Although there are about 11 million undocumented people living in the United States, many of them are children or young adults who were brought here by their parents when very small, there has been no Congressional movement to bring this issue to the Congress. The President has continued to deport persons convicted for various offences; sometimes making errors, many times separating families. Last year the Dream Act (designed to help undocumented young people as chance to go to college or join the armed forces), was voted down in Congress.

A "Secure Communities Program" has been instituted across the country that requires police to report any person breaking the law to be reported to ICE if there is a suspicion of that person being undocumented. Some communities in Illinois are doing this, others are not. Several states are declining to have the police report minor offenses.

In lieu of a national law several states have passed their own "immigration law". Next summer, the Supreme Court will hear the Arizona law that was blocked by a federal court after the Obama administration sued. Similar challenges are also pending against similar laws in Georgia, Utah, South Carolina and Alabama.

The immigration policy has become very political. President Obama says he wants a path to citizenship, some states (California, Texas, Illinois) have passed laws to help students go to college, but candidates who have proposed policies have not been well received. A Pew research Center poll shows that 41% of Republicans and 45% of Democrats think that broader security and creating a path to citizenship should be the priority for dealing with illegal immigration.