

ILLEGAL MIGRANTS BRING CRIME TO AMERICA

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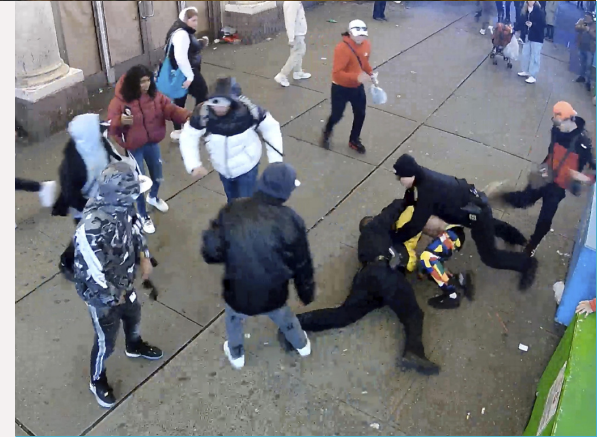
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- **A Record-High Of 55 Percent Of American Adults Believe Immigration Is A “Critical U.S. Interest.”** “In a separate question, the survey found a record-high — 55 percent — of U.S. adults believe illegal immigration is a critical U.S. interest. That number is 8 points up from last year and 5 points higher than the previous record of 50 percent from 2004.” (Miranda Nazzaro, “Immigration Rises To Top Concern In US: Gallup,” [The Hill](#), 2/27/24)

According To A February Pew Research Center Survey, 57 Percent Of Americans Surveyed Said The Large Number Of Migrants Entering The Country Leads To More Crime. “When asked specifically about the impact of the migrant influx on crime in the United States, a majority of Americans (57%) say the large number of migrants seeking to enter the country leads to more crime. Fewer (39%) say this does not have much of an impact on crime in this country.” (“How Americans View The Situation At The U.S.-Mexico Border, Its Causes And Consequences,” [Pew Research Center](#), 2/15/24)

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Illegal Migrants Crossing The Border Have Had Prior Criminal Convictions For Violent Crimes

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- **A 2021 DOJ Report Found 64 Percent Of Federal Arrests In 2018 Involved Noncitizens, Despite Them Comprising 7 Percent Of The Population At That Time.** “A 2021 Department of Justice report revealed that 64% of federal arrests in 2018 involved noncitizens, despite them comprising only 7% of the population at that time. While the Biden administration fails to provide continuous updates on illegal alien crime data, Texas’ Department of Public Safety maintains a running database of such incidents. Other states should follow suit.” (Hannah Davis, “Increased Illegal Immigration Brings Increased Crime: Almost 2/3 Of Federal Arrests Involve Noncitizens,” [The Heritage Foundation](#), 6/20/23)

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such as homicide and sexual assault.” (Steven Camarota, Op-Ed, “What The Media Tell You About Illegal-Immigrant Crime Is Plain Wrong,” [New York Post](#), 10/19/22)

U.S. Customs And Border Protection Criminal Noncitizen Statistics:

NOTE: “Criminal noncitizens” refers to individuals who have been convicted of one or more crimes, whether in the United States or abroad.” (“Criminal Noncitizen Statistics,” [U.S. Customs And Border Protection](#), Accessed 3/6/24)

Arrests of Individuals with Criminal Convictions

The term “criminal noncitizens” refers to individuals who have been convicted of one or more crimes, whether in the United States or abroad, prior to interdiction by the U.S. Border Patrol; it does not include convictions for conduct that is not deemed criminal by the United States. Arrests of criminal noncitizens are a subset of total apprehensions by U.S. Border Patrol.

Arrest Type	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24YTD
U.S. Border Patrol Criminal Noncitizen Arrests	8,531	6,698	4,269	2,438	10,763	12,028	15,267	5,616

Fiscal Year 2024 runs October 1, 2023- September 30, 2024.

Total Criminal Convictions by Type

This table organizes nationwide convictions of criminal noncitizens by type of criminal conduct. Because some criminal noncitizens may be convicted of multiple criminal offenses, total convictions listed below exceed the total arrests noted in the table above.

Conviction Type	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24YTD
Assault, Battery, Domestic Violence	692	524	299	208	1,178	1,142	1,254	372
Burglary, Robbery, Larceny, Theft, Fraud	595	347	184	143	825	896	864	236
Driving Under the Influence	1,596	1,113	614	364	1,629	1,614	2,493	935
Homicide, Manslaughter	3	3	2	3	60	62	29	14
Illegal Drug Possession, Trafficking	1,249	871	449	386	2,138	2,239	2,055	536
Illegal Entry, Re-Entry	4,502	3,920	2,663	1,261	6,160	6,797	8,790	3,517
Illegal Weapons Possession, Transport, Trafficking	173	106	66	49	336	309	307	80
Sexual Offenses	137	80	58	156	488	365	284	73
Other¹	1,851	1,364	814	580	2,691	2,891	3,286	1,072

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Violent Crimes Committed By Illegal Migrants

Colorado:

In December 2023, Jose Guadalupe Menjivar-Alas, An Illegal Immigrant From El Salvador, Who Had Been Arrested Multiple Times And Deported, Was Arrested For Killing A Mother And Her Son In A Car Crash In Boulder, Colorado. “An illegal immigrant from El Salvador who had been arrested multiple times in Boulder, Colorado for DWI and deported, was arrested once again last month in Colorado after allegedly killing a mother and her son in a car crash, which police say involved alcohol. The Broomfield Police Department arrested 37-year-old Jose Guadalupe Menjivar-Alas on Dec. 15, 2023, in connection with a fatal crash three days prior on Main Street and Miramonte Boulevard. ... U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) told Fox News Digital Menjivar-Alas, a citizen of El Salvador, has been deported from the U.S. four times.” (Greg Wehner, “Illegal Immigrant Allegedly Killed Mother, Son In Drunk Driving Crash Despite Being Deported 4 Times,” [Fox News](#), 1/8/24)

- **“Menjivar-Alas Was “Charged With Vehicular Homicide From Reckless Driving, Vehicular Homicide Caused By AUI And Habitual Traffic Offender.** “Menjivar-Alas was

transported to a local hospital after the crash, and once released, he was booked into the Broomfield County Jail and charged with vehicular homicide from reckless driving, vehicular homicide caused by DUI and habitual traffic offender.” (Greg Wehner, “Illegal Immigrant Allegedly Killed Mother, Son In Drunk Driving Crash Despite Being Deported 4 Times,” [Fox News](#), 1/8/24)

Florida:

In February 2024, Santo Felix Cruz-Ramos, An Illegal Migrant, Was Arrested In Englewood, Florida On Charges Of Sexual Battery. The Alleged She Was Raped By Cruz-Ramos. “A man who is illegally in the United States was arrested at a hotel in Englewood, Florida, on charges of sexual battery. On Sunday, February 25, shortly after 9:00 p.m., deputies responded to a call from a woman reporting that she had been raped. She went on to say that she and the suspect were talking, and she invited him to her room for a few drinks. The victim claims that the suspect pushed her onto the bed and forced himself on her without using a contraceptive, deputies say. ... Santo Felix Cruz-Ramos was placed under arrest and transported to the Charlotte County Jail. The clothing and personal effects seen in the video were collected as evidence, and a search warrant was granted for the collection of DNA samples from his person as well.” (Jake Grissom, “Illegal Immigrant Behind Bars After Raping Florida Woman In Hotel,” *The Free Press*, 2/27/24)

Georgia:

In February 2024, Jose Antonio Ibarra, An Illegal Venezuelan Migrant, Killed 22-Year-Old Laken Riley In Athens, GA. “Last Thursday, the body of Laken Riley, a 22-year-old woman, was found in a wooded area on the campus of the University of Georgia in Athens. According to the authorities, the man charged in her killing, Jose Antonio Ibarra, 26, is a migrant from Venezuela who crossed the Southern border in September 2022.” (Jacey Fortin and Alessandro Marazzi Sasson, “After U. Of Georgia Killing, Lawmakers Seek Tougher Immigration Laws,” *The New York Times*, 2/29/24)

- **Ibarra Had Previously Been Arrested By Border Patrol But Was Released. Last August, He Was Arrested In New York City And In October, He Was Arrested In Georgia For Shoplifting.** “After crossing the border, Mr. Ibarra was arrested by the Border Patrol before being released with temporary permission to stay in the country. Since then, he has had a few run-ins with law enforcement. Last August, he was briefly arrested in New York City for driving a scooter without a license and with a child who was not wearing a helmet, according to an official there. Mr. Ibarra was also arrested in Georgia in October, the Athens-Clarke County Police said, in connection with a shoplifting case.” (Jacey Fortin and Alessandro Marazzi Sasson, “After U. Of Georgia Killing, Lawmakers Seek Tougher Immigration Laws,” *The New York Times*, 2/29/24)

Ibarra’s Brother, Diego Ibarra, Was Arrested In February 2024 And Charged With Possessing A Fraudulent Green Card. “The brother of the man charged with murdering a nursing student on the University of Georgia campus will remain in federal custody, a U.S. Magistrate’s Court judge ruled Thursday in Macon. Diego Ibarra, 29, has been in jail since Feb. 23 on a charge of possessing a fraudulent green card, a crime that can carry 10 years in prison upon conviction. U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles Weigle ordered that Ibarra remain in custody pending his trial after he ruled that Ibarra would be a flight risk if released on bail, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office. Ibarra was arrested by Athens-Clarke police during the investigation into the slaying of Laken Riley, a 22-year-old Augusta University nursing student who was jogging on Feb. 22 at the intramural field complex off College Station Road.” (Wayne Ford, “Brother Of Laken Riley Murder Suspect Ordered To Remain In Federal Custody,” *Athens Banner-Herald*, 3/7/24)

Louisiana:

In February 2024, Angel Matias Castellanos-Orellana, An Illegal Immigrant From Honduras, Was Arrested In Louisiana For A Violent Knifepoint Robbery And The Rape Of A Teenage Girl. “Police in Louisiana said Tuesday that an illegal immigrant from Honduras was arrested on charges related to a violent knifepoint robbery and the rape of a teenage girl. Kenner Police said Angel Matias Castellanos-Orellana, 19, was accused of armed robbery, rape, and assault

and battery in connection to two separate incidents after he was taken into custody Sunday.” (Matt Delaney, “Illegal Immigrant From Honduras Charged With Robbery, Raping Teen Girl In Louisiana,” *The Washington Times*, 2/29/24)

Castellanos-Orellana Is A Suspect In The Rape Of A 14-Year-Old Girl And Is Accused Of Stabbing A Robbery Victim. “The immigrant is a suspect in the rape of a 14-year-old girl last week and is accused of stabbing a robbery victim. The victim is in stable condition and recovering at the hospital, according to police.” (Matt Delaney, “Illegal Immigrant From Honduras Charged With Robbery, Raping Teen Girl In Louisiana,” *The Washington Times*, 2/29/24)

Maryland And Washington, DC:

In February 2024, Stephen Clause Rattigan, An Illegal Migrant From Jamaica Who Was Previously Deported And Snuck Back Into The U.S., Was Accused Of Shooting Three Washington D.C. Police Officers On Valentine’s Day. “Suspects in a police-shooting incident in Washington and a separate shooting death of a 2-year-old boy in Maryland were in the country illegally, the government has confirmed. Stephen Clause Rattigan is accused of shooting three Metropolitan Police Department officers on Valentine's Day after they came to serve a warrant for animal cruelty. He is an illegal immigrant from Jamaica who has been deported before but snuck back in, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.” (Stephen Dinan, “ICE Confirms Illegal Immigrants Are Suspects In D.C. Cop Shooting, Death Of 2-Year Old In Maryland,” *The Washington Times*, 2/29/24)

In Prince George’s County, Nilson Noel Trejo-Granados, An Illegal Migrant From El Salvador Was Accused Of Murder In The Killing Of A 2-Year-Old Boy. “ICE also said Nilson Noel Trejo-Granados, accused of murder in the killing of a 2-year-old boy in Prince George's County, is an illegal immigrant from El Salvador who'd been ordered deported but was still on the loose.” (Stephen Dinan, “ICE Confirms Illegal Immigrants Are Suspects In D.C. Cop Shooting, Death Of 2-Year Old In Maryland,” *The Washington Times*, 2/29/24)

- **“Montgomery County Had Arrested Him Twice Last Year And Each Time ICE Had Placed A ‘Detainer’ Request To Be Notified So He Could Be Picked Up For Deportation Proceedings. Montgomery County Defied Both Detainers.”** (Stephen Dinan, “ICE Confirms Illegal Immigrants Are Suspects In D.C. Cop Shooting, Death Of 2-Year Old In Maryland,” *The Washington Times*, 2/29/24)

Massachusetts:

An Illegal Immigrant Who Was Previously Deported Decades After Raping A Child Was Arrested By ICE Agents In February 2024. “A Mexican national kicked out of the country decades ago after being convicted of raping a child in Delaware has been arrested again by ICE agents in Lynn. Rulaman Lopez Nolasco, 42, now faces deportation to Mexico. He also holds Guatemalan citizenship. He was also previously arrested in 2015 and convicted of sexual conduct for a fee, according to immigration officials. Once he was spotted back in Lynn, he was arrested on Jan. 25.” (Joe Dwinell, “Child Rapist, Prostitute Faces Deportation,” *Boston Herald*, 2/6/24)

- **He Had Been Deported To Mexico In 2006.** “He was sent back to Mexico in 2006 but made it back ‘on an unknown date at an unknown location without being inspected or admitted by a U.S. immigration official,’ Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Boston said yesterday. It was not clear why he wasn’t sent back after his 2015 case.” (Joe Dwinell, “Child Rapist, Prostitute Faces Deportation,” *Boston Herald*, 2/6/24)

New York:

In February 2024, Jesus Alejandro Rivas Figueroa, A 15-Year-Old Illegal Migrant From Venezuela, Was Arrested For Shooting A Tourist In New York City’s Times Square. “A 15-year-old boy was arrested on Friday, accused of shooting a Brazilian tourist in Times Square the night before and then firing twice at a police officer while fleeing the scene, officials said. The arrest came about an hour after the police said at a news conference that they were seeking the teenager, Jesus Alejandro Rivas Figueroa, in the shooting of the tourist, a 37-year-old woman who was hit once in the leg. Her injury was not life-threatening, and she had left the hospital as of Friday afternoon, the police said. Police officials said the teenager was from Venezuela and had been staying at a Manhattan

migrant shelter following his arrival in New York last fall, one person among the tens of thousands of people who have come to the city after crossing into the United States at the southern border.” (Claire Fahy, “15-Year-Old Is Arrested In Shooting Of A Tourist In Times Square,” [The New York Times](#), 2/9/24)

In January 2024, Seven Illegal Migrants Were Arrested After They Assaulted Two New York City Police Officers. “As he prepares to present evidence to a grand jury on Tuesday against a group of men charged with assaulting police officers in Times Square, the Manhattan district attorney, Alvin L. Bragg, is under pressure over his handling of the case. In all, seven men were arrested following the Jan. 27 assault, in which an officer and a lieutenant sustained minor injuries. All of them were migrants, according to a law enforcement official.” (Andy Newman, Chelsia Rose Marcus and Jonah E. Bromwich, “Assault On Officers In Times Square Puts Pressure On District Attorney,” [The New York Times](#), 2/4/24)

- **The Men Had Been In The Country Less Than A Year.** “A law enforcement official said that the men were migrants who had been in the country less than a year and lived at shelters, and that four fled the city after arraignment, using bus tickets purchased with help from a church group. The official, who was not authorized to discuss the case publicly, spoke on the condition of anonymity.” (Andy Newman, Chelsia Rose Marcus and Jonah E. Bromwich, “Assault On Officers In Times Square Puts Pressure On District Attorney,” [The New York Times](#), 2/4/24)

Rhode Island:

In February 2024, An Unnamed Illegal Migrant From Guatemala Was Arrested In Providence, Rhode Island On Child Molestation Charges. He Had Previously Been Detained By Immigration Authorities But Was Released. “A Guatemalan man illegally living in the United States was arrested earlier this month for child molestation charges after he was released last year while being detained, immigration authorities said Friday. The unidentified man was taken into custody on Feb. 6 by U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement removal agents. He faces sex crime charges in Providence, Rhode Island, ICE said.” (“Illegal Immigrant Arrested For Child Molestation In Rhode Island After Being Detained And Released: ICE,” Fox News, 2/17/24)

- **“The Request To Notify Immigration Authorities Of His Pending Release From The Facility Was Ignored And He Was Freed In April 2023, Authorities Said.”** “Immigration authorities don't know when the suspect entered the U.S. He was arrested in Providence in March 2023 and charged with child molestation. Immigration authorities lodged a detainer request for him with the Adult Correctional Institute in Cranston, Rhode Island where he was being held. The request to notify immigration authorities of his pending release from the facility was ignored and he was freed in April 2023, authorities said.” (“Illegal Immigrant Arrested For Child Molestation In Rhode Island After Being Detained And Released: ICE,” Fox News, 2/17/24)

Texas:

In February 2024, Rafael Govea Romero, An Illegal Migrant, Was Indicted On Capital Murder Charges For The Stabbing Death Of Lizbeth Medina, A 16-Year-Old Texas High School Cheerleader. “A grand jury in Texas indicted an illegal immigrant on capital murder following the brutal stabbing death of a high school cheerleader. The illegal immigrant, identified as 23-year-old Rafael Govea Romero, is accused of stabbing Lizbeth Medina, 16, to death during what authorities believe was an attempted burglary or sexual assault, according to a Thursday report. Medina, a junior at Edna High School, was found dead in early December after her mother, Jacqueline Medina, discovered her corpse around 7 p.m. in the bathtub of Cottonwood Apartments.” (Luke Gentile, “Grand Jury Indicts Illegal Immigrant On Capital Murder Following Death Of High School Cheerleader,” [Washington Examiner](#), 2/9/24)

- **“Romero Allegedly Struck The Teenage Girl, Caused Her Head To Strike A ‘Firm Surface,’ Hit Her With A ‘Hard Object,’ And ‘Repeatedly Stabbing Or Cutting’ Her ‘With A Sharp Object Or Edged Weapon,’ Documents Suggest.”** (Luke Gentile, “Grand Jury Indicts Illegal Immigrant On Capital Murder Following Death Of High School Cheerleader,” [Washington Examiner](#), 2/9/24)

In August 2023, Juan Carolos Garcia-Rodriguez, An Illegal Migrant From Guatemala, Was Arrested In Louisiana Days After Sexually Assaulting And Killing An 11-Year-Old

Texas Girl. “On August 12, Carmelo’s 11-year-old daughter, Maria, was found dead in her family’s apartment in Pasadena. While at work earlier that day, Carmelo received a phone call from Maria about someone outside their front door. When he got home about five hours later, her body was located inside a trash bag, placed in a laundry basket, and underneath a bed. According to court records, a medical examiner believes the 11-year-old’s death was, ‘caused by blunt force head and neck trauma... and asphyxia due to strangulation.’ The medical examiner noticed that the young girl had been sexually assaulted. Police in Louisiana located 18-year-old Juan Carlos Garcia-Rodriguez over the weekend and arrested him for capital murder. Garcia-Rodriguez illegally crossed into the United States earlier this year from Guatemala. It’s believed he had been waiting for a court date, but was allowed to stay in the U.S. through a sponsor in Louisiana.” (Matthew Seedorff, “Pasadena Crime: Illegal Migrant Arrested And Charged With Sexual Assault, Murder Of 11-Year-Old Girl,” [FOX26-Houston](#), 8/21/23)

Vermont:

In January 2024, Raymundo Garcia-Flores, An Illegal Immigrant From Mexico, Who Had Been Arrested In The U.S. More Than A Dozen Times, Was Arrested Once Again For Guiding Other Illegals Into Vermont. “An illegal immigrant from Mexico, who has been caught more than a dozen times unlawfully in the United States, has been arrested again after he returned to help guide another handful of undocumented persons into Vermont, federal court records show. Raymundo Garcia-Flores, 38, is facing a new charge of reentry by a deported alien into Franklin County, according to a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Burlington.” (Mike Donoghue, “13-Time Illegal Immigrant Bagged Again As Smuggling Guide,” *The Caledonian-Record*, 1/29/24)

- **Garcia-Flores Was A Human Smuggling Guide.** “The U.S. Border Patrol said their agents intercepted Garcia-Flores as he served as a human smuggling guide for four non-citizens entering rural Berkshire without legal authorization from Canada on Jan. 24. Garcia-Flores reported it was his fourth time recently guiding illegal immigrants into the United States, and he had brought nine undocumented aliens during the three earlier operations, the Border Patrol said in court papers.” (Mike Donoghue, “13-Time Illegal Immigrant Bagged Again As Smuggling Guide,” *The Caledonian-Record*, 1/29/24)

Virginia:

In February 2024, Renzo Mendoza Montes, An Illegal Venezuelan Migrant, Was Charged With Two Felonies For Sexually Assaulting A 14-Year-Old Girl In Virginia. He Had Previously Been Stopped By Authorities And Was Released. “A Venezuelan migrant in the US illegally after being stopped — and then released — at the border five months ago has now been charged in Virginia with sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl. Renzo Mendoza Montes, 32, was arrested last week on two felony charges for sexually assaulting an underage child, deputies in Campbell County announced.” (Melissa Koenig, “Venezuelan Migrant Who Entered U.S. Illegally Charged With Raping Teen Girl In Virginia,” *New York Post*, 2/27/24)

- **“He Is Facing Charges Of ‘Carnal Knowledge Of A Child Without Force’ And ‘Taking Indecent Liberties With A Child.’”** (Melissa Koenig, “Venezuelan Migrant Who Entered U.S. Illegally Charged With Raping Teen Girl In Virginia,” *New York Post*, 2/27/24)
- **Montes Had Been In The Country Illegally Since Crossing The Southern Border In September 2023.** “Authorities say Montes is a Venezuelan citizen who has been in the country illegally since he crossed the southern border into El Paso, Texas, on Sept. 2. He was detained and released by US Customs and Border Protection, officials told Fox News.” (Melissa Koenig, “Venezuelan Migrant Who Entered U.S. Illegally Charged With Raping Teen Girl In Virginia,” *New York Post*, 2/27/24)

Washington:

In March 2024, Raul Benitez Santana, An Illegal Immigrant From Mexico, Killed Washington State Patrol Trooper Christopher M. Gadd After He Slammed His Vehicle Into Gadd’s Patrol Car. “An illegal immigrant who entered the US as a ‘got-away’ has been arrested after allegedly slamming his vehicle into a Washington State Patrol trooper and killing him. On Saturday, Trooper Christopher M. Gadd, 27, was on patrol for speeders and DUI drivers on

Interstate 5 near Marysville, WA when he was struck and killed in a three-vehicle crash at approximately 3 am. The impact was so severe that the black SUV ricocheted into a white van in the fast lane after it hit the trooper's vehicle. According to court documents, the SUV that smashed into Gadd was driven by 33-year-old Raul Benitez Santana, a Mexican foreign national with a criminal record who was in the country illegally." ("Mexican Illegal Immigrant With Prior Convictions Suspected In Vehicular Homicide Of Washington State Patrol Trooper," [The Post Millennial](#), 3/6/24)