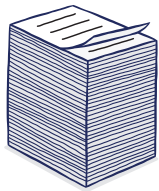




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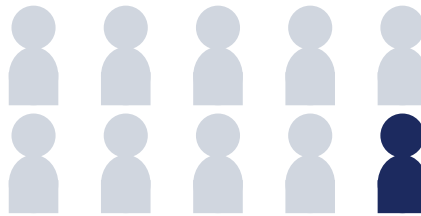
## A BETTER WAY ON IMMIGRATION

AILA's more than 18,000 members work with U.S. families, businesses, and people navigating the immigration system every day. Immigration is a vital resource that boosts the U.S. economy, strengthens families, and contributes to national prosperity. But the dysfunction of the current immigration system is preventing America from fully realizing these undeniable benefits. Sweeping deportation plans, lawless and violent ICE and CBP actions, extreme restrictions on legal immigration, and the arrests of lawful immigrants are hurting people and eroding public safety. AILA is committed to working with Congress to find a better way forward on immigration, including setting guardrails on enforcement, creating lawful pathways for people who are undocumented, and modernizing the system to meet the world's evolving economy.



**11.5m+**

As of mid-2025, USCIS was facing a **backlog of more than 11.5 million cases**



**Less than 14%** of the nearly 400,000 immigrants ICE detained in the Administration's first year in office had charges or convictions for violent crimes.



**In less than a year**, the second Trump Administration **stripped 1.6 million immigrants of their legal status.**

### Accountable, Fair and Lawful Immigration Enforcement

Americans want safe communities governed by the rule of law, and they expect immigration enforcement to be carried out humanely, lawfully and consistent with the Constitution. To restore public confidence, Congress should create enforceable standards and independent oversight bodies to stop the unlawful and dangerous practices. Congress should also appropriately resource agencies to enforce immigration laws, including reducing the excessive, unchecked funding given to ICE and CBP. Effective enforcement requires setting priorities for the pursuit of serious threats to national security and public safety instead of people who have jobs and families.

### Strengthening our Economy and Communities By Modernizing Immigration

Congress must modernize the legal immigration system to meet the needs of the American economy. American businesses struggle to secure the workers they need to fill workforce gaps. Outdated visa limits and administrative barriers undermine the programs Congress authorized for seasonal and skilled workers. Improving visa programs and increasing efficiency in reviewing and vetting applications will help meet U.S. workforce demands while protecting national security.

### Build Resilient Communities Through a Path to Permanent Status for Long-term Undocumented and Others in Limbo Status

People who are undocumented – including essential workers, first responders, Dreamers, and long-standing members of our communities with U.S. citizen spouses and children – have been contributing to this country for decades without any foreseeable relief. The lack of Congressional action has forced millions to remain in the shadows unable to participate fully in society. To unlock the full potential of their contributions, Congress should create a pathway to legal status for those that meet clear eligibility standards and rigorous background checks.