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**Summary:** Recent estimates from the Congressional Budget Office suggest much higher rates of recent immigration than were previously projected. In 2019, CBO projected that net immigration in 2023 would total 1 million people; Now, the agency estimates that net immigration last year was 3.3 million. Moreover, we estimate that CBO's current immigration estimates suggest faster population and labor force growth in recent years than currently reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics using Census population estimates. We estimate that real GDP growth was higher in 2022 and 2023 by 0.1 percentage point and will be boosted by a similar amount in 2024. (For context, real GDP growth was 0.7% in 2022 and 3.1% in 2023.) Because in our assessment the increase in immigration resulted in both greater production and greater consumer demand, it likely produced little additional pressure on aggregate prices or wages.

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