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Deaths in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention: A

Fiscal Year (FY) 2021–2023 update

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Supplementary

Appendix 1. Characteristics of individuals that died in ICE detention overall, by study period.

Characteristic	Total Study Period FY2018–2023				
	Total Deaths	FY2021-2023	FY2018-2020	P value ^e	
Subjects, No. (%)	50	12 (24)	38 (76)	_	
Age, Mean (SD) [range], y	47.0 (13.0)	44.9 (11.0)	47.7 (13.6)	0.524	
	[21.3–75.0]	[23.0-61.0]	[21.3–75.0]		
Gender					
Male	46 (92)	11 (91.7)	35 (92.1)	0.571	
Femalea	4 (8)	1 (8.3)	3 (7.9)		
Suicide	10 (20)	1 (8.3)	9 (23.7)	0.416	
Medical	40 (80)	11 (91.7)	29 (76.3)		
Cardiac arrest	10 (20)	4 (33.3)	6 (15.8)	0.225	
COVID-19	11 (22)	3 (25)	8 (21.0) ^f	1.000	
ICE detention, median (IQR) [range], db	36.5 (10-86)	111.00 (6-145)	68.8 (10-86)	0.272	
	[1–522]	[1-442]	[1–522]		
Location of Death, No. (%)					
Prehospital setting	10 (20.0)	3 (25)	7 (18.4)	0.686	
Emergency department ^c	8 (16)	2 (16.7)	6 (15.8)	1.000	
Hospital inpatient setting	32 (64)	7 (58.3)	25 (65.8)	0.735	
Hospital days, median (IQR) [range], dd	8.0 (4.5–21.5)	8.0 (5.0–20.0)	8.0 (4.0-23.0)	0.833	
(n = 32 hospitalized)	[1–140]	[1–66]	[1-140]		

Note: aIncludes one individual whose sex was listed in the death report as male but who identified as female; bDuration in ICE custody refers to the number of days in ICE custody prior to death or terminal hospital transfer; cDeaths pronounced within one hour of arrival to hospital emergency department; dIncludes number of calendar days an individual was hospitalized following their terminal hospital transfer from detention facility, conditional on hospitalization; cStudent's ttests were used to compare ages, negative binomial regression was used to compare length of time in ICE custody and duration of hospitalization among those hospitalized at death. Fischer's exact tests were used to compare proportions; COVID-19 was not recognized until mid FY 2020, and was responsible for 8 of 12 (66.6%) overall deaths occurring after April 2020, the difference between FY2021–2023 and COVID-era FY2020 deaths was p = 0.039 using Fischer's exact test.

Appendix 2. Characteristics of individuals that died in ICE detention by suicide, by study period.

Characteristic	Update Years FY2021–2023				
	Total Deaths	FY2021-2023	FY2018-2020	P value ^e	
Subjects, No. (%)	10	1 (10)	9 (90)		
Age, Mean (SD) [range], y	40.1 (16.1)	23.0	42.0 (15.8)	NA	
	[21.3-75.0]		[21.2-75.0]		
Gender					
Male	10 (100)	1 (100)	9 (100)	NA	
Femalea	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)		
ICE detention, median (IQR) [range], db	81.0 (10–119)	109	76.0 (10–119)	0.889	
	[1–343]		[1–343]		
Location of Death, No. (%)					
Prehospital setting	6 (60)	0	6 (66.7)	0.40	
Emergency department ^c	1 (10)	0	1 (18)	1.00	
Hospital inpatient setting	3 (30)	1 (100)	2 (11.1)	0.30	
Hospital days, median (IQR) [range], dd (n	4.0 (1.0-8.0)	8	2.5 (1–4)	0.041	
= 7 hospitalized)	[1-8]		[0-4]		

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