



CUSTOMS BORDER PATROL AND ICE IN 2025



In today's enhanced enforcement environment, having an immediate alert system when encounters go wrong can be the difference between quick resolution and extended detention.

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FACTS & POLICIES

Enforcement and Operational Status:

- Border crossings are under strict enforcement, with a significant drop (93%) in illegal crossings reported compared to the previous year.
- In May 2025, U.S. Border Patrol encountered around 8,725 illegal crossers on the southwest border, down from 117,905 in May 2024.
- No illegal aliens were released into the U.S. interior in May 2025, reflecting tightened controls and higher removal rates.

ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) vs. CBP (Customs and Border Protection):

- CBP handles initial border screening, inspections, and removals at ports of entry.
- ICE is primarily responsible for interior enforcement, including workplace raids, community arrests, detention management, and immigration court hearings.
- ICE has a daily arrest quota of around 3,000 as of July 2025, with reduced parole options and increased detention protocols.



NEW POLICIES FOR 2025

New Rules & Restrictions:

- Presidential Proclamation 10773 limits entry of certain noncitizens at the southern border, suspended and limited entry based on encounter thresholds.
- Noncitizens crossing unlawfully are generally ineligible for asylum and face expedited removal, a five-year re-entry bar, and possible criminal charges for reentry.
- Exceptions include lawful permanent residents, noncitizens with valid visas, unaccompanied children, and severe human trafficking victims.
- Use of lawful pathways like the CBP One app for scheduling lawful entry is strongly encouraged.



REQUIRED FOR ENTRY

U.S. Citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents:

- Must present valid identification like U.S. passport, passport card, Trusted Traveler cards (NEXUS, SENTRI, Global Entry), or Enhanced Driver's License.
- Voter registration cards, military IDs (unless specific travel related), driver's licenses, and Social Security cards are not accepted for crossing.
- Children under 16 arriving by land or sea from Canada or Mexico may use birth certificates or Citizenship certificates under specific conditions.

Foreign Nationals:

- Valid visa or ESTA required along with a passport valid at least six months beyond the stay.
- Must adhere to any travel bans or restrictions in place due to health or security reasons.



CHECKLIST FOR CROSSING

- Ensure your passport is valid for at least six months after your planned stay.
- If required, have your U.S. visa or ESTA ready and verify all personal information.
- For U.S. citizens and residents, bring acceptable identification as listed above.
- Use the CBP One app to schedule lawful entry appointments if applicable.
- Be prepared to undergo thorough immigration and customs screenings, including possible facial recognition technology if arriving by air.
- Understand your rights when interacting with border officials; honesty and cooperation help ensure smoother processing.
- Noncitizens crossing unlawfully between ports face high rejection risks, expedited removals, possible criminal charges, and long-term bans.
- Avoid carrying restricted or prohibited items, and be prepared to declare all goods.
- Keep digital devices charged and understand privacy considerations during inspection.

These points outline the current environment for crossing the U.S. border amid tighter ICE enforcement and stricter CBP screening protocols in 2025. Travelers should prioritize lawful, pre-approved entry to avoid complications. Noncitizens should be aware of asylum ineligibility if entering unlawfully and understand the serious legal consequences of unauthorized crossings.

THANK YOU



Nothing develops intelligence like travel."

– Emile Zola

