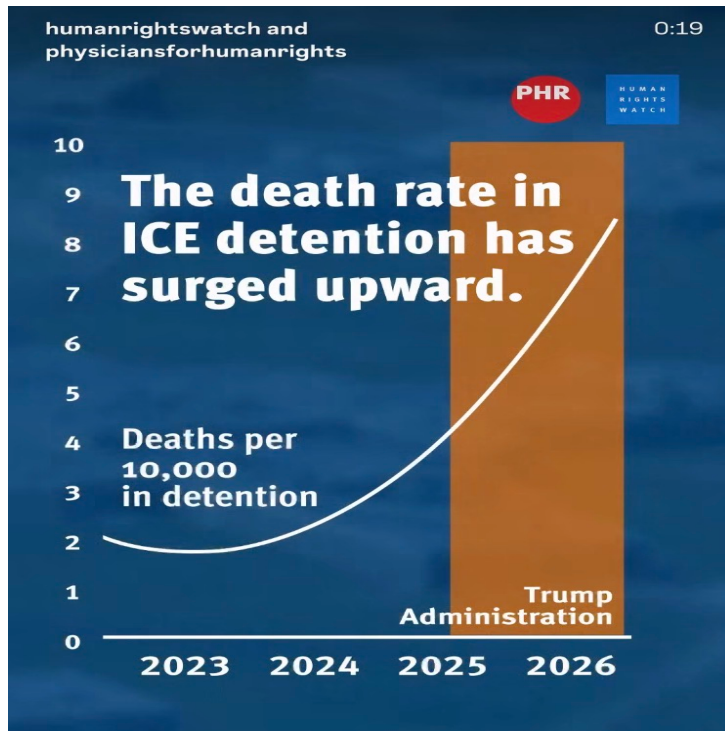


US Deaths in ICE Custody Surge Under Trump



Report Issued by Human Rights Watch and Physicians for Human Rights, June 25, 2026: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2026/06/25/us-deaths-in-ice-custody-surge-under-trump>

Summary of Findings and Recommendations:

- 52 people died in US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody during the first 500 days of President Trump's second term, reflecting a soaring mortality rate.
- ICE so severely limits the information it provides to Congress, families, and the public that oversight is nearly impossible (*emphasis added*).
- The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Congress should act immediately to reduce the number of people in detention and to ensure access to adequate health care in line with the United States' human rights obligations.

The 73-page report, "Dying in Detention: Rising Deaths in an Expanding US Immigration Detention System," documents the increasing number of deaths in ICE custody through expert statistical and medical analysis, exposing a rising mortality rate and raising serious questions about the adequacy of the health care provided by ICE and its contracted personnel. The increase in the mortality rate comes as the Trump administration is subjecting record numbers of immigrants to mandatory detention, including in inhuman and degrading conditions, while gutting internal oversight mechanisms.

"People are dying in ICE custody at the highest rate in many years, even after accounting for the surge in detention," said Brian Root, senior technology and human rights advisor at Human Rights Watch. (<https://www.hrw.org/report/2026/06/25/dying-in-detention/rising-deaths-in-an-expanding-us-immigration-detention-system>)

The "endless war" continues in many forms under the alt-right MAGA government which is seizing power in the United States: reckless, unprovoked and brutal military attacks on countries and peoples throughout the world; gutting of all social services, including health care, education, and housing; racist detentions and deportations of immigrants; the suppression of voting rights and freedom of speech; and the dangerous control and manipulation of Artificial Intelligence technology by a handful of for-profit large tech companies. All these (and many more) issues are connected. They are all part of the ongoing process of wealth consolidation in the hands of a small number of billionaires (and one trillionaire.)

Silence is not an option!

Resist this endless war. Resist fascism now (before it's too late.)

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