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ICE quietly stopped reporting data on transgender people in detention.

Let's examine what we know...

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January 20



Trump signs an executive order requiring that people in federal custody (including immigration detention) be placed in facilities based on their sex assigned at birth, rather than their gender identity.





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February 4



ICE omits required* transgender population statistics in its standard biweekly report.

*In 2020, Congress mandated that ICE publish data on transgender, intersex, and gender nonconforming people in custody.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement	
ICE Transgender* Detainee Population FY 2025 YTD: as of 1/12/2025*	
	Count
FY 2025 YTD	69
Total Book-Ins for FY25	47
Total Current in ICE Custody Location/Area of Responsibility	19
Current in ICE Custody with Final Order	28
Current in ICE Custody without Final Order	15
Denver Area of Responsibility	10
New Orleans Area of Responsibility	3
Phoenix Area of Responsibility	3
Houston Area of Responsibility	3
El Paso Area of Responsibility	2
San Antonio Area of Responsibility	2



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April 17



ICE strikes its description of people who self-identify as LGBTQ+ from its standard biweekly report.

~~self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or intersex (LGBTQI).~~

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May



The Justice Department's Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) changes the variable "gender" to "sex" in its database of immigration court case records.

These are part of a broader effort by federal agencies to scrub diversity-related terms and content from their websites and documents.

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We see a clear and concerning pattern emerging: ICE and the Trump administration are limiting oversight measures and eroding data transparency.

Withholding information that **should be public enables** ICE to continue to harm people behind closed doors with little accountability and makes it even harder to advocate for transgender people in detention.



Where We Go from Here

Transgender immigrants in ICE detention face compounding harms because of the Trump administration's relentless attacks on marginalized groups.

ICE must be held accountable and comply with its obligation for data transparency to the public.