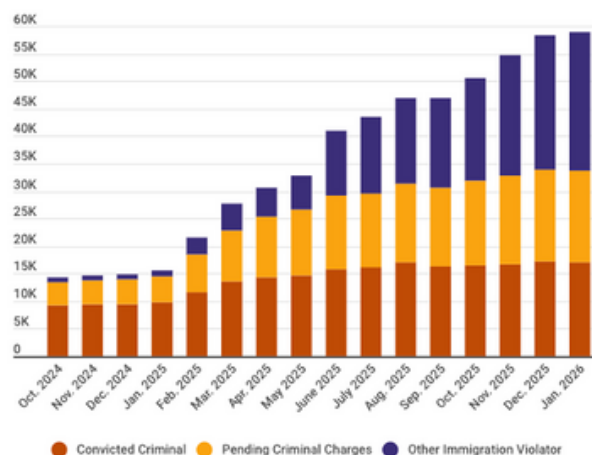
BREAKDOWN OF ARRESTS BY ICE IN MINNESOTA

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Did you know?...

- ➔ Minnesota has seen at least 1,694 arrests in 2025, prior to the launch of Operation Metro Surge.
 - From January 20, 2025, through October 15, 2025, ICE [made](#) 1,694 arrests in Minnesota.
 - Of those 1,694 arrests, ICE [identified](#) 44% of arrestees with civil immigration violations (no criminal record), 37% of arrestees with prior criminal record, and 19% of arrestees with pending charges.
- ➔ In January 2026, DHS [identified](#) 212 illegal immigrants as the “worst of the worst” on its website with the following breakdowns:
 - 75 arrested for Violent crime (homicide, assault, domestic violence) or gang affiliation
 - 28 arrested for Sex Offenses, Rape, Or Criminal Sexual Conduct
 - 45 arrested for Fraud, Theft, Illegal Reentry, or Trafficking
 - 57 for drugs

ICE Average Monthly Detention Population



National ICE Statistics

Under President Trump, there has been an increase of individuals detained by ICE, with the amount of those detained without criminal convictions or pending charges rising as well.

Between January 20, 2025, and June 26, 2025, ICE has [carried](#) out roughly 220,802 arrests nationwide. Of those arrested during this period, 36.5% of those had been convicted of a crime and 29.8% had pending criminal charges.

Breakdown of Arrests by ICE in Minnesota

Executive Summary

Since January 2025, ICE has carried out over 200,802 arrests nationwide. While a large percentage of these arrests have been individuals convicted of a crime or with pending criminal charges, the percentage of arrests with no criminal convictions rose to 42.7% of arrests nationwide in January 2026. Public polling in support of ICE remains strong, with over 70% of midterm voters agreeing with the fact that entering the United States without legal permission is a crime.

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DHS has identified over 212 “worst of the worst” arrests, including those accused of murder, rape, and gang affiliation. However, ICE has also been accused of arresting over 100 refugees lawfully settled in Minnesota and over 150 U.S. citizens arrested for impeding law enforcement operations.

General Minnesota ICE Arrests

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Recent ICE Arrests

Under the current federal operation to address illegal immigration in Minnesota, ICE has allegedly arrested more than 3,000 arrests, but official details have yet to be released.

- Since the launch of “Operation Metro Surge” ICE has [identified](#) over 400 undocumented immigrants arrested in Minnesota as of December 2025.
- In January 2026, DHS [identified](#) more than 3,000 arrests made in Minnesota related to Operation Metro Surge.
- In January 2026, a federal judge [identified](#) that more than 100 refugees lawfully resettled in Minnesota had been detained by ICE.
- ICE has [identified](#) that of the arrests it has made, nearly 150 US citizens have been charged with assault or obstructing law enforcement officials. However, official numbers have yet to be disclosed regarding Operation Metro Surge.

Worst Of The Worst

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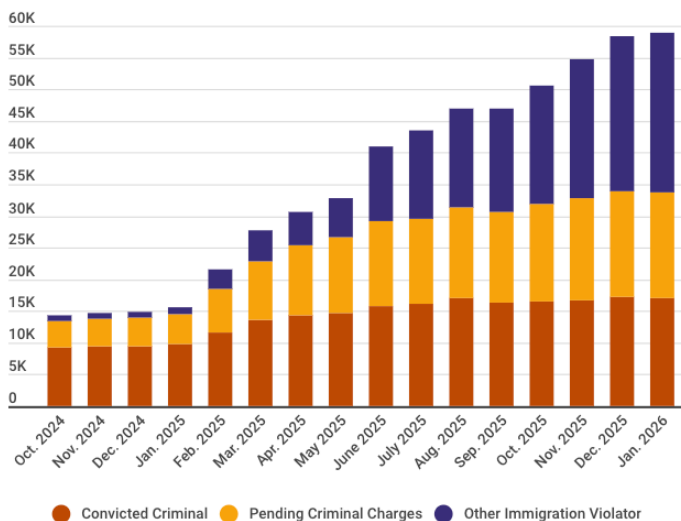
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- 7 for DWIs

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- In February 2025, the first full month of Trump's second term, about 14.7% of those [detained](#) by ICE had no criminal convictions or pending charges. By September, that percentage had risen to 34.6%, and in January it was 42.7%.

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Public Sentiment

Public polling finds that public support for ICE and enforcing federal immigration law remains strong among midterm voters.

- In February 2026, a poll [found](#) that 73% of midterm voters felt that entering the United States without legal permission is breaking the law.
- Midterm voters also [supported](#) deporting those here illegally by an almost 2:1 margin (61%-34%).

- When [asked](#) if they support ICE enforcing federal immigration law by removing illegal aliens, 54% of voters said they did support ICE.
- When asked if they opposed defunding ICE, 58% of midterm voters were [opposed](#) to ICE being defunded.