

Beyond arrests: How ICE enforcement depressed local employment in 2025

Table: Metro area data

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Albany-Schenectady-Troy	NY	May 2025	449,554	49,857	131	511	435	0.97	-1,941
Alexandria	LA	Feb 2025	59,848	2,645	13	296	289	4.82	-258
Amarillo	TX	May 2025	123,026	16,284	71	163	122	0.99	-531
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell	GA	Feb 2025	2,874,559	676,652	838	2,537	2,048	0.71	-12,410
Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos	TX	Feb 2025	1,264,679	276,292	152	791	702	0.56	-5,460
Bakersfield-Delano	CA	Jun 2025	347,664	87,647	73	527	484	1.39	-1,501
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson	MD	May 2025	1,354,989	233,753	734	1,395	967	0.71	-5,850
Boston-Cambridge-Newton	MA-NH	May 2025	2,708,466	673,776	818	3,725	3,248	1.20	-11,693
Brownsville-Harlingen	TX	Feb 2025	156,620	49,588	233	691	555	3.54	-676
Buffalo-Cheektowaga	NY	Feb 2025	534,206	51,551	50	516	487	0.91	-2,306
Cape Coral-Fort Myers	FL	Apr 2025	299,283	89,777	114	568	501	1.67	-1,292
Charleston	WV	Mar 2025	104,290	2,218	15	221	212	2.03	-450
Charleston-North Charleston	SC	Feb 2025	386,862	35,959	210	450	327	0.84	-1,670
Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia	NC-SC	Mar 2025	1,339,735	220,533	360	911	701	0.52	-5,784
Columbus	GA-AL	May 2025	115,684	10,563	2	190	189	1.64	-489
Dalton	GA	Jan 2025	66,081	11,574	155	215	125	1.88	-285
Denver-Aurora-Centennial	CO	Jan 2025	1,607,996	249,893	971	1,316	749	0.47	-6,942
Dover	DE	Apr 2025	71,245	12,299	6	261	258	3.62	-308
El Paso	TX	Jun 2025	335,190	83,955	152	1,165	1,076	3.21	-1,447
Fresno	CA	Mar 2025	483,934	131,205	160	572	479	0.99	-2,089
Gainesville	GA	Mar 2025	101,986	23,403	96	258	202	1.99	-440
Harrisburg-Carlisle	PA	Mar 2025	335,867	40,052	28	156	139	0.42	-1,450
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	CT	Feb 2025	596,369	136,048	188	355	246	0.41	-2,575
Houston-Pasadena-The Woodlands	TX	May 2025	3,254,323	1,081,522	648	6,626	6,247	1.92	-14,050
Jackson	MS	Jan 2025	273,332	9,658	29	142	125	0.46	-1,180
Killeen-Temple	TX	Feb 2025	149,785	32,527	106	150	88	0.59	-647
Knoxville	TN	Jan 2025	420,319	31,278	185	269	161	0.38	-1,815
Laredo	TX	Jun 2025	107,433	37,420	128	6,123	6,048	56.30	-464
Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway	AR	Jan 2025	355,882	27,050	105	428	366	1.03	-1,536
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim	CA	Jun 2025	6,186,987	2,303,544	1,788	5,057	4,014	0.65	-26,711
Lubbock	TX	Feb 2025	165,668	15,817	139	370	289	1.75	-715
Manchester-Nashua	NH	Jan 2025	201,342	33,390	18	108	97	0.48	-869
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	TX	Jan 2025	291,901	122,560	177	381	277	0.95	-1,260
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach	FL	Jan 2025	2,788,979	1,589,735	1,522	2,139	1,251	0.45	-12,041
Midland	TX	Jun 2025	120,666	16,658	54	172	141	1.17	-521
Mobile	AL	Feb 2025	175,327	9,289	46	240	213	1.21	-757
Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach	SC	Feb 2025	144,489	16,411	159	273	180	1.25	-624
Naples-Marco Island	FL	Mar 2025	171,813	60,626	648	605	227	1.32	-742
Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin	TN	May 2025	1,095,192	114,199	678	796	639	0.58	-4,728
New Orleans-Metairie	LA	Mar 2025	443,647	47,669	311	627	446	1.00	-1,915
Oklahoma City	OK	Jan 2025	668,259	84,809	492	974	687	1.03	-2,885
Omaha	NE-IA	May 2025	490,925	54,384	98	364	308	0.63	-2,119
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford	FL	Feb 2025	1,396,330	458,503	215	1,702	1,577	1.13	-6,028
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura	CA	Jun 2025	336,272	103,313	146	934	849	2.52	-1,452
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington	PA-NJ-DE-MD	Feb 2025	2,868,691	521,762	490	1,636	1,350	0.47	-12,385
Port St. Lucie	FL	Jan 2025	166,844	52,193	814	1,232	758	4.54	-720
Providence-Warwick	RI-MA	Feb 2025	708,914	141,072	170	372	273	0.38	-3,061
Reno	NV	May 2025	273,607	52,431	77	186	141	0.52	-1,181
Richmond	VA	Feb 2025	658,880	85,519	87	1,122	1,071	1.63	-2,845
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario	CA	Jun 2025	1,686,340	528,473	424	1,523	1,276	0.76	-7,280

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Rochester	NY	Mar 2025	495,442	50,732	22	259	246	0.50	-2,139
San Angelo	TX	Feb 2025	50,969	5,445	4	155	153	3.00	-220
San Antonio-New Braunfels	TX	Jun 2025	1,116,379	218,848	1,453	4,521	3,674	3.29	-4,820
San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad	CA	May 2025	1,536,541	394,935	371	4,681	4,465	2.91	-6,634
Santa Maria-Santa Barbara	CA	May 2025	216,323	60,464	21	197	185	0.85	-934
Savannah	GA	May 2025	196,222	23,817	31	392	374	1.91	-847
St. George	UT	Jan 2025	86,509	9,490	12	144	137	1.58	-373
Tallahassee	FL	May 2025	189,751	16,158	235	776	639	3.37	-819
Tucson	AZ	Feb 2025	386,312	78,484	120	216	145	0.38	-1,668
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria	DC-VA-MD-WV	Feb 2025	3,191,465	1,058,487	660	3,406	3,021	0.95	-13,779
Wichita	KS	Feb 2025	305,044	26,855	49	145	116	0.38	-1,317
Worcester	MA	May 2025	351,477	113,868	47	234	207	0.59	-1,517
Yakima	WA	Jun 2025	116,547	30,113	209	660	538	4.62	-503
York-Hanover	PA	Feb 2025	182,614	18,278	7	125	120	0.66	-788