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2015 Immigration Enforcement Actions

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Immigration Statistics (OIS) reports on several immigration enforcement actions, including apprehensions, arrests, determinations of inadmissibility, removals, and returns of unauthorized immigrants. This graphic provides information for these categories for Fiscal Year 2015.

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INADMISSIBILITY DETERMINATIONS

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ALIEN REMOVALS

333,341 aliens were removed from the United States.
Criminal aliens made up 42.0% of total alien removals and were convicted of the following top crimes:
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- Dangerous Drugs: 17.3%
- Criminal Traffic Offenses: 13.3%

ALIEN RETURNS

129,122 aliens were returned to their home countries without an order of removal.
Alions were returned by the following three DHS components:
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