

Making America Safe Again:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services End-of-Year Review



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and Immigration
Services

Since Jan. 20, 2025, the agency has enhanced immigration screening and vetting protocols to protect communities and national security and has advanced immigration policies that put the national interest first.



USCIS referred over **14,400** aliens to ICE, including **182** national security risks.



USCIS is recruiting **Homeland Defenders** to combat fraud and threats.

Over **50,000** applications received, and the first Defenders reported for duty in Dec 2025.



USCIS revised the **naturalization test** to ensure new citizens understand the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship.



USCIS took action to **stop the abuse of parole programs**, closing loopholes exploited by criminal aliens to enter the U.S.



USCIS sent over **196,600** notices to deportable aliens to initiate removal proceedings —historic levels of enforcement.



USCIS' largest fraud operation, **Operation Twin Shield**, uncovered marriage fraud, visa abuse, and national security threats in **hundreds** of cases, leading to arrests and denials of immigration applications.



Cracking Down on Immigration Fraud:

Over **29,000** fraud referrals.



Investigated over **19,300** fraud cases and found fraud in **65%** of them.



Over **6,500** site visits and over **19,500** social media checks completed.



USCIS restored the practice of **neighborhood investigations** of potential new citizens to verify eligibility and protect the integrity of the naturalization process.



USCIS is protecting elections and combating voter fraud.

Over **48 million** voter verifications were completed in 2025 under agreements with **24** states.



DHS is preserving public benefits for Americans. Over **206 million** eligibility checks were conducted in 2025 for federal agencies overseeing public benefits.