Foreign Citizens (Aliens) in State Prison

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Florida Department of Corrections



Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

The Department, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) signed MOA in 2001.

- □ Department coordinates inmate movements, information sharing and notice to alien inmates.
- □EOIR coordinates determination hearings.
- □ICE assumes custody of aliens upon the lawful expiration of their sentence.

Alien Inmate Process

Reception

- □Immigration and Customs Enforcement (*ICE*) agents are assigned daily at South Florida Reception Center and Central Florida Reception Center.
- □ Weekly lists of suspected aliens are forwarded to ICE offices in Jacksonville, Miami and Orlando from Reception & Medical Center (RMC), Northwest Florida Reception Center (NWFRC), Broward Correctional Institution and Lowell Correctional Institution.

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If an inmate is a suspected alien

ICE does:

- □ Administrative Hold;
- □ Investigation;
- □ Determination; and
- □ Detainer (if necessary)

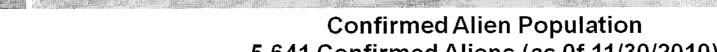
If during an audit, the Department has an inmate whose status is not determined – the Department's Central Office Coordinator contacts ICE.

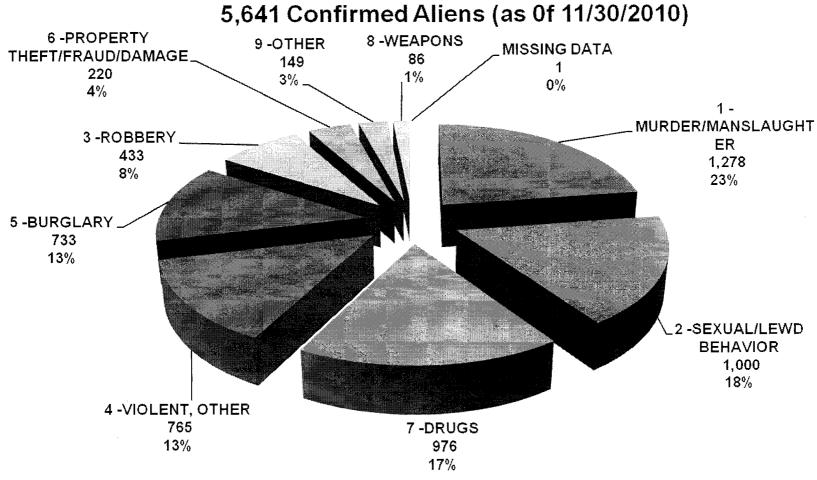
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Release to ICE

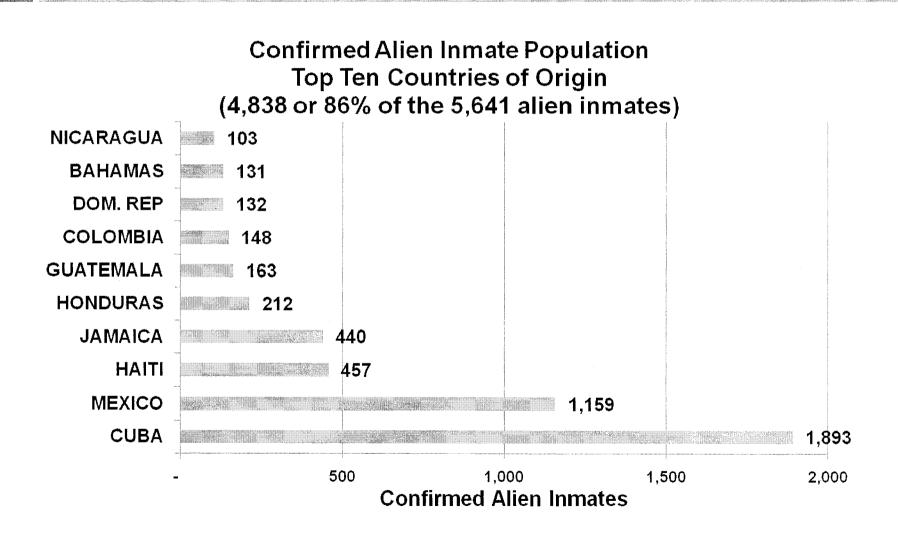
- ☐ Weekly, Department provides ICE with a list of all alien inmates who have a release date within 90 days.
- ☐ Within 90 days of release, alien inmates are approved for transfer to an ICE release site.
- ICE can pick up inmates 10 days in advance of the actual release date.

Alien Inmate Population





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Funding

- State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)
- SCAAP is a reimbursement.
- SCAAP provides federal payments to states and localities that incurred correctional officer costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens.
- SCAAP is governed by the Immigration and Nationality Act and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994.
- Generally, if a state or a political subdivision exercises authority over the incarceration of undocumented criminal aliens and submits a written request, that jurisdiction may be compensated.

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SCAAP Reimbursement History

