

Detention length among ICE civil immigration detainees in the Second Circuit

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Few people detained from Mar. 2025 to Mar. 2026 in Connecticut, New York, and Vermont — the jurisdiction of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit — were detained longer than six months, in raw numbers and as a percent of all detainees. The number is smaller still for those held under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(c).²

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) maintains a database of every detention of a noncitizen for violations of the Immigration and Naturalization Act. The detention data record each book-in and book-out from detention. Using that data, the table below counts³ the number of noncitizens detained from Mar. 2025 to Mar. 2026 in the Second Circuit (bottom left), the number detained for over 6, 7, 9, 12, and 21 months in total (column 2), the number detained for each duration who were detained under 1226(c) (column 3), the percentage of those detained for each duration who were detained under 1226(c), i.e. column 3 divided by column 2, (column 4), and the share of all 6,565 Second Circuit detainees whose stay lasted for each duration (column 5).

Table 1. ICE detention in the Second Circuit by length of detention stay in 2025-2026.

Length of ICE detention	N individuals	Detained pursuant to 236(c)		Share of all CA2 detainees
		N	Percent of those detained for given length	
> 6 mos.	325	81	25%	5%
> 7	269	72	27%	4%
> 9	171	50	29%	2.6%
> 12	90	32	36%	1.4%
> 21	29	13	45%	0.4%
Detained for any length	6,565			

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² 8 U.S.C. § 1226(c) is also known by its section in the Immigration and Naturalization Act as INA 236(c).

³ The data analysis is simple, and starts with publicly-posted data obtained in FOIA litigation from ICE processed by the Deportation Data Project and available at deportationdata.org. Detention stays in facilities in CT, NY, and VT with book out dates between Mar. 10, 2025, and Mar. 10, 2026. Detentions pursuant to INA 236c are recorded by ICE.