

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE)**

LESC FACT SHEET

The Law Enforcement Support Center

Background

The Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC) serves as a national enforcement operations center by providing timely immigration status and identity information to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies on aliens suspected, arrested or convicted of criminal activity. The LESC operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week assisting law enforcement agencies with information gathered from 8 Service databases, the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), the Interstate Identification Index (III) and other state criminal history indices.

In addition to providing real time assistance to law enforcement agencies that are investigating, or have arrested, foreign-born individuals involved in criminal activity.

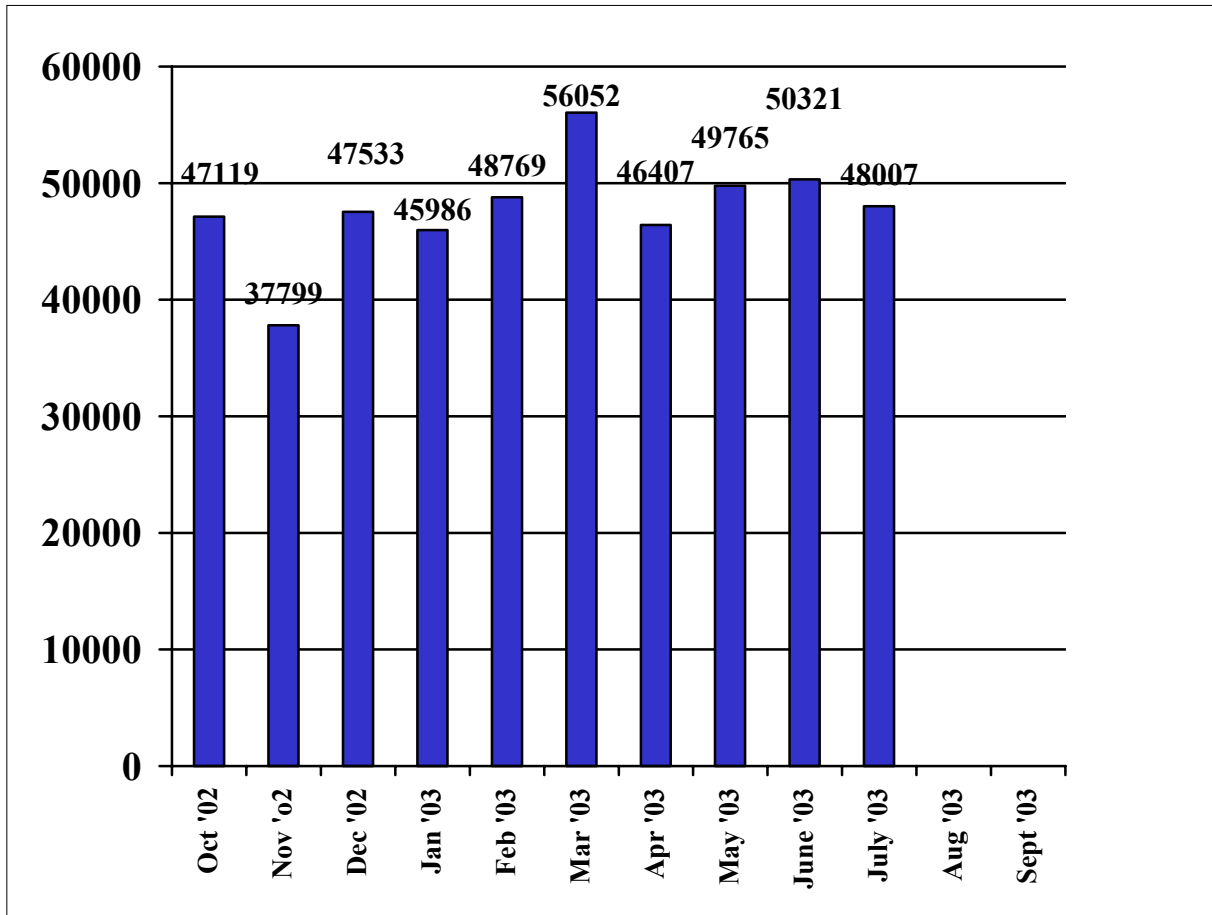
The LESC also performs the following investigative functions:

- National Crime Information Center (NCIC) – The LESC administers and controls immigration related cases in this nationwide law enforcement consortium and criminal database for the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- Investigative Services Branch – The LESC provides support to a host of on-going multi-agency investigative initiatives. Working in concert with ICE field units, task forces and other local, state and federal investigators the Center gathers, analyzes and responds to thousands of off-line query requests
- Special Response Unit (SRU) - The LESC is the central point of contact for the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) program. Every foreign-born firearm applicant is screened by the LESC for immigration status before being authorized to purchase or possess a weapon. The SRU also handles queries and field responses relating to national security employment issues (Bio-Terrorism, CDL with Haz-Mat endorsement, Nuclear Industry, etc.)
- The LESC Communications Center serves the law enforcement community with NCIC hit confirmation information as well as ICE Special Agents and Deportation Officers nationwide with after-hours telephonic enforcement support via our digitally recorded duty lines confirmed by Personal Identification Numbers.
 - To contact the Department of Homeland Security tip-line, call 1-866-DHS-2ICE.

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ICE (LESC) FY 2003 PROCESSING

(FY 2003 Total Processing)



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LESC PROCESSING BY STATE

(LESC Processing by State)

<i>State</i>	<i>Total FY '02</i>	<i>YTD FY '03</i>		<i>State</i>	<i>Total FY '02</i>	<i>YTD FY '03</i>		<i>State</i>	<i>Total FY '02</i>	<i>YTD FY '03</i>
AK	98	84		LA	155	68		OK	1187	499
AL	259	595		MA	7773	9191		OR	3874	4346
AR	150	99		MD	1552	3481		PA	3332	5029
AZ	29837	26292		ME	192	143		RI	37	41
CA	129621	125337		MI	298	427		SC	308	562
CO	1704	3194		MN	280	694		SD	696	869
CT	26589	16629		MO	544	1292		TN	7133	6269
DC	3008	15347		MS	304	480		TX	8755	13557
DE	215	167		MT	116	66		UT	2735	3151
FL	60879	58929		NC	1113	1795		VA	2813	3230
GA	10813	8480		ND	55	44		VT	798	646
HI	266	259		NE	1480	1002		WA	1279	1300
IA	2531	1933		NH	744	502		WI	233	279
ID	35	95		NJ	1086	3108		WV	16771	23244
IL	3481	9519		NM	684	1024		WY	816	570
IN	184	698		NV	149	430				
KS	1822	1795		NY	14716	18921		PR	38	32
KY	1612	1167		OH	1705	1515		VI	4	5