



GEORGIA COUNTIES SIGN RECORD NUMBER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH ICE: 287(g) FACT SHEET

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WHAT IS 287(g)?

Through the federal 287(g) program, state and local enforcement officers collaborate with the federal government to carry out immigration enforcement actions in their communities. It allows the Department of Homeland Security and state/local governments to enter into formal agreements so that local law enforcement officers can act as federal immigration agents. Additional actions local officers may take under this program include interrogating individuals about their immigration status, issuing detainer requests to hold individuals until Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) takes them into custody, transferring individuals to immigration detention facilities, and even making immigration arrests.

HOW DOES 287(g) AFFECT COMMUNITIES?

The 287(g) program increases the risk that individuals will end up in immigration detention. It makes it more likely that any contact with law enforcement, from traffic stops to requests for police assistance or reporting of crime, could lead to imprisonment. The Department of Justice has investigated local law enforcement agencies for engaging in racial profiling and unlawful stops, arrests, and detentions while pursuing immigration enforcement actions.¹ Under 287(g), state and local law enforcement agencies also incur additional costs for officer salaries, overtime, supplies, and equipment.

WHICH GEORGIA COUNTIES HAVE 287(g) AGREEMENTS?

As of June 2025, 26 counties, one local police department, Georgia Department of Corrections and the Georgia Department of Public Safety have entered into 287(g) agreements.

¹ See Alamance County in North Carolina and Maricopa County in Arizona.
<https://www.justice.gov/archives/opa/pr/justice-department-releases-investigative-findings-alamance-county-nc-sheriff-s-office>,
https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2011/12/15/mcso_findletter_12-15-11.pdf

Georgia's 287(g) Participating Agencies, as of June 3, 2025	
Bibb County Sheriff's Office Burke County Sheriff's Office Catoosa County Sheriff's Office Coweta County Sheriff's Office Dade County Sheriff's Office Dawson County Sheriff's Office Decatur County Sheriff's Office Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Glynn County Sheriff's Office Harris County Sheriff's Office Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office Madison County Sheriff's Office Morgan County Sheriff's Office Oconee County Sheriff's Office Pierce County Sheriff's Office Tift County Sheriff's Office	Catoosa County Columbia County Floyd County Hall County Jasper County Monroe County Polk County Tift County Walker County Whitfield County Euharlee Police Department (city within Bartow County) Georgia Department of Public Safety Georgia Department of Corrections

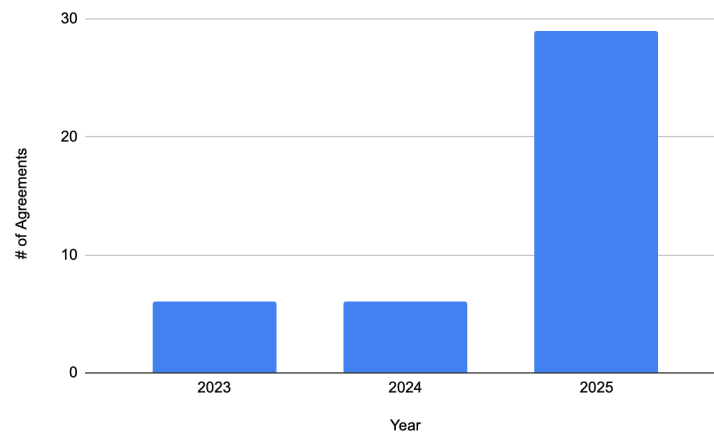
Source: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Delegation of Immigration Authority Section 287(g) Immigration and Nationality Act. <https://www.ice.gov/identify-and-arrest/287g>

HOW HAS GEORGIA'S PARTICIPATION IN 287(g) CHANGED?

Participation in 287(g) across Georgia has changed rapidly. Prior to 2025, five counties had 287(g) agreements. Gwinnett and Cobb counties, which previously participated in the program, cancelled their participation. However, in 2024, the state passed House Bill 1105, which mandates local agencies pursue 287(g) agreements with ICE and allows the state to withhold certain state funding or state-administered federal funding from local governments to enforce compliance. As of June 2025, 29 agencies now have 287(g) agreements with ICE.



***Number of Georgia's 287(g) Counties Spikes After Passage of HB 1105,
Increasing Risk to Immigrant Communities***



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