Recent Trends in Immigration Enforcement

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Note: The term "immigrants" refers to people residing in the United States who were not U.S. citizens at birth. This population includes naturalized citizens, lawful permanent immigrants, refugees and asylees, legal nonimmigrants (including those on student, work, or other temporary visas), and persons residing in the United States without authorization.

One in Four U.S. Children Has at Least One Immigrant Parent

Number and Share of Children of Immigrants among U.S. Children under 18, 1970 to 2016

Note: Data here include only children who reside with at least one parent. The term “children of immigrants” (or children in immigrant families) refers to children under 18 with at least one immigrant parent.


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About One in Three Children of Immigrants Lives with Unauthorized Immigrant Parents

Children of Immigrants by Parental Legal Status and Citizenship Status of Children of Unauthorized Immigrants, 2009-13

- Children with Legal Immigrant Parents, 70%
- Children of Unauthorized Immigrants, 30%
- U.S. Citizen, 79%
- Unauthorized, 19%
- LPR or temporary immigrants, 2%

Note: Children of unauthorized immigrants refers to those reside with at least one unauthorized immigrant parent.
Source: MPI analysis of data from the 2009-13 ACS pooled and 2008 SIPP by Hammar, Bachmeier, and Van Hook.

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ICE Removals in 2017 Were Below 2012 Peak; Share of Removals that Were Interior Grew

Sources: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), *ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations Report Fiscal Year 2015 - 2017*
Most ICE Removals are from the Border, but Interior Share Grew in 2017

Sources: ICE, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations Report Fiscal Year 2015 - 2017
Interior Removals in First Months of Administration Grew by 37% Compared to Same Period in Prior Year

ICE Interior Removals, January 20 to End of FY, FY 2016 and FY 2017

Source: ICE, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations Report Fiscal Year 2017
A Larger Share of Interior Removals Were People without Criminal Convictions

ICE interior Removals, FY 2015 to FY 2017

Source: ICE, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations Report Fiscal Year 2017
Border Patrol apprehensions in 2017 were at their lowest point since 1971

Border Patrol Apprehensions, FY 1971 to FY 2017


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In Recent Years, Apprehensions of Mexicans Have Fallen; Apprehensions of Central Americans Have Grown

Apprehensions by Nationality, FY 2010 to FY 2016

ICE Administrative Arrests Grew in 2017

ICE Administrative Arrests, FY 2010 to FY 2017

ICE Arrests of Individuals without Criminal Convictions Grew in 2017

ICE Arrests, FY 2015 to FY 2017

Source: ICE, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations Report Fiscal Year 2017
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