

ADELANTO ICE PROCESSING FACILITY AND DESERT VIEW ANNEX ADELANTO, CALIFORNIA



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Exploitation: Since 2011 the GEO Group, one of the largest private prison corporations, has collaborated with ICE to capitalize on the city of Adelanto's economic instability. There is a long record of human rights abuses at the Adelanto ICE Processing Center. From inadequate health care, sexual assault, use of solitary confinement, and mistreatment the detention center has caused extreme harm to immigrant families.

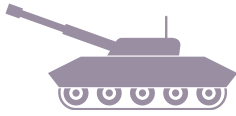
Deadly: Adelanto is by far the deadliest detention facility with 12 of the 22 deaths. In 2020, the GEO group secured a modification of a contract to expand the hazardous immigrant detention center into one of the largest in the country, currently capable of housing 2,690 immigrants with the addition of the Desert View Annex.

Victory: Due to ACLU litigation and organizations like Shut Down Adelanto, only four men remain in Adelanto. This is a significant win for our movement, highlighting the economic arguments for closing down the unsustainable center. In early 2023, the center lost over 100 jobs due to its instability and contract with ICE.

Human Rights Abuse: During the COVID-19 pandemic, GEO Group used **HDO Neutral**, a highly toxic quaternary ammonium disinfectant, at the detention center. GEO group violated numerous policies by spraying the chemical every 15-30 minutes without proper protective gear or ventilation, leading to immigrants reporting vision problems, respiratory issues and various skin conditions. Earlier this year, our partners in Social Justice Legal Foundation filed a lawsuit on behalf of former detained community members for the pain, suffering, and injustices they have incurred from HDO Neutral.

Reinvestment: In 2023, the DND coalition successfully advocated for \$5 million from the California general fund to be used by cities and counties looking to divest from the carceral economy, and invest in more sustainable job sectors. This program is known as HEAL, Healthy Economies Adapting to Last, and Adelanto is in line to be the first city to apply for the HEAL funding. Part of the requirements for the funding includes taking steps to shut down the facility and the Shut Down Adelanto coalition is in the process of gathering community support to ensure the ICE Processing Center shuts down and the city transitions away from a carceral economy.

CONTEXT FOR THE REGION



KEY INDUSTRIES

Plagued by extractive economies, the communities of the High Desert have largely been dependent on military, carceral, and logistic-based warehousing jobs that have proven to be unsustainable, low-paying, and a detriment to the environment.



LABOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUES IN THE REGION

A scarcity of high-paying jobs drives residents to commute sometimes multiple hours to be able to support their families. The region is unprepared and susceptible to climate change disasters such as wildfires, water shortages, and energy disruptions. The water quality in Adelanto is an issue that residents and advocates have been working on addressing for several years now.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- **Private Prison Company:** GEO Group Inc. holds a contract with ICE. The City of Adelanto issues land use permits allowing the facility to operate. GEO pays a bed tax of \$1 per bed per day for the detention center and the Desert View Modified Community Correctional Facility, plus \$50,000 for facilitating the subcontract with ICE per the 2016 development agreement. GEO also pays over \$1 million annually in fiscal mitigation payments and administrative fees.
- **ICE contract terms:** The current end date is 12/19/2034, with the next renewal in December 2024. Late last year, ICE issued a task order to decide whether to keep the processing center open. Since then, Shut Down Adelanto has been working tirelessly to push Congress to close it and cancel the contract.
- **Contract paid each year for Adelanto Ice Processing Center and Desert View Annex- \$ 142Million**
- The City of Adelanto has the power to discontinue the land use permit of this carceral facility.

 GEO Guaranteed Minimum Payment by ICE	 Total Capacity	 Occupants (as of August 19, 2024)
1,120 BEDS <small>(Regardless of occupancy) in the two facilities</small>	1,940 BEDS	There are a total of 6 people at the Adelanto ICE Processing Center (East and West). This is a decrease of 2 people since 2023.
	750 BEDS	There are a total of 390 people in Desert View Annex. This is a <i>increase</i> from 186 people since 2023.

TAKE ACTION



Visit the **Adelanto Water Justice Coalition website** to learn more about the local efforts to improve the water quality in Adelanto.

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