

"Immigration: Perception versus Reality"

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The Public Perception

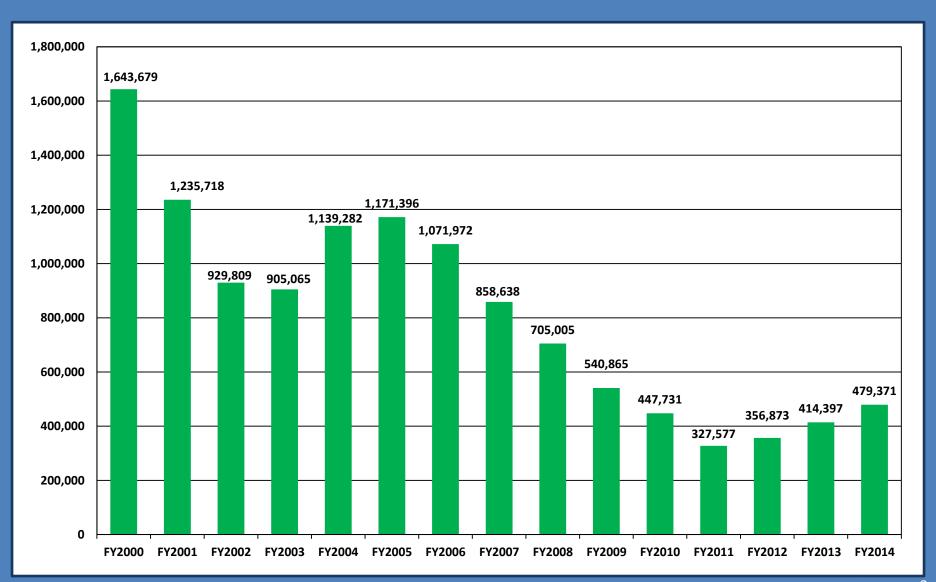
June 2013 Survey

"Just your best guess—compared with ten years ago, do you think the number of immigrants entering the U.S. illegally today is higher, lower, or about the same?"

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    55% ----- Higher
    15% ----- Lower
    27% ----- About the same
    3% ----- Unsure or refused to answer
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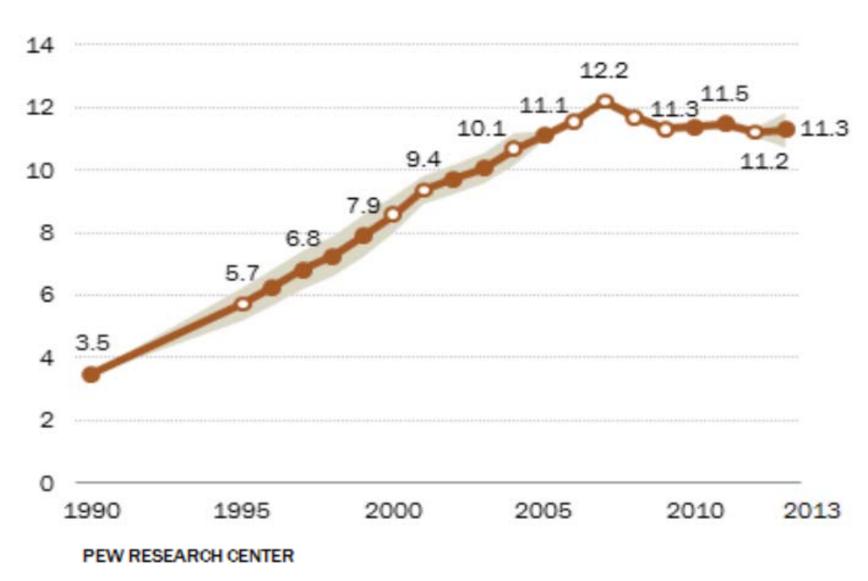
Southwest Border

USBP Apprehensions FY2000 - FY2014



Growth in Unauthorized Immigration Has Leveled Off





Fixing Our Immigration System



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- Prioritizing felons over families
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Today's Border Patrol



\$3.5 billion budget/22,000 personnel/20,499 agents

Border Patrol Agents on the Southern Border





8,619 agents



17,796 agents

Total Fence on the Southern Border

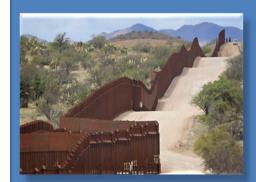
FY2000 -



77 miles

Today -

700 miles



Primary Fence



Secondary Fence



Tertiary Fo



Underground Sensors



FY2000 - n/a



11,863

Aircraft



56 aircraft

119 aircraft

Unmanned Aerial Systems



FY2000 – 0 systems

FY2015 -













6 systems

Mobile Surveillance System





Mobile Video Surveillance System



FY2000 - n/a

179 systems

Remote Video Surveillance Systems

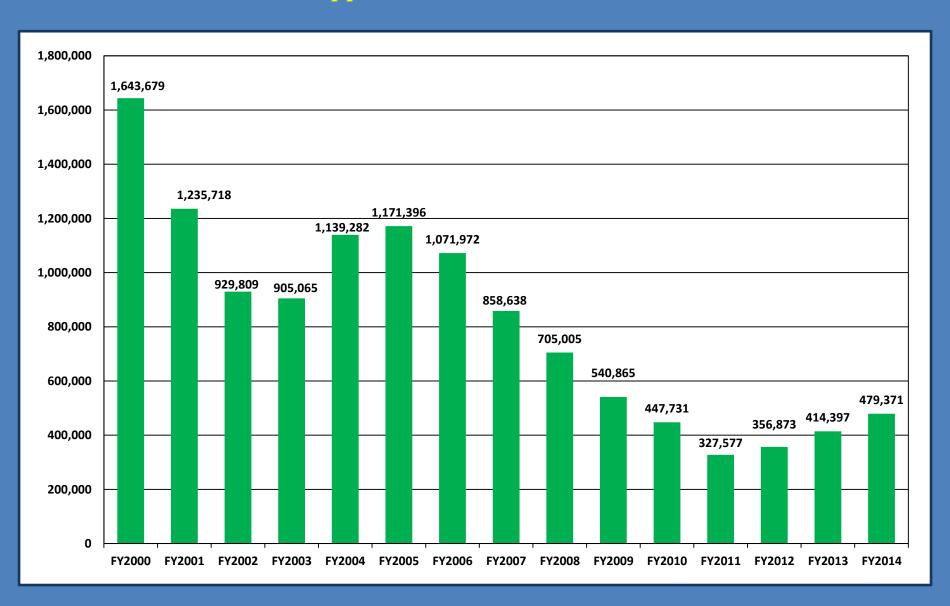


FY2000 — 140 systems

FY2015 — 272 systems

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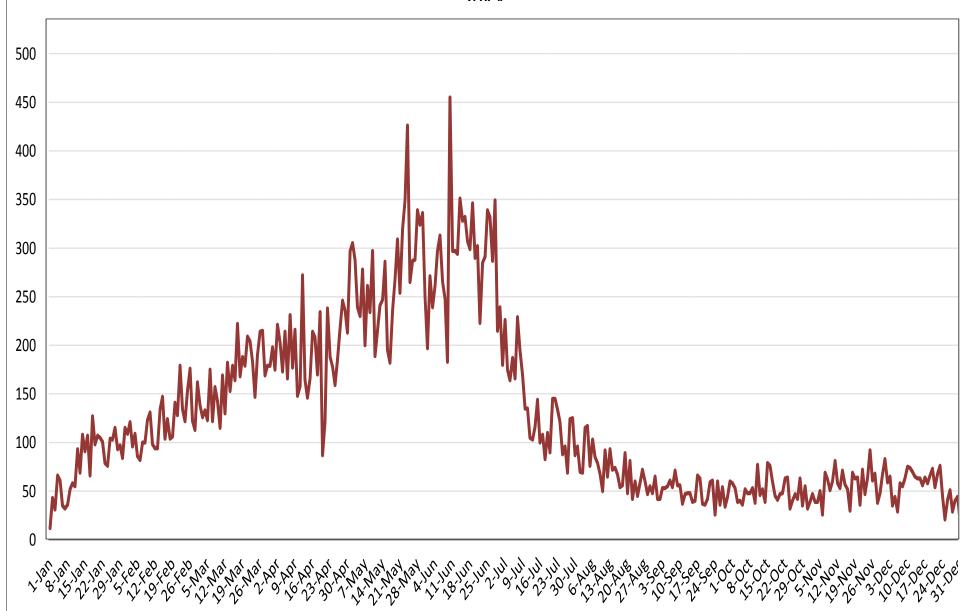


The Response

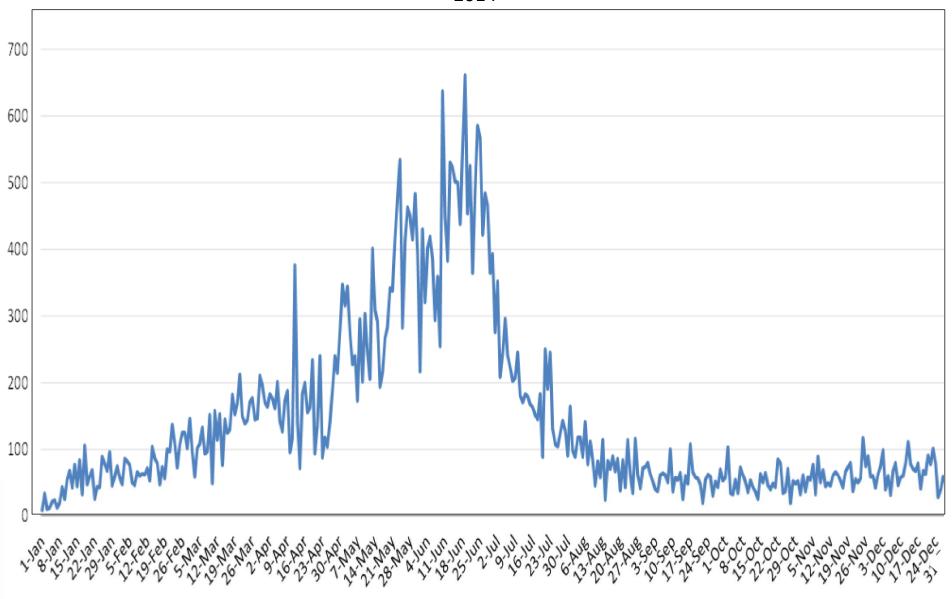
- ➤ More security and law enforcement resources into South Texas
- More processing centers
- More Border Patrol agents into RGV
- Reduced time to repatriate adults
- More prosecutions of criminal smuggling organizations
- Public messaging campaign
- Engagement of Mexican and Central American leaders
- > Established in-country refugee processing centers
- ➤ More detention space

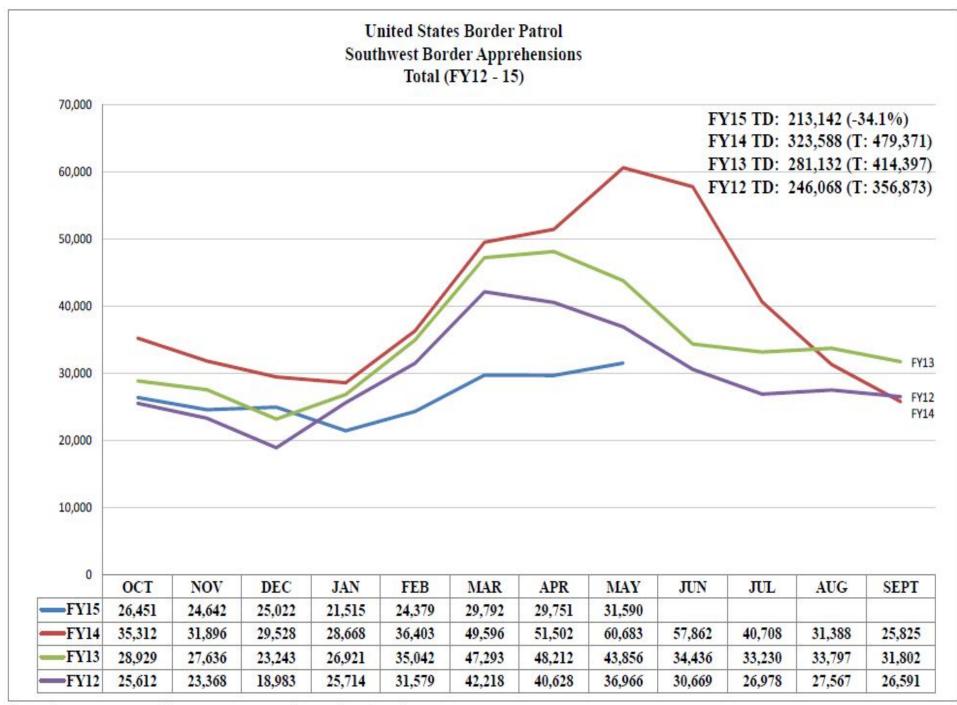






CBP Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Sector Family Unit Apprehensions 2014





^{*}Fiscal year 2015 apprehensions are 34.1% lower than fiscal year 2014.

The Future

- ➤ Implementing a Risk Based Strategy
- **▶** Better Technology
- ➤ More Equipment
- > Enhanced Detection Capability
- ► More Resources
- ➤ More Aid to Central America



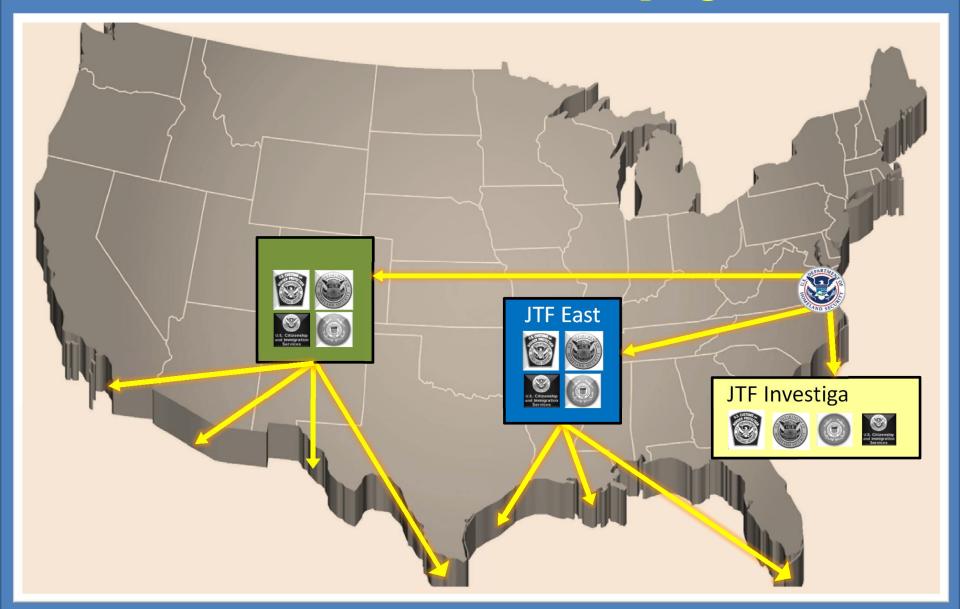
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The Southern Border Campaign Plan



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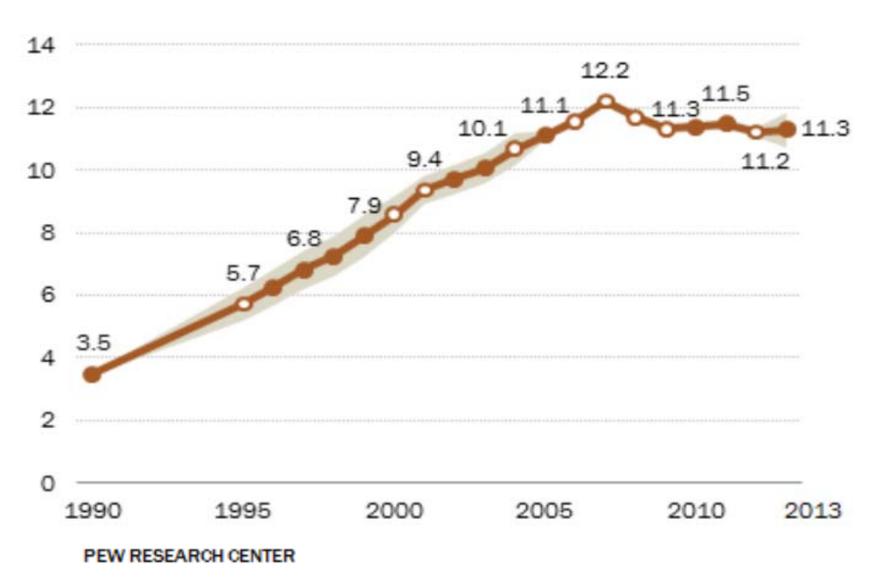


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Conclusion