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**Summary:** Border agents made 2.05 million arrests in the federal fiscal year that ended in September, new government data show, the second year in a row that figure has exceeded two million. In the past, the numbers have risen and fallen based on significant economic and policy changes like recessions and pandemic-era border restrictions. But they never exceeded 1.7 million and never stayed at an elevated level as long as they have the past few years. In the past, most migrants were single adults from Mexico looking for work. If caught by the Border Patrol, they could easily and quickly be deported. Now, a fast-growing share are families with children, who are difficult to deport to their home countries. The change started around 2014 and has exploded in the past two years. Related: Immigrants & Their Kids Were 70% of U.S. Labor Force Growth Since 1995 and Rebound in Immigration Comes to Economy's Aid and U.S. Will Build Stretch of Border Wall and Begin Deportations to Venezuela

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