

Police and Immigration Survey

Arizona State University

Welcome to the Police and Immigration Survey. The purpose of this survey is to better understand current policing policies and practices related to persons in your community who may be unauthorized (undocumented or illegal) immigrants. The survey is being conducted by Arizona State University and should take about 15 minutes to complete. Your answers are strictly confidential as all identifiers will immediately be detached from the survey. All responses will be aggregated; no answers will be attributed or attached to any individual.

For each question, mark the box beside the answer that best represents your opinion, belief or situation or circle the answer as appropriate to the question. For questions, contact Mike McLaen at Mike.McLaen@asu.edu or (480) 965-5032. Please return the completed questionnaire in the enclosed postage-paid, addressed envelope within 10 days.

1. First, we need to confirm that you are the correct person to answer the survey. Are you currently employed as a chief of police or its equivalent in the US or are you acting as the chief's designated representative?

- Yes
- No -----> PLEASE DO NOT CONTINUE WITH THE SURVEY

2. Next, we would like you to compare prevailing views in your department with those in the local community you serve. **Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements by circling a number from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).**

	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<i>Unauthorized immigration is a controversial topic...</i>					
a. In my department -----	1	2	3	4	5
b. In this locality-----	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Victimization of immigrants is considered a significant problem...</i>					
a. In my department -----	1	2	3	4	5
b. In this locality-----	1	2	3	4	5
<i>People believe that it is relatively easy to determine who is in this country without authorization...</i>					
a. In my department -----	1	2	3	4	5
b. In this locality-----	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Gaining the trust of unauthorized immigrants is a priority...</i>					
a. In my department -----	1	2	3	4	5
b. In this locality-----	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Immigration enforcement is considered the responsibility of the federal government...</i>					
a. In my department -----	1	2	3	4	5
b. In this locality-----	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Issues surrounding unauthorized immigration are considered a drain on law-enforcement resources...</i>					
a. In my department -----	1	2	3	4	5
b. In this locality-----	1	2	3	4	5

3. Which of the following statements most accurately reflects the situation in your jurisdiction? **Choose the single best answer.**

- Most elected officials in this jurisdiction would prefer our department to be more engaged in immigration enforcement.
- Most elected officials in this jurisdiction would prefer our department to be less engaged in immigration enforcement.
- Most elected officials in this jurisdiction are satisfied with our department's current level of immigration enforcement.
- Most elected officials in this jurisdiction are not interested in this issue.
- There is no solid majority among elected officials in your jurisdiction.
- Not sure

4. Which of the following statements best describes the current position of the local government of your jurisdiction on unauthorized immigration? **Choose the single best answer.**

- Our local government has openly declared this a "sanctuary" community for unauthorized immigrants who are not engaged in criminal activities.
- Our local government supports an unwritten, informal policy of "don't ask-don't tell" regarding unauthorized immigrants living in or traveling through our jurisdiction unless they are involved in serious crime.
- Our local government has developed, or is developing, policies designed to encourage local law enforcement to participate with federal authorities in controlling certain kinds of crime associated with unauthorized immigration, e.g. human smuggling, human trafficking, drop houses.
- Our local government expects the department to take a proactive role in deterring unauthorized immigration in all of our activities.
- Our local government has no official policy vis-à-vis unauthorized immigrants living in or traveling through our jurisdiction.
- Not sure

Next, we have some questions about your interactions with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) branch of the federal Department of Homeland Security.

5. What relationship does your department maintain with the investigative and detention functions of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) branch of the federal Department of Homeland Security? **Please select all statements that apply.**

The instructions after each statement indicate which questions to answer next.

- We have a 287g Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that provides for federal training of some local police and cooperation in investigations and arrests of unauthorized immigrants for civil immigration violations. **ANSWER QUESTION 9**
- We have a MOU to help manage unauthorized immigrants who have been incarcerated. **ANSWER QUESTION 9**
- We contact ICE when we are holding suspected unauthorized immigrants for criminal violations, but have no formal agreement. **ANSWER QUESTION 9**
- ICE officers are embedded in one or more of our units. **ANSWER QUESTION 6**
- We do not participate or assist in ICE immigration-enforcement activities. **ANSWER QUESTION 7**
- Don't know **ANSWER QUESTION 9**

Answer Question 6 if indicated in Question 5, above.

6. Please identify the units in which ICE officers are embedded by functional name such as narcotics, vice, violent crimes, etc.

Don't know

Answer Question 7 if indicated in Question 5 above. Otherwise, go to Question 9 on the next page.

7. Did your department consider, but ultimately decide against, any type of working relationship with ICE?

- Yes **ANSWER QUESTION 8 ON NEXT PAGE**
- No **SKIP TO QUESTION 9 ON NEXT PAGE**
- Don't know **SKIP TO QUESTION 9 ON NEXT PAGE**

Answer Question 8 if indicated at Question 7 on the previous page. Otherwise, go to Question 9 below.

8. How important were each of the following considerations in the decision not to have a working relationship with ICE? **Circle a number from 1 (not at all important) to 5 (extremely important).**

	Not important				Extremely important
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
a. Too expensive/Not enough funding or staff -----	1	2	3	4	5
b. No community support/apathy-----	1	2	3	4	5
c. Active community opposition-----	1	2	3	4	5
d. Would decrease public safety -----	1	2	3	4	5

9. Which of these statements best describes the direction of your department's current communication with ICE?

- Useful information mostly flows from our department to ICE. **ANSWER QUESTION 10**
- Useful information mostly flows from ICE to our department. **ANSWER QUESTION 10**
- Useful information flows about equally both ways. **ANSWER QUESTION 10**
- We have little or no communication with ICE. **SKIP TO QUESTION 11**
- Don't know **SKIP TO QUESTION 11**

Answer Question 10 if indicated at Question 9 above. Otherwise, go to Question 11 on the next page.

10. If your department has a working relationship of any kind with ICE, please rate the following statements. **Please circle a number from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).**

	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
a. Our department is satisfied with our current relationship with ICE-----	1	2	3	4	5
b. Working with ICE has made it more difficult to maintain a good working relationship with immigrant residents -----	1	2	3	4	5
c. Funding issues have prevented our department from working effectively with ICE -----	1	2	3	4	5

Some questions about your department's policies relating to immigrants in your community are on the next page.

11. Regardless of what officers are instructed to do or are supposed to do, **what typically happens** when officers in your department encounter individuals who might be unauthorized immigrants in each of the following situations? **Circle your answers.**

	<u>Check immigration status</u>	<u>Report to ICE</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
a. Stopped for a traffic violation -----	1 -----	2 -----	3 -----	4 -----	5 -----
b. Arrested for a violent crime -----	1 -----	2 -----	3 -----	4 -----	5 -----
c. Arrested for a nonviolent crime (e.g., shoplifting, trespassing, speeding & assuming no previous criminal record) -----	1 -----	2 -----	3 -----	4 -----	5 -----
d. Arrested for domestic violence -----	1 -----	2 -----	3 -----	4 -----	5 -----
e. Interviewed as a crime victim, complainant, or witness -----	1 -----	2 -----	3 -----	4 -----	5 -----
f. Detained for a parole violation or for failure to appear for a court date -----	1 -----	2 -----	3 -----	4 -----	5 -----
g. Interviewed as a possible victim of human trafficking -----	1 -----	2 -----	3 -----	4 -----	5 -----



12. Does your department have a policy regarding interactions with immigrants? For example, do you have a protocol concerning when to inquire about immigration status and what to report?

- Yes, we have a written policy **ANSWER QUESTIONS 13 AND 14**
- Yes, but our policy is not in written form **SKIP TO QUESTION 14**
- No **SKIP TO QUESTION 15**
- Don't know **SKIP TO QUESTION 15**



Answer Question 13 if indicated in Question 12 above. Otherwise, go to Question 14 below.

13. Where can this policy be found? **Select all statements that apply.**

- In departmental general orders or operations orders
- In a memo from the chief or commanding officer
- In a local ordinance
- In a cooperative agreement with a federal agency, such as ICE
- In a joint terrorism taskforce agreement
- Online – Please specify the URL address/link _____
- Other – Please specify _____
- Don't know



Answer Question 14 if indicated in Question 12, on the previous page. Otherwise, go to Question 15 below.

14. Next, please indicate how influential each of the following groups or people were in formulating your policies regarding immigrants. **Circle a number from 1 (not at all influential) to 5 (very influential).**

	Not at all influential				Very influential	Don't Know
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>DK</u>
a. Chief or commander and other high level police officials	----- 1	----- 2	----- 3	----- 4	----- 5	----- 6
b. Local elected officials	----- 1	----- 2	----- 3	----- 4	----- 5	----- 6
c. Prosecutor's or DA's office	----- 1	----- 2	----- 3	----- 4	----- 5	----- 6
d. Legal advisors in the department	----- 1	----- 2	----- 3	----- 4	----- 5	----- 6
e. Fraternal police organizations	----- 1	----- 2	----- 3	----- 4	----- 5	----- 6
f. Local police commission	----- 1	----- 2	----- 3	----- 4	----- 5	----- 6
g. Command personnel from a specialized unit	----- 1	----- 2	----- 3	----- 4	----- 5	----- 6
h. Federal officials	----- 1	----- 2	----- 3	----- 4	----- 5	----- 6
i. State officials	----- 1	----- 2	----- 3	----- 4	----- 5	----- 6
j. Courts	----- 1	----- 2	----- 3	----- 4	----- 5	----- 6
k. Organizations representing ethnic or racial groups or immigrants	----- 1	----- 2	----- 3	----- 4	----- 5	----- 6
l. Another police department's policy	----- 1	----- 2	----- 3	----- 4	----- 5	----- 6
m. Other civilian group(s)	----- 1	----- 2	----- 3	----- 4	----- 5	----- 6



15. Has your department offered training for sworn officers specifically related to incidents or calls involving unauthorized immigrants?

- Yes **ANSWER QUESTIONS 16 AND 17**
- No **SKIP TO QUESTION 18 ON THE NEXT PAGE**
- Don't know **SKIP TO QUESTION 18 ON THE NEXT PAGE**



16. About what percentage of officers has received this training? _____% Don't know



17. Which of the following has this training included? **Select all that apply.**

- In-service training
- New recruit training
- Roll-call briefing
- Publications or web-based training
- Workshops with immigrant-advocacy groups
- Conferences or off-site professional training
- Training provided by federal immigration agencies
- Foreign language training
- Other
- Don't know

18. Does the ability to speak a second language count in favor of applicants and/or officers in your department?

- Yes **ANSWER QUESTION 19**
- No **SKIP TO QUESTION 20**
- Don't know **SKIP TO QUESTION 20**

19. In what way does the ability to speak a second language count in favor of applicants and/or officers in your department? **Select all that apply.**

- Salary bonuses
- Points for hiring
- Pay differential for translation time or "skill pay"
- Other – Please specify _____
- Don't know

20. Does your department... **(Circle your responses.)**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
a. Accept Mexican consular ID cards (<i>matrícula consular</i>), or other or other foreign IDs, as forms of identification under some circumstances -----	1	2	3
b. Have personnel who are specifically assigned to identify and respond to cases of human trafficking or human smuggling -----	1	2	3
c. Maintain a phone line for confidential reports of criminal activity by members of the immigrant community -----	1	2	3
d. Have enough officers proficient in foreign languages to work effectively in our immigrant communities -----	1	2	3
e. Have a written policy regarding racial profiling -----	1	2	3

Next, a few questions about day laborers. The term "day laborer" in this section refers to individuals who gather to seek manual labor jobs or other informal employment for the day.

21. Which of the following best describes the day laborer situation in your community?

- Our community has one or more informal day labor hiring sites (on a sidewalk, in a parking lot, etc.) **ANSWER QUESTION 22 ON THE NEXT PAGE**
 - Our community has one or more organized, formal day labor hiring sites (publicly and/or privately funded) **ANSWER QUESTION 22 ON THE NEXT PAGE**
 - Our community does not have any day labor hiring sites. **SKIP TO QUESTION 23 ON THE NEXT PAGE**
 - Don't know **ANSWER QUESTION 22 ON THE NEXT PAGE**
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22. Does your department utilize any of the following strategies to control day labor activities? **Circle your responses.**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
a. Contact ICE regarding immigration violations-----	1	2	3
b. Maintain a police presence at day labor hiring sites -----	1	2	3
c. Enforce one or more local or state ordinances (such as public nuisance or traffic ordinances) -----	1	2	3

Now, we'd like to learn more about your community relations policies and practices.

23. How effective are the following strategies in helping your department to maintain good community relations? **(Circle your responses.)**

	<u>Not used</u>	<u>Used, not effective</u>	<u>Used, moderately effective</u>	<u>Used, very effective</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
a. Foot patrols -----	1	2	3	4	5
b. Bike patrols-----	1	2	3	4	5
c. Regular neighborhood meetings-----	1	2	3	4	5
d. Telephone line for anonymous complaints -----	1	2	3	4	5
e. Regular visits to schools, churches and neighborhood organizations-----	1	2	3	4	5
f. Regular meetings with organizations that advocate for immigrants -----	1	2	3	4	5
g. Citizen access to crime statistics/crime maps -----	1	2	3	4	5
h. Community advisory committee or board-----	1	2	3	4	5
i. Public hearings on topics of community concern -----	1	2	3	4	5
j. Having officers proficient in foreign languages -----	1	2	3	4	5
k. Cooperation and coordination with non-governmental organizations-----	1	2	3	4	5

24. What other strategies not mentioned here does your department use to help maintain good community relations?

None/no other strategies

25. Please indicate the impact, if any, that each of the following groups has had on your department's ability to interact with local immigrants in the way you deem appropriate. **Circle your responses.**

	<u>Strong negative impact</u>	<u>Somewhat negative impact</u>	<u>No impact</u>	<u>Somewhat positive impact</u>	<u>Strong positive impact</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
a. Neighboring municipal police forces -----	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. County sheriff/county police-----	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. State police-----	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Federal law enforcement -----	1	2	3	4	5	6

26. For each of the following crimes, do you think that unauthorized immigrants in your community are more vulnerable, less vulnerable, or equally vulnerable as other residents? **Circle your responses.**

	<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>Equally</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
a. Theft/robbery -----	1	2	3	4
b. Harassment/discrimination -----	1	2	3	4
c. Domestic violence -----	1	2	3	4
d. Other forms of violence and assault -----	1	2	3	4

27. How likely are immigrants in your community to contact law enforcement when they are victims or witnesses to crime, as compared with the general population?

- Much less likely
 - Somewhat less likely
 - Just as likely (the same)
 - Somewhat more likely
 - Much more likely
 - Not sure
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28. Are there any policies and/or practices in your department relevant to police-immigrant relationships that this survey did not address, or that you would like to tell us more about?

None/no other policies or practices

Lastly, a few questions for statistical purposes only. As a reminder, all of your answers are completely confidential. If you are not the chief/commander in your department, please give answers as they pertain to the Chief.

29. How many sworn officers are in your department? _____ ENTER NUMBER

Not sure

30a. How long have you worked in law enforcement? _____ ENTER NUMBER OF YEARS; ROUND TO NEAREST YEAR.

30b. How long have you served as Chief or Commander in your current department?

_____ ENTER NUMBER OF YEARS; ROUND TO NEAREST YEAR.

31. Are you... Male Female

32. In what year were you born? _____ ENTER YEAR (yyyy)

33. Which of the following best reflects your race or ethnicity? **Select all that apply.**

- African-American/Black
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Caucasian/White
- Hispanic/Latino

- Native American
- Other – Please specify _____

34. What was the last grade of school that you completed?

- 8th grade or less
- Some high school
- Graduated high school

- Some college
- Graduated college
- Post-graduate

35. Please list the job title of the person who filled out this survey _____

36. Would you like the survey results emailed to you? If so, please provide your email address. **(Print clearly.)**

Thank you very much for your participation.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is this study being conducted? State, county, and municipal police departments may be assuming new law-enforcement responsibilities as localities focus more on immigration issues. This survey is designed to learn more about what departments are actually doing and to share information about current practices.

What agencies are involved in this study? We are sending surveys by mail and email to local law-enforcement agencies across the United States in communities of 60,000 or more population. Our study also includes all law-enforcement agencies in Arizona, regardless of size.

Why is my participation important? Your participation is, of course, entirely voluntary. However, we need information from a wide range of law-enforcement agencies in order to provide a comprehensive picture of the role of local police in immigration control. If you are unable to answer certain questions, please answer the rest of the questions and return the survey. Your information is very important to us whether or not you can answer every question.

How will my confidentiality be protected? We will not identify, or reveal the specific responses of individuals or specific cities.

Who can I contact for more information? If you have any questions about the confidentiality and protection of information from this survey, you can contact the Chair of the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board through the ASU Research Compliance Office at (480) 965-6788.

Has law enforcement participated in the formation of this study? A number of law enforcement officials have reviewed this survey. Their input was important in formulating questions and helping us to better understand the issues from their perspective. These law enforcement officials represent nearly a dozen different police departments.