

**NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**



Research In Brief
***Televideo Deportation
Hearings***



The Institutional Hearing Program (IHP) is a Federal and State initiative designed to begin deportation proceedings against criminal aliens under the Department's custody and complete those hearings before the criminal alien is released from the Department's custody. The IHP has been operating in varying forms at selected Department facilities since 1986.

The average number of televideo hearings rose between 1999 and 2001, but dropped substantially in 2002. The decline in the average number of hearings was a result of the terrorist attacks in New York City on September 11, 2001, when personnel and resources of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement were diverted from the IHP until the end of calendar year 2004.

The average number of televideo hearings rose in 2004 and 2005 due in part to the adjudication of cases backlogged from calendar years 2002, 2003, and the beginning of 2004. The decline in televideo hearings between 2006 and 2008 reflects a decrease in the foreign-born under custody population.

TABLE 1

**TOTAL NUMBER OF TELEVIDEO
DEPORTATION HEARINGS
BY MONTH AND CALENDAR YEAR**

MONTH	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	GRAND TOTAL
JANUARY	38	220	213	123	144	174	303	176	147	177	149	1,864
FEBRUARY	41	197	212	72	108	167	235	185	148	145	158	1,668
MARCH	82	292	250	124	112	118	280	234	144	112	121	1,869
APRIL	127	213	168	152	103	144	195	169	161	139	143	1,714
MAY	128	264	243	124	102	120	271	208	213	156	125	1,954
JUNE	149	209	173	177	119	35	402	190	189	155	156	1,954
JULY	197	188	185	194	125	141	299	140	143	122	85	1,819
AUGUST	115	200	207	152	77	168	255	123	98	120	110	1,625
SEPTEMBER	253	183	239	164	173	113	235	140	166	172	169	2,007
OCTOBER	232	152	209	197	140	167	249	116	149	138	150	1,899
NOVEMBER	212	160	158	136	116	230	192	228	194	119	134	1,879
DECEMBER	156	114	121	120	117	192	145	137	82	147	173	1,504
GRAND TOTAL	1,730	2,392	2,378	1,735	1,436	1,769	3,061	2,046	1,834	1,702	1,673	21,756
MONTHLY AVERAGE	144	199	198	145	120	147	255	171	153	142	139	

The estimated transportation, staff, and housing costs associated with an average round trip of 500 miles is \$197 per inmate, while the average televideo deportation hearing lasts approximately fifteen (15) minutes and costs approximately \$3 per hearing. **Therefore, the total estimated cost savings attributable to the televideo deportation hearing program is \$4,220,664** (\$4,285,932 transportation, staff, and housing costs minus \$65,268 televideo connection costs).