

How Many Ambush Style Attacks This Year?

January 1 through October 10, 2026, the key distinction is between ambushes targeting police officers generally and attacks specifically targeting ICE or other federal immigration officers.

The Fraternal Order of Police reported 31 ambush-style attacks on law enforcement officers nationwide through August 31, 2026, in which 41 officers were shot and seven were killed. This is a national law-enforcement figure, not a count of anti-ICE protest-related attacks.



Fraternal Order of Police

For ICE and immigration enforcement specifically, the figures I found are different:

- 647 reported assaults on ICE personnel from January 20, 2025, through September 20, 2026, according to DHS figures reported by Fox News. This covers a period longer than 2026 alone and includes assaults, not just ambushes.



Fox News

- One major coordinated attack in 2026 reporting on prior events: The Prairieland ICE detention center attack occurred on July 4, 2025, and resulted in convictions and prison sentences in 2026. It should not be counted as a 2026 attack.



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Bottom line: The latest nationwide figure I could verify is 39 ambush-style attacks on law enforcement through September 30, 2026, with 49 officers shot and 10 killed.



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