



# 2025 Immigration Report FAQs

## What is this report based on?

This report is based on data collected through the Public Chapter 1008: Arrestee Citizenship Status - Not Lawfully Present or Unknown forms developed by the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference. These forms were distributed to local law enforcement agencies statewide in late 2024. For 2025, over 11,000 forms were submitted to us by law enforcement agencies from 94 out of 95 counties.

## Who completes and submits the data?

Local law enforcement agencies and county sheriff offices are responsible for completing and submitting a Public Chapter 1008 form each time an individual who is not lawfully present in the United States is charged or as required by statute. TNDAGC does not generate or alter this data; we report only what is submitted by law enforcement agencies.

## Why don't some counties have data for all 12 months?

Not all law enforcement agencies submitted forms for every month during the reporting period. Missing months reflect non-submission by the reporting agency, not the absence of qualifying arrests or charges. The report includes all data that was submitted to us; if a jurisdiction did not report any forms for certain months, that county is marked as non-compliant. However, if the county had zero forms to report, they would inform us that they had zero forms to report for that month, making them compliant with the reporting standards.

## How is an individual's immigration status confirmed?

A Public Chapter 1008 form is submitted only after an officer has certified that the individual could not meet any of the qualifications outlined in Tennessee Code Annotated § 40-7-1(a) to verify lawful citizenship status.

- If citizenship cannot be verified through the statutory process, the individual is reported as not lawfully present or unknown in accordance with the law.

## Can I request crime numbers for a specific city or county?

This report only collects forms submitted by law enforcement agencies regarding immigration data. For comprehensive crime data for a specific county or city, individuals should refer to the TBI's TIBRS website.