

Table 517. Principal Immigration-Related Activities of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Investigations Activities: 2005

[Data refer to criminal cases only; administrative cases are not included due to changes in reporting. Data in this table are not comparable with data reported in this table for previous years]

Activity	Criminal arrests	Criminal indictments	Criminal convictions	Number seizures	Dollar value seizures
Total, all immigration-related categories . . .	9,874	6,406	6,763	3,819	95,718,829
Financial investigations ¹	72	34	42	273	16,935,323
Human smuggling and trafficking investigations ²	2,713	1,541	1,657	1,712	43,186,452
General and criminal alien investigations ³	5,412	3,571	3,741	348	30,363,657
Identity and benefit fraud (IBF) investigations ⁴	1,426	1,065	1,135	1,343	4,584,250
Compliance and worksite enforcement ⁵	251	195	188	143	649,146

¹ Financial investigations refer to cases developed to counteract organizations involved in money laundering and related financial crimes. ² Human smuggling and trafficking investigations refer to cases targeted against persons or organizations that bring, transport, harbor, or smuggle illegal aliens into or within the United States. ³ General investigations refer to general investigative activities, including those targeting aliens who attempt illegal reentry, have absconded, or commit other crimes in the United States. Criminal alien investigations focus on large-scale organizations engaged in ongoing criminal activity. ⁴ Identity and benefit fraud investigations seek to penetrate fraud schemes that are used to violate immigration and related laws, or used to shield the true status of illegal aliens in order to obtain entitlement benefits from federal, state, or local agencies. ⁵ The compliance enforcement program focuses on preventing foreign nationals from exploiting the nations immigration system by developing cases for investigation from Department of Homeland Security systems containing information on the status of students and other nonimmigrants.

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration Statistics, *2005 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics*. See also <<http://uscis.gov/graphics/shared/statistics/yearbook/index.htm>> (accessed 8 June 2007).