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# **2008 Chronology of ICE Raids**

### **Introduction**

NNIRR's chronology of ICE immigration raids, or ICE enforcement operations, shows that the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (DHS-ICE) deliberately uses raids to suppress rights and intimidate communities. DHS-ICE makes immigrant families, workers and communities more vulnerable to abuse and exploitation.

During an immigration enforcement operation, ICE alone or in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies deliberately creates panic and disturbances through the use of overwhelming force to execute warrants against a worksite or neighborhood, violating due process rights on a broad scale and many times has illegally used the action to detain persons without a warrant.

NNIRR tracked 118 cases of raids and enforcement operations across 42 states, with CA, TX, AZ, FL, and NY as the top five states with the highest number of raids documented.

**A total of 118 cases of ICE raids resulted in approximately 10,348 arrests.** Although NNIRR documented a higher number of worksite raids (52) than fugitive operations (41), the latter were significantly higher in the numbers of persons arrested. 41 fugitive operations raids resulted in 5,272 arrests whereas 52 worksite raids resulted in 3,265 arrests. Other ICE and immigration police collaboration arrests and deportations also took place through sweeps under Operation Community Shield and other enforcement operations targeting "gang" members and "affiliates".<sup>i</sup>

**NNIRR's tracking of ICE raids reflects about one-quarter of the total worksite raids and fugitive operations reported by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).** While only 2 percent of all persons detained and/or deported by ICE in 2008 were a result of worksite raids, 9 percent were a result of fugitive operations, still accounting for less than a quarter of the overall arrests and apprehensions resulting in detentions and deportations in 2008.<sup>ii</sup>

This NNIRR summary is based on news reports, ICE press releases and reports from community groups who organized responses to the abuses and rights violations perpetrated against immigrant workers, families, and communities across the country.<sup>iii</sup>

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Date	City/town Counties	State	Type of Operation	# of arrests	Where raid(s) took place
1/26/2008	Hartford	CT	Fugitive Operation	1	SIEU 1199 headquarters
1/28/2008	Brown, Door, Kenosha, Outagamie, Sheboygan and Winnebago counties	WI	Fugitive Operation (3-day sweep)	20	Various homes and apartments
2/7/2008	Van Nuys	CA	Worksite Enforcement	130	Micro Solutions Enterprise print cartridge factory
2/7/2008	Lindon	UT	Worksite Enforcement	57	Universal Industrial Sales metal factory
2/25/2008	<i>Various states</i>	WA, MN, IL, OH, MI, WI, MO, NY	Fugitive Operations	225	Various homes and apartments
2/27/2008	Chicago	IL	Fugitive Operations	30	Various homes and apartments in and around Chicago
2/28/2008	Little Rock	AR	Worksite Enforcement	24	Little Rock National Airport
3/3/2008	Worthington, Pipestone, MN and Sioux, SD	SD, MN	Fugitive Operation: 3-day sweep	36	Various homes and apartments
3/18/2008	Bucks County	PA	Worksite Enforcement	64	F.C. Young and Co. warehouse located in the middle of Bath Industrial Park
3/20/2008	Charlotte	NC	Worksite Enforcement	9	Olive Garden Restaurant
3/24/2008	Washtenaw County	MI	Fugitive Operations		Various homes and apartments
3/24/2008	Manassas	VA	Worksite Enforcement	34	CMC Concrete Construction
3/25/2008	Memphis	TN	Worksite Enforcement/ "criminal investigation"	34	Memphis International Airport
3/27/2008	Sutton, Gibbons, Hastings, Shelton	NE	Fugitive Operations	25	Various homes and apartments
3/27/2008	Council Bluffs	IA	Worksite Enforcement	16	American Clothing Company
3/28/2008	Fremont	CA	Raid at Home Depot parking lot	15	Home Depot
3/28/2008	Flowood	MS	Worksite Enforcement/ "sting operation"	9	Stix Japanese restaurant
3/29/2008	Dallas	TX	Worksite Enforcement/	49	Various Latino night clubs, restaurants, supermarkets,

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			"criminal investigation"		and other businesses
3/30/2008	Liberal	KS	Fugitive Operation	28	Various homes and apartments
4/1/2008	Torrance	CA	Fugitive Operations (four in one day)	44	Samsung, Frontier, Imperial Warehouses
4/2/2008	Wilmington, Long Beach, Torrance	CA	Fugitive Operation	10	Nippon Express Inc. in Torrance, The Trading Center in Long Beach, factory in Wilmington
4/2/2008	Manhattan	NY	Raids on Amtrak trains	25	Aboard various trains
4/2/2008	Homedale	ID	Worksite Enforcement/ investigation	20	Specialty Inc. Wood Products pallet manufacturing plant
4/4/2008	Miami	FL	Fugitive Operation	332	Various homes and apartments in Miami-Dade (147), Palm Springs (104), Broward County (81)
4/8/2008	Leesburg	VA	Worksite Enforcement/ based on 'criminal investigation since July 2007	59	Luxury Lansdowne Resort
4/16/2008	NY, PENN, W.VA, GA	NY, PA, WV, GA	Worksite Enforcement/ "criminal investigation"	56	Seven restaurants, six homes and apartments, and twelve apartments
4/16/2008	Houston	TX	Worksite Enforcement/ "criminal investigation" based on tips	20-30	Shipley Do-Nuts complex, which includes a warehouse, offices and processing plants; also includes residences--at least five trailers and 14 small homes
4/16/2008	Batesville	AR	Worksite Enforcement/ "criminal investigation" in coordination with DOJ	24	Pilgrim's Pride poultry processing plant
4/16/2008	Live Oak	FL	Worksite Enforcement/ "criminal investigation" in coordination with DOJ	31	Pilgrim's Pride poultry processing plant
4/16/2008	Chattanooga	TN	Worksite Enforcement/ "criminal investigation" in coordination with DOJ	100	Pilgrim's Pride poultry processing plant
4/16/2008	Mount Pleasant	TX	Worksite Enforcement/	47	Pilgrim's Pride poultry

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4/16/2008	Moorefield	WV	Worksite Enforcement/ "criminal investigation" in coordination with DOJ	115	Pilgrim's Pride poultry processing plant
4/25/2008	El Paso	TX	Worksite Enforcement/ "criminal investigation"	28	Nash Gardens landscaping business in W. El Paso; business annex in Sunland Park, NM; also served search warrant at business owner's residence
5/2/2008	<i>Various cities and counties</i>	CA, NJ, NM, NY, TN, TX	Month-long Fugitive Operation	1808	Various homes and apartments
5/2/2008	<i>Various cities and counties</i>	NJ, NY	Month-long Fugitive Operation	491	Various homes and apartments
5/2/2008	San Francisco, San Ramon, Lafayette, Concord, Pleasanton, Danville	CA	Worksite Enforcement/ "criminal investigation"	63	11 El Balazo Taqueria restaurants
5/3/2008	Maui	HI	Worksite Enforcement	22	Cheeseburger Island Style and Cheeseburger in Paradise restaurants, Bubba Gump Shrimp Company
5/5/2008	Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco counties	CA	Month-long Fugitive Operations	905	Various residences in Los Angeles County, San Diego, and San Francisco
5/6/2008	Oakland and Berkeley	CA	Fugitive Operations	5	Various homes and apartments
5/6/2008	52 counties from Louisiana to Corpus Christi, Texas	LA, TX	Fugitive Operations	89	Various homes and apartments
5/7/2008	Richmond	VA	Worksite Enforcement	33	Tompkins Builders Inc construction site at U.S. Federal Courthouse
5/12/2008	Postville	IA	Worksite Enforcement/ "criminal investigation"	390	Agriprocessors, Inc. meatpacking plant
5/15/2008	San Diego	CA	Worksite raid	18	French Gourmet bakery
5/15/2008	Fort Myers	FL	Worksite raid	25	Construction site at Lee County's Sheriff's Office
5/16/2008	Phoenix	AZ	Fugitive Operation	39	Various homes and apartments

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5/18/2008	Rio Grande Valley; San Antonio; Austin	TX	Fugitive Operation	84	Various homes and apartments
5/22/2008	San Rafael	CA	Fugitive Operation	17	Various homes and apartments in Canal neighborhoods, near schools, on street, etc.
5/28/2008	Reno and Sparks	NV	Fugitive Operation	2	Various homes and apartments
6/2/2008	<i>Various</i>	KS, VA, NJ, MA, GA, TX	Operation Community Shield	489	Various homes and apartments
6/2/2008	San Antonio, Austin, Laredo, Harlingen	TX	Operation Community Shield	32	Various homes and apartments
6/4/2008	Heber, Brawley	CA	Worksite Enforcement	32	Boss 4 Packing business office and various homes and apartments in Brawley, CA
6/7/2008	Atlanta, Dalton, Savannah, Albany	GA	Operation Community Shield	127	Various homes and apartments
6/8/2008	<i>Various</i>	TX	Operation Community Shield	149	Various homes and apartments
6/10/2008	Maricopa County	AZ	Worksite Enforcement	9	Golfland Sunsplash (Mesa) and Waterworld Safari water parks (Phoenix)
6/12/2008	Newport, Middletown	RI	Fugitive Operation	42	Various homes and apartments
6/12/2008	Brockton	MA	Operation Community Shield	22	Various homes and apartments
6/15/2008	Newark	NJ	Operation Community Shield	96	Various homes and apartments
6/17/2008	Rutherford County	TN	Worksite Enforcement	50	Chef Wang's Restaurant (Murfreesboro), Famous Chinese Restaurant (Smyrna) and New Famous Chinese Restaurant (Nashville)
6/18/2008	Southern Florida counties	FL	Operation Community Shield	321	Various homes and apartments
6/24/2008	Lexington, Grand Island, Broken Bow, Cozad, Gibbon, Hastings, Kearney, North Platte	NE	Fugitive Operation	44	Various homes and apartments
6/24/2008	Howard	SD	Worksite Enforcement	5	Dakota Beef organic beef processing plant and one residence
6/25/2008	Racine, Milwaukee, Kenosha	WI	Fugitive Operation	38	Various homes and apartments in southeastern Wisconsin

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6/25/2008	Houston	TX	Worksite Enforcement	170	Action Rags USA factory
6/25/2008	Arlington	TX	Worksite Enforcement	32	Arlington aircraft manufacturing plant
6/27/2008	Nashville	TN	Fugitive Operation	24	Various homes and apartments
6/27/2008	Richmond	VA	Operation Community Shield	46	Various homes and apartments
6/30/2008	Annapolis	MD	Fugitive Operations	50	Annapolis Painting Services and 15 homes in Anne Arundel County
7/1/2008	Lake Tahoe Basin	NV	Fugitive Operations	42	Various homes and apartments
7/2/2008	Wichita	KS	Operation Community Shield	22	Various homes and apartments
7/9/2008	Port Arthur	TX	Worksite Enforcement	37	R & R Marine Fabrication dry dock facility, Cal Dive International facility
7/11/2008	Tulsa	OK	Operation Community Shield	32	Various homes and apartments
7/15/2008	Providence	RI	Worksite Enforcement	31	Six Rhode Island Court Houses (workers contracted through Tri-State Enterprises or Falcon Maintenance Co.)
7/16/2008	Laurel	MD	Fugitive Operation	2	Private residence
7/16/2008	Loveland	CO	Worksite Enforcement	18	Colorado Precast Concrete Inc.
7/18/2008	Chicago	IL	Operation Community Shield	49	Various homes and apartments
7/20/2008	Waipahu	HI	Worksite Enforcement	43	Oasis apartments
7/22/2008	San Diego	CA	Operation Community Shield	90	Various homes and apartments
7/23/2008	Tucson	AZ	Counter Narcotics Alliance Operation	22	Private residence
7/23/2008	Ashland, Fremont, Norwalk, Oberlin, Oregon, Sandusky, Vermillion and Youngstown	OH	Worksite Enforcement/ based on 1-yr 'criminal investigation'	58	Eight Casa Fiesta Mexican restaurants in northern Ohio
7/28/2008	Minneapolis, St. Paul, Richfield, Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, Crystal, Maplewood, Columbia Heights and	MN	Operation Community Shield	35	Various homes and apartments

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	West St. Paul				
7/28/2008	Little Rock	AR	Worksite Enforcement	13	Waco Manufacturing, pontoon boats manufacturing company
7/31/2008	King of Prussia	PA	Worksite Enforcement	42	ABM Janitorial Services Inc offices in King of Prussia (suburb northwest of Philly)
8/1/2008	<i>Various</i>	PA, DE	Fugitive Operation	119	Various homes and apartments
8/1/2008	Ft. Myers	FL	Fugitive Operations	62	Various homes and apartments
8/4/2008	Lowell	MA	Fugitive Operation	25	Various homes and apartments
8/4/2008	<i>Various</i>	MA	Operation Community Shield	80	Various homes and apartments
8/7/2008	Miami	FL	Fugitive Operation	54	Various homes and apartments
8/11/2008	Salt Lake City	UT	Operation Community Shield	42	Various homes and apartments
8/12/2008	Maricopa County	AZ	2-day "crime suppression" effort by Maricopa County Sheriff's Office in collaboration with ICE	102	Operation conducted from parking lot at the Sheriff's District III substation, 13063 W. Bell Road, focusing on West Valley area including a stretch of Grand Avenue between El Mirage and Surprise.
8/12/2008	Asheville	NC	Worksite Enforcement	57	Mills Manufacturing Corporation (MMC), military parachute manufacturing plant
8/13/2008	Washington	DC	Worksite Enforcement/ critical infrastructure protection (CIP) operation	42	Dulles International Airport
8/14/2008	Red Bank	NJ	Operation Community Shield	5	Various homes and apartments
8/17/2008	Orlando and Palm Beach Areas	FL	Fugitive Operation	49	Various homes and apartments
8/20/2008	Maui	HI	Worksite Enforcement	22	Honua Kai Resort construction site
8/24/2008	Mesa	AZ	Worksite Enforcement	29	Artistic Land Management landscaping business
8/25/2008	Laurel	MS	Worksite Enforcement/ "criminal investigation"	595	Howard Industries Inc.
8/26/2008	New York	NY	Fugitive Operation	130	Various homes and apartments

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9/5/2008	Arcata	CA	Fugitive Operation	25	Sun Valley flower nursery
9/10/2008	Palm Springs	CA	Worksite investigation/ using SSA "no-match"	51	Palm Springs Baking Company
9/11/2008	Greenfield, (Salinas Valley)	CA	Fugitive Operations	15	Various homes and apartments
9/11/2008	Visitation Valley, SF	CA	Fugitive Operations teams	6	Private residence on Hahn Street in Visitation Valley district
9/12/2008	Indiana, Chicago, Little Village, Waukegan, 26 other Illinois communities	IN, IL	Fugitive Operations	144	Various homes and apartments in Beach Park, Country Club Hills, Gurnee, Grayslake, Harwood Heights, Libertyville, North Chicago, Nottingham Park, Round Lake, Skokie, Waukegan, Willowbrook and Zion (IL); and Elkhart, Goshen, Mishawaka, Nappanee and South Bend (IN)
9/17/2008	Chicago	IL	Fugitive Operations	150	Various homes and apartments in 26 communities in the Chicago metropolitan area
9/17/2008	Vallejo, Vacaville	CA	Fugitive Operations	21	Empire Buffet, Kings Buffet restaurants (Vacaville) and one private residence on Glacier Court (Vallejo)
9/18/2008	Little Village (near Chicago)	IL	Visa fraud operation	21	Various homes and apartments in Little Village neighborhood and surrounding Chicago community
9/28/2008	Sodus	NY	Fugitive Operations	20	Various trailer park residences housing farm worker families in rural New York
10/7/2008	Greenville	SC	Worksite Enforcement- "criminal investigation"	331	House of Raeford's Columbia Farms poultry processing plant
10/16/2008	Mesa	AZ	Worksite Enforcement	16	Mesa Public Library- Sheriff Joe Arpaio arrested janitors working for Pew and Management Cleaning Control LLC, and raided thirteen private residences
10/21/2008	<i>Various</i>	MN	Fugitive Operations	19	Various homes and apartments in Madelia (10), St. James (5), Windom (2), Butterfield (1) and Lewisville (1)

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10/28/2008	Casselton	ND	Worksite Enforcement/ "criminal investigation"	23	Ethanol plant construction site under contract with Wanzek Construction Company (near Fargo)
11/12/2008	Weld County	CO	"Operation Number Games," a round-up of suspects who allegedly filed tax returns using suspicious Social Security numbers	13	Various homes and apartments
11/13/2008	Essex Junction	VT	Worksite Enforcement/ based on "tip"	5	Construction site for Lowe's home improvement store under contract with Kal-Vin Construction Co.
11/18/2008	Morris, Passaic County	NJ	Operation Community Shield/ sweeps	33	Various homes and apartments in Butler (Morris County) and Bloomingdale (Passaic County)
11/18/2008	Vinton & Toledo	IA	Worksite Enforcement/ "criminal investigation"	4	Two Peony Chinese restaurants
11/19/2008	Los Angeles County	CA	Operation Community Shield	21	28 residences in the Newhall and Canyon Country sections of Santa Clarita
11/19/2008	Kenosha	WI	Operation Community Shield	11	Various homes and apartments
12/5/2008	Nampa	ID	Worksite Enforcement/ ICE initiated investigation after "tip from the public"	16	Idaho Truss & Component wood framing company
12/10/2008	Whiting	IN	Worksite Enforcement/ "critical infrastructure" operations	15	BP oil refinery plant

<sup>i</sup> NNIRR captured 43 percent of the total ICE arrests reported through Operation Community Shield. Over half (56%) were administrative and not criminal arrests, allegedly targeting 'gang members and affiliates.' See ICE Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Report (pg v): [http://www.ice.gov/doclib/pi/reports/ice\\_annual\\_report/pdf/ice08ar\\_final.pdf](http://www.ice.gov/doclib/pi/reports/ice_annual_report/pdf/ice08ar_final.pdf)

<sup>ii</sup> In 2008, ICE deportations reached a record-level high at a total of 356,739 persons. 6,287 people were detected and arrested during worksite raids and another 34,155 through "fugitive operations." See ICE Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Report: [http://www.ice.gov/doclib/pi/reports/ice\\_annual\\_report/pdf/ice08ar\\_final.pdf](http://www.ice.gov/doclib/pi/reports/ice_annual_report/pdf/ice08ar_final.pdf)

<sup>iii</sup> This does not include persons in immigration detention, and represents a small fraction of the nearly 400,000 persons DHS deported in FY 2008. Local, county, state and federal police, with ICE, screen the immigration status hundreds of thousands of persons in local, county, state, and federal prisons every day for possible deportation without due process rights. Increased funding and expansion of ICE ACCESS programs, such as the Criminal Alien Program, Secure Communities, Rapid REPAT, and 287(g) and grave due process rights violations throughout the removal process also account for the great majority of persons subjected to indefinite detention and/or deportation.