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Native-born Texans commit more crimes than undocumented immigrants, study finds

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Native-born Texans are more likely to commit crimes and get arrested than immigrants, a new study suggests.

Using data from the Texas Department of Public Safety, researchers from the conservative think tank **Cato Institute found** the arrest rate for undocumented immigrants was 40 percent below that of native-born Texans.

The figures show that in 2015, undocumented immigrants were arrested at a rate of 2,148.6 per 100,000, while native-born Texans were arrested at a rate of 3,577.9 per 100,000.

Santa Clara County immigrant rights advocates and community leaders held a rally Friday evening in San Jose in response to the series of raids by ICE across Northern and Central California where hundreds were arrested. Amber Lee reports.

Similarly, an analysis of the 2015 data found that the arrest rate of all immigrants, documented or not, was 65 percent less than native-born Texans, or 1,243.7 per 100,000.

The new study may debunk the myth perpetuated by Donald Trump, whose stance on immigration has long highlighted the idea that undocumented migrants bring crime to America.

According to the study, the homicide conviction rate for undocumented immigrants was 25 percent less than that of native-born Texans, or a rate of 3.88 per 100,000 compared to 1.41 per 100,000. Researchers said the lower conviction rate is due to an overall lower arrest rate when compared with native-born Texans.