



# VALUES ACT

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## BACKGROUND

The California Values Act (Act), as detailed in Government Code section 7284 et seq., and enacted by Chapter 495, Statutes of 2017 (Senate Bill 54), defines the circumstances under which California law enforcement agencies (LEAs) may assist in the enforcement of federal immigration laws and participate in joint law enforcement task forces, and also mandates that California LEAs report specified statistics to the California Department of Justice (DOJ). Specifically, the Act requires California LEAs to report to the DOJ statistics about their participation in joint law enforcement task forces and their transfers of individuals to immigration authorities. Effective January 4, 2018, all LEAs were required to begin collecting data pursuant to the Act for submittal to the DOJ beginning on January 4, 2019. This report contains the data outlined in the statute for publication. The data not mandated for publication in this report will be included with the release of the Attorney General's annual crime publications which can be found at the State of California's OpenJustice website <https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov>.

## STATUTE

**Government Code section 7284.6 (d):** The Attorney General, by March 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, shall report on the total number of arrests made by joint law enforcement task forces, and the total number of arrests made for the purpose of immigration enforcement by all task force participants, including federal law enforcement agencies. To the extent that disclosure of a particular item of information would endanger the safety of a person involved in an investigation, or would endanger the successful completion of the investigation or a related investigation, that information shall not be included in the Attorney General's report. The Attorney General shall post the reports required by this subdivision on the Attorney General's Web site.

## OUTREACH EFFORTS AND DATA INTEGRITY

The data collected pursuant to the Act is reported to the DOJ annually. The reporting cycle for 2020, which commenced on January 4, 2021, represents the third year for this newly mandated data collection. The DOJ issued an Information Bulletin and sent reminder messages via the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) to all LEAs advising them of their reporting requirements. All 730+ LEAs that are required to report data to the DOJ participated in the reporting for 2020.

The DOJ reports information based on the joint task force submissions and is unable to verify the completeness or accuracy of this data reported by LEAs as there is no list or registry of all joint task forces for comparison.

## TASK FORCE DATA

The total number of arrests made by joint law enforcement task forces in 2020 was 13,737.

The total number of arrests made for the purpose of immigration enforcement by task force participants in 2020 was 1.



