

Relevant Research

- [Does Undocumented Immigration Increase Violent Crime?](#) (2018) *Criminology*
 - Results reveal that undocumented immigration does not increase violence. Rather, the relationship between undocumented immigration and violent crime is generally negative, although not significant in all specifications. The authors find little evidence that these results are due to decreased reporting or selective migration to avoid crime.
- [Arresting Immigrants: Unemployment and Immigration Enforcement](#) (2018) *Migration Letters*
 - For many DHS jurisdictions, changes in the immigrant arrest rates in the decade following the 9/11 attacks mirrored changes in unemployment rates. Data for the ICE jurisdictions show that the associations between changes in unemployment and changes in immigrant arrest rates were positive and significant. Increases in arrest were associated with increases in unemployment.
- [Crimmigration, Deportability and the Social Exclusion of Noncitizen Immigrants](#) (2018) *Migration Letters*
 - The fear of deportation and its behavioral effects extend beyond undocumented or criminally convicted immigrants, encompassing lawful permanent residents and naturalized citizens. This fear causes immigrants to refuse to use public services, endure labor exploitation, and avoid public spaces, resulting in social exclusion and interrupted integration.
- [Criminalized illegality, stigma, and membership of deported “criminal aliens”](#) (2018) *Migration Letters*
 - The focus on deporting ‘criminal aliens’ marks a shift from ‘illegalization’ to the ‘criminalization’ of U.S. immigration enforcement. The focus on deporting migrants as criminal aliens results in the criminalization of their illegality, with severe consequences for identity and membership.
- [Humane Immigration Enforcement, Latina Immigrants in Detention Centers](#) (2017) *Feminist Criminology*
 - Feminized and infantilized language conceals civil and human rights violations, physical and sexual violence, and mistreatment reproduced by the immigration detention system.

Featured Experts



Charis Kubrin, Professor of Criminology, Law and Society at the University of California, Irvine, is an expert in race and ethnicity, immigration, and crime trends. Kubrin is the Co-Director of the Irvine Laboratory for the Study of Space and Crime and is the author of *Punishing Immigrants: Policy, Politics and Injustice* and *Researching Theories of Crime and Deviance*.



Alex Piquero, Professor of Criminology at the University of Texas at Dallas, is an expert in criminal behavior, immigration, and crime prevention. Piquero is an active member of the National Academy of Sciences, the Racial Democracy and the MacArthur Foundation’s Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice.



Steven Raphael, Professor of Public Policy at the University of California Berkeley, is an expert in economic methods, immigration, and employment. Raphael is a research fellow at the University of Michigan National Poverty Center and is the author of *Why Are So Many Americans in Prison?* and *Negotiating the U.S. Labor Market with a Criminal Record*.

Additional Resources

- Statement from the American Society of Criminology on [executive orders related to immigration](#)
- NPR segment on [four important studies](#) on the link between undocumented immigration and crime
- [Handbook on Immigration and Crime](#) that provides a complete overview of immigration and crime