The U.S. Immigration System

2016 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 2016.

**ALIEN APPREHENSIONS**

530,250 aliens were apprehended by DHS in Fiscal Year 2016.

- **415,816 (78.4%)** aliens were apprehended by CBP USBP (Customs and Border Protection U.S. Border Patrol) is responsible for securing approximately 7,000 miles of international land border with Canada and Mexico and 2,600 miles of coastal border of the United States.

- **110,104 (20.8%)** aliens were apprehended by ICE ERO (Immigration and Customs Enforcement Enforcement and Removal Operations) serves as the primary enforcement arm within ICE for the identification, apprehension, and removal of certain aliens from the United States.

- **4,330 (0.8%)** aliens were apprehended by ICE HSI (Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations) Directorate is responsible for disrupting and dismantling transnational criminal threats facing the United States.

**INADMISSIBILITY DETERMINATIONS**

274,617 aliens arriving at a port of entry were determined to be inadmissible by CBP Office of Field Operations (OFO).

- The top three ports of entry recorded 50.9% of all inadmissibility determinations:
  - Laredo, TX: 24.8%
  - San Diego, CA: 17.5%
  - El Paso, TX: 8.6%

Aliens determined inadmissible came from the following top five countries of citizenship:

- Mexico: 26.7%
- Cuba: 19.7%
- Canada: 8.1%
- Philippines: 5.8%
- Guatemala: 4.9%

**ALIEN REMOVALS**

340,056 aliens were removed from the United States.

- **39.9%** or 135,570 of total alien removals were criminal aliens.

- Removed aliens (criminal and non-criminal) came from the following top five countries of citizenship:
  - Mexico: 72.1%
  - Guatemala: 9.9%
  - Honduras: 6.4%
  - El Salvador: 5.9%
  - Colombia: 0.6%

**ALIEN RETURNS**

106,167 aliens were returned to their home countries without an order of removal.

- Aliens were returned by the following three DHS components:
  - CBP OFO: 77.9%
  - CBP USBP: 15.2%
  - ICE ERO: 6.9%

Returned aliens came from the following top five countries of citizenship:

- Mexico: 35.0%
- Canada: 17.3%
- Philippines: 12.8%
- China: 8.1%
- India: 2.3%

For additional information, please see the 2016 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics and 2016 Enforcement Actions Flow Report at www.dhs.gov/immigration-statistics.