

NONPARTISAN · ALL 50 STATES + DC

A free civic tool that grades all 50 states and DC on the due-process protections they've written into law against **federal civil immigration enforcement** — and lets any citizen contact their representatives in about a minute.

35

of 50 states grade F — little or no limits in law

5

earn an A: CA, IL, NJ, NY, OR

1,903

287(g) agreements — up ~14x since early 2025

65k+

enforcement events tracked, each cited

Federal civil immigration enforcement has expanded faster than at any time in recent memory. The Supreme Court has held three times that the federal government cannot force states to carry out its enforcement — which means each state decides how far to go. **FederalLimits.org is the scorecard that shows whether your state has.** National average: **3.27 / 18**; 21 states mandate cooperation.

The nine standards (0–2 each, max 18)

- 01 **Personnel & Resource Limits** — state resources withheld
- 02 **Cooperation Contract Prohibitions** — 287(g) limited by statute
- 03 **Sensitive Location Protections** — schools, hospitals, courts
- 04 **Private Detention Restrictions** — state oversight
- 05 **Information Firewalls** — state data shielded
- 06 **Warrant Requirement** — judicial warrant required
- 07 **Documentation Transparency** — public reporting
- 08 **Enforcement & Remedies** — private right of action
- 09 **Federal Agent Identification** — visible ID, mask limits

A 15–18 B 12–14 C 8–11 D 4–7 F 0–3

"We are not anti-cooperation. We are anti-winging-it. Cooperation works best when the legal boundaries are clear and in writing."

How it works

- 1 Enter your ZIP code.
- 2 See your state's Cooperation Grade (A–F).
- 3 Check whether your county has a 287(g) agreement.
- 4 Generate a message to your representatives.
- 5 Send from your own email — no account required.

Legal basis: anti-commandeering

New York v. United States 1992 — no compelling states to administer a federal program.

Printz v. United States 1997 — no conscripting state and local officers.

Murphy v. NCAA 2018 — no forbidding states from changing their own laws.

Recent federal suits dismissed on these grounds: *U.S. v. Illinois* (2025), *U.S. v. Colorado* (2026); some cases pending.

About. FederalLimits.org is a free, nonpartisan civic technology project. To our knowledge, it is the only nonpartisan A–F scorecard of all 50 states on state limits on federal authority, with a public methodology and codebook. Founded by Travis Edgar; independently operated from New Mexico. Incorporated as a nonprofit (EIN 42-1872923); 501(c)(4) recognition pending. No government funding; the same standards apply regardless of which party holds power.