

Table 521. Principal Immigration-Related Activities of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Investigations: 2006

[Data refer to criminal cases only; administrative cases are not included due to changes in reporting]

Activities	Criminal arrests	Criminal indictments	Criminal convictions	Number seizures	Value of seizures (dollars)
Total, all immigration-related categories	8,778	6,514	6,872	3,755	33,861,911
Financial investigations ¹	27	16	14	60	3,996,732
Human smuggling and trafficking investigations ²	2,154	1,585	1,596	1,609	11,046,622
General and criminal alien investigations ³	4,589	3,434	3,689	532	4,804,781
Identity and benefit fraud (IBF) investigations ⁴	1,272	1,032	1,073	1,281	12,230,727
Compliance and worksite enforcement ⁵	20	6	7	12	602
Worksite enforcement ⁶	716	441	493	261	1,782,447

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. ⁶ The worksite enforcement program focuses on monitoring and inspecting work sites to apprehend unauthorized alien workers and to provide for penalties and fines against employers who knowingly hire, recruit, or refer aliens for employment for a fee.

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration Statistics, *2006 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics*. See also <<http://uscis.gov/graphics/shared/statistics/yearbook/index.htm>>. (accessed 10 June 2008).