

PACIFIC ISLANDER ICE DATA FACT SHEET



OVERVIEW

This fact sheet summarizes Stop AAPI Hate’s analysis of data on Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities involving Pacific Islander people from January 20, 2025 to August 6, 2026, the latest available data. **Arrests, detentions, and deportations of people from Pacific Islander (PI) countries have all increased under the Trump administration.**

25%

increase in **arrests**
of PI people

34%

increase in **detentions**
of PI people

33%

increase in **deportations**
of PI people

8 weeks

longer average detention
for PI people vs. non-PI

PI ICE Activity Under Trump

January 20, 2025 – August 6, 2026

Action	PI Total	Compared to Previous Administration
Arrests*	402	25% increase
Detentions	379	34% increase
Deportations	323	33% increase

* Includes arrests that did or did not result in detention/deportation.

PI ARRESTS

Top 5 Arrests by Country of Origin*

Country of Origin	Percent of PI Arrests	Percent of PI Non-U.S. Citizens
Federated States of Micronesia	47%	38%
Marshall Islands	29%	25%
Tonga	7%	9%
Fiji	6%	12%
Samoa	5%	16%

* We use “country of origin” for ICE’s “citizenship country” field, as the country ICE lists may not recognize a person as a citizen. Proportionality compares countries’ shares of PI arrests and PI-born non-U.S. citizens (2020–2024 ACS via IPUMS).

PI DETENTIONS

Findings

- On average, PI people are detained for 94 days before a final decision is made while non-PI people are detained for 39 days.
- People are moved around. On average, a single detention involves 2 different facility placements.

Top 5 Detentions by Country of Origin

Country of Origin	Percent of PI Detentions	Percent of PI Non-U.S. Citizens
Federated States of Micronesia	49%	38%
Marshall Islands	29%	25%
Tonga	6%	9%
Fiji	6%	12%
Samoa	5%	16%

PI DEPORTATIONS

Top 5 Deportations by Country of Origin

Country of Origin	Percent of PI Deportations	Percent of PI Non-U.S. Citizens
Federated States of Micronesia	49%	38%
Marshall Islands	35%	25%
Tonga	6%	9%
Palau	3%	–
Fiji	2%	12%

Sources: Government data provided by ICE in response to a FOIA request to the Deportation Data Project (DDP) and analyzed by Stop AAPI Hate. Population data is from 2020–2024 5-year American Community Survey via IPUMS.

Methodology: We used the Deportation Data Project’s processed arrests joined with detention stays dataset to identify ICE arrests of PI people and detentions and deportations that were a direct result of an ICE arrest. Counts reflect total number of arrests, detention entries, and deportations, not number of people. One person can be arrested, detained, or deported more than once. PI data includes citizenship countries that lie within the Pacific Islands. ICE does not record specific ethnicities. To compare administrations, we use time periods of equal length. For the current Trump administration, we analyze data from Inauguration Day (January 20, 2025) through the most recent date available. We then compare this with the same number of days under the previous administration, ending January 19, 2025. Data does not include actions by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Due to data limitations, missing data, and potential errors in ICE’s datasets, reported results are estimates and may be imprecise.



Stop AAPI Hate is a U.S.-based coalition dedicated to fighting racism and discrimination against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAs & PIs). We strive to advance the multiracial movement for equity and justice by raising awareness about anti-AA/PI hate, working in solidarity with allied communities, and advocating for comprehensive solutions that tackle the root causes of race-based hate. For more information, visit stopaapihate.org.