

NATIONAL

- Obama seeks to restart executive actions on immigration after injunction halts them

Obama has asked Judge Hanen, the presiding judge in the Texas suit, [to reconsider the injunction](#) halting his executive actions. In its [stay application](#) filed on Monday, the Department of Justice stated that it had already appealed the order of injunction to the Fifth Circuit (higher court) in New Orleans (“Defendants have appealed the Court’s Order and Opinion to the Fifth Circuit.”). Hanen has given the 26 states suing Obama until Tuesday to respond to the President’s request to lift the stay. Obama is also considering [whether he has legal authority](#) to implement his executive actions on immigration in the 24 states that did not sue him in Texas.

- Whither House of Representatives members’ plans to sue Obama in a new lawsuit?

While the Texas lawsuit filed by 26 states has dominated the headlines, it does not represent the only litigation risk for Obama’s executive actions on immigration. In late January, members of the House opposed to Obama’s executive actions were considering [filing a separate lawsuit against Obama](#). This was discussed even after several Representatives (including Tom Price of Georgia) had [filed an amicus brief in the Texas case](#). It is worth noting that [House members have already sued the President before](#) for his actions under the Affordable Care Act and that as of 2013, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott [claimed to have sued the federal government 25 times](#).

- A tale of two lawsuits: ACA 2010-12, executive actions on immigration 2014-15

[Twenty out of the 26 states](#) suing Obama for his executive actions on immigration have sued him before [in a 26-state challenge to the Affordable Care Act](#) (ACA). The 2010-12 ACA lawsuit went all the way to the US Supreme Court. [Will the Texas lawsuit on immigration do the same?](#) The table below displays states that have sued Obama in these suits. States shaded in yellow opposed Obama in both suits. States with Democratic governors at the time the suit was filed are marked with a (D). States who filed an amicus in support of Obama in the immigration suit are marked with an (A). States silent on the immigration suit are marked with an (S). For more on exec. actions suit, see *PC*, 2/9/15.

Affordable Care Act Suit (26 states)		Exec. Actions on Immigration Suit (26 states)	
Alabama	North Dakota	Alabama	North Dakota
Alaska	Ohio	Arizona	Ohio
Arizona	Pennsylvania	Arkansas	Oklahoma
Colorado (D)(S)	South Carolina	Florida	South Carolina
Florida (initiated suit)	South Dakota	Georgia	South Dakota
Georgia	Texas	Idaho	Tennessee
Idaho	Utah	Indiana	Texas (initiated suit)
Indiana	Washington (D)(A).	Kansas	Utah
Iowa	Wisconsin	Louisiana	West Virginia (D)
Kansas	Wyoming	Maine	Wisconsin
Louisiana		Michigan	
Maine		Mississippi	
Michigan		Montana (D)	
Mississippi		Nebraska	
Nebraska		Nevada	
Nevada		North Carolina	

- [DHS funding may lapse as Congress fails to pass a spending measure](#)

Opponents of Obama's executive actions on immigration have fought to use Homeland Security funding to roll them back. The result has been deadlock and no vote on a new spending measure for the DHS. Some Republicans fear that they will be blamed for compromising national security, while others emphasize that the essential functions of Homeland Security will continue in a shutdown. The DHS funding fight is not necessarily good for Democrats either, [since moderate Democrats in the Senate could defect to the Republicans and support a compromise position that includes a rollback of the President's executive actions on immigration](#). [Funding lapses 2/27/15 at midnight, although lawmakers actually have until Monday morning to pass a deal](#) and [could extend the deadline](#).

- [Obama defends immigration actions at Florida Int'l University in Miami Town Hall](#) ([full video](#))
- [3/4 of Americans favor legislation on immigration as opposed to overturning Obama's actions](#)
- [Longevity, deep roots—a profile of the undocumented population: 62% in the US for 10+ yrs](#)

STATE AND LOCAL

- Legislative update (status same as last week's PC)

--*In-state tuition for DREAMERS*: [SB 44](#) is still in the [Senate Higher Education Committee](#). Based on comments by Chair Fran Millar, it does not appear that the bill will go to a vote. ([low chance of passage](#))* To see how Georgia compares with other states on tuition policies for immigrants, click [here](#).

--*No licenses for DREAMERS*: [SB 6](#) remains in the [Senate Public Safety Committee](#). In addition to taking licenses away from deferred action recipients, it expands the information that the state may collect from noncitizen drivers, including DNA. ([low chance of passage](#))*

--*Bettering immigrant access to services*: [HB 137](#) is now in the [House Special Rules Committee](#). ([low chance of passage](#))*

*Note: The probability statistics provided by the AJC Georgia Legislative Navigator are based on the chances of bills passing this year. However, the bill could pass any time within the 2-year legislative session (2015-16). Since the bills above were introduced this year, legislators may not push them very hard given that they know they have another year to get them through. Also, the model does not yet take into account whether legislation has already made it through legislative hurdles, such as getting out of committee or passing one chamber. For a fuller explanation of the chances of passage statistics, click [here](#).

- Clayton and Fulton limit cooperation with ICE detainer requests, which GA county is next?

Jurisdictions across the country have begun to limit cooperation with ICE detainer requests, but in the [Deep South, Georgia seems to be leading the way](#).

- [Which counties in Georgia have the most undocumented?](#) (see also [Gwinnett Daily Post](#))

Top Georgia counties for unauthorized immigrants

Gwinnett: 71,000

DeKalb: 42,000

Fulton: 37,000

Cobb: 34,000

Information: Migration Policy Institute

- [What industries employ Georgia’s undocumented?](#)

Top Industries of Employment*		
Civilian employed population ages 16 and older	283,000	100%
Construction	73,000	26%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services	44,000	16%
Manufacturing	38,000	13%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management	38,000	13%
Retail trade	22,000	8%

- [How does Georgia rank for total undocumented population?](#)

State of Residence of the Unauthorized Immigrant Population: January 2011 and 2000

State of residence	Estimated population in January		Percent of total		Percent change	Average annual change
	2011	2000	2011	2000	2000 to 2011	2000 to 2011
All states	11,510,000	8,460,000	100	100	36	280,000
California	2,830,000	2,510,000	25	30	12	30,000
Texas	1,790,000	1,090,000	16	13	64	60,000
Florida	740,000	800,000	6	9	-8	(10,000)
New York	630,000	540,000	6	6	18	10,000
Illinois	550,000	440,000	5	5	26	10,000
Georgia	440,000	220,000	4	3	95	20,000
New Jersey	420,000	350,000	4	4	19	10,000
North Carolina	400,000	260,000	3	3	53	10,000
Arizona	360,000	330,000	3	4	9	—
Washington	260,000	170,000	2	2	51	10,000
Other states	3,100,000	1,750,000	27	21	77	120,000

— Represents less than 5,000.
 Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.
 Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

INTERNATIONAL

- [What countries do the USA's 11M undocumented come from?*](#)

Country of Birth of the Unauthorized Immigrant Population: January 2011 and 2000

Country of birth	Estimated population in January		Percent of total		Percent change	Average annual change
	2011	2000	2011	2000	2000 to 2011	2000 to 2011
All countries	11,510,000	8,460,000	100	100	36	280,000
Mexico	6,800,000	4,680,000	59	55	45	190,000
El Salvador	660,000	430,000	6	5	55	20,000
Guatemala	520,000	290,000	5	3	82	20,000
Honduras	380,000	160,000	3	2	132	20,000
China	280,000	190,000	2	2	43	10,000
Philippines	270,000	200,000	2	2	35	10,000
India	240,000	120,000	2	1	94	10,000
Korea	230,000	180,000	2	2	31	—
Ecuador	210,000	110,000	2	1	83	10,000
Vietnam	170,000	160,000	2	2	10	—
Other countries	1,750,000	1,940,000	15	23	-10	(20,000)

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 Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

*For immigrant trends 1960 to present, click [here](#).

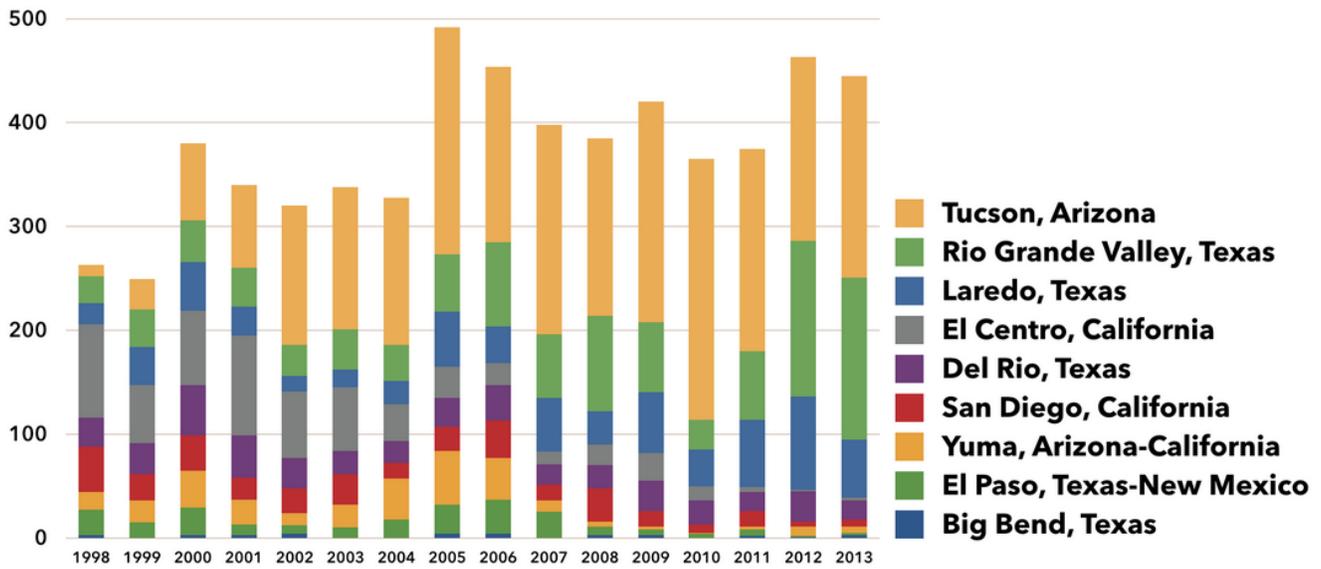
- [What countries do Georgia's 398,000 undocumented come from?](#)

Top Countries of Birth			
Mexico		233,000	59%
Guatemala		32,000	8%
India		13,000	3%
Korea		12,000	3%
Honduras		12,000	3%

- [Dying to cross: Mexico/US border remains deadly](#)

Tightening border security has decreased the total number of border crossings but has pushed migrants into more dangerous routes, with the Tucson and Rio Grande Valley sectors having the highest mortality rate. See [WSJ](#) and [BBC](#) (sector map).





Remains Found By Border Patrol, By Sector

Fiscal Year	Big Bend (formerly Marfa)	Del Rio	El Centro	El Paso	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley (formerly McAllen)	San Diego	Tucson	Yuma	Southwest Border Total
2014	5	17	6	0	49	115	5	107	3	307
2013	3	18	3	2	56	156	7	194	6	445
2012	1	29	11	1	91	144	5	180	9	471
2011	2	18	5	6	65	66	15	195	3	375
2010	0	23	14	4	35	29	8	251	1	365
2009	3	29	27	5	58	68	15	212	3	420
2008	3	22	20	8	32	92	32	171	5	385
2007	0	20	12	25	52	61	15	202	11	398
2006	4	34	21	33	36	81	36	169	40	454
2005	4	28	30	28	53	55	23	219	52	492
2004	0	21	36	18	22	35	15	142	39	328
2003	0	23	61	10	17	39	29	137	22	338
2002	4	29	64	8	15	30	24	134	12	320
2001	3	41	96	10	28	37	21	80	24	340
2000	3	48	72	26	47	40	34	74	36	380
1999	0	30	56	15	37	36	25	29	21	249
1998	3	28	90	24	20	26	44	11	17	263

Sources: [WOLA](#) and [CBP](#).