

Question#:	1
Topic:	Southwest Border Apprehensions
Hearing:	Declining Deportations and Increasing Criminal Alien Releases - The Lawless Immigration Policies of the Obama Administration
Primary:	The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Committee:	JUDICIARY (SENATE)

Question: U.S. Customs and Border Protection provided to the Subcommittee, on May 11, 2016, a table entitled "USBP Southwest Border Apprehensions, Estimated USBP Returns/Releases and TOT's to ERO/ICE, FY2015-FY2016YTD through April 9." Please provide the same data table covering the period from Fiscal Year 2001 through Fiscal Year 2016 (YTD).

Response: Please see attachment #1.

Question#:	2
Topic:	Whole-of-Government
Hearing:	Declining Deportations and Increasing Criminal Alien Releases - The Lawless Immigration Policies of the Obama Administration
Primary:	The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Committee:	JUDICIARY (SENATE)

Question: In your testimony, you mention that a "whole-of-government" approach is critical to border security. How is the U.S. Border Patrol working to facilitate cooperation between federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies?

Response: As part of the whole-of-government approach to border security, which emphasizes the importance of joint planning and intelligence sharing, CBP has taken additional steps to bring greater unity to our enforcement efforts and to expand coordination with other agencies. For example, CBP has established Tribal Liaisons (TL) and Border Community Liaisons (BCL) in Sectors and Field Offices nationwide. TLs and BCLs proactively establish and maintain close connections between CBP and the communities in which they live and work. BCLs provide stakeholders with designated points of contact to encourage communication, engagement, and collaborative outreach for facilitating issue resolution; providing feedback and issue follow-up; and educating and improving the community's fact-based knowledge of CBP's mission, functions, authorities, and responsibilities.

The CBP, State, Local, and Tribal (SLT) Liaison office is the primary entity within CBP responsible for facilitating, coordinating and nurturing relationships with federal, state and local government partners, tribal entities, territorial stakeholders, non-governmental organizations and the public. SLT liaison representatives communicate through outreach to inform the community of stakeholders on current, imminent and proposed DHS/CBP national programs/operations that may have a significant impact to the global border security community. SLT assists stakeholders in addressing concerns with CBP initiatives in order to build and maintain partnerships between CBP and stakeholders. SLT also coordinates and collaborates with other CBP components, DHS, and other federal stakeholders while planning and implementing programs/initiatives to project a clear and concise external CBP message. SLT personnel serves as the ambassadors of Customs and Border Protection to all external stakeholders.

Question#:	3
Topic:	Immediately Released Aliens
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Primary:	The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
Committee:	JUDICIARY (SENATE)

Question: Just to clarify, are migrants who are apprehended and then immediately released back into Mexico counted by CBP as apprehensions?

Response: Yes, Mexican migrants, apprehended by CBP, who are amenable to and accept a Voluntary Return, are returned to Mexico and counted as an apprehension by CBP.

At ports of entry, CBP officers encounter individuals arriving who are applicants for admission. When CBP determines an individual is counted as inadmissible, they are subject to Voluntary Withdrawal, Expedited Removal, or Visa Waiver Refusal for return to where he or she came from or removal to their last country of permanent residence.

Question#:	4
Topic:	Apprehensions
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Primary:	The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
Committee:	JUDICIARY (SENATE)

Question: Does border patrol apprehend a greater percentage of illegal entrants today than in 2000? What about 2005? 2010? Do you have estimates for these years?

Response: In 2006, Border Patrol began collecting data on the number of illegal entrants who are observed (either directly or indirectly) but not apprehended; these aliens are described as gotaways, and are a subset of all illegal entries. Border Patrol uses gotaway data along with data on apprehensions and turnbacks to calculate the Interdiction Effectiveness Rate (IER). The IER is defined as the sum of apprehensions and turnbacks (i.e., successful interdictions) divided by the sum of apprehensions, turnbacks, and gotaways (i.e., known illegal entrants).

An advantage of the IER is that it is based exclusively on Border Patrol observations; but a resulting limitation is that the IER only describes the ratio of apprehensions and turnbacks to the *known* (observed) flow. An additional limitation of the IER is that CBP first established a uniform nationwide methodology for counting turnbacks and gotaways in 2012; estimates of the IER for 2006-2011 therefore should be interpreted with caution. With these caveats in mind, the IER increased from about 69 percent in FY 2006 (the first year for which data are available) to about 79 percent in 2010 to about 83 percent thus far in FY 2016.

The Department continues to work to develop and refine border security metrics.

Also, please see the following chart with historical apprehension figures.

**USBP Nationwide and Southwest Border Apprehensions
FY2000, FY2005, FY2010, FY2015, and FY2016TD - May 31**

Data includes Deportable Aliens Only

Data Source: PAS: FY00; EID (Unofficial) FY05-FY15 as of End of Year Dates; FY16TD as of 6/1/16

FY	Nationwide	Southwest Border
FY2000	1,676,438	1,643,679
FY2005	1,189,075	1,171,396
FY2010	463,382	447,731

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FY2015	337,117	331,333
FY2000TD	1,224,026	1,202,574
FY2005TD	806,623	795,182
FY2010TD	350,312	339,956
FY2015TD	216,643	213,117
FY2016TD	268,543	264,191

USBP Southwest Border Apprehensions
Estimated USBP Returns/Releases and TOT's to ERO/ICE
FY2001 - FY2016TD through May 31

Data includes Deportable Aliens Only

Data Source: EID (Unofficial) FY10-FY15 as of End of Year Dates; FY01-FY09; FY16TD as of 6/1/16

	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016TD
Total Apprehensions	1,231,590	930,394	906,758	1,140,220	1,171,307	1,071,979	858,677	705,047	540,760	447,731	327,577	356,873	414,397	479,371	331,333	264,191
USBP Returns/Removals	1,182,973	882,056	841,590	1,046,220	987,049	951,343	783,348	637,976	475,433	379,231	263,737	250,327	256,205	217,458	176,428	125,344
B	66	68	131	213	248	241	219	155	154	167	133	91	133	130	77	57
ER	17	9	13	107	17,842	27,205	23,652	45,460	49,539	54,568	69,835	97,559	121,631	98,440	86,444	58,890
ER/LR	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	4	4
REINST	10,811	15,180	29,410	41,692	17,500	18,323	26,163	29,577	57,024	58,518	60,657	72,747	86,068	78,018	73,456	55,543
V	1,172,079	866,799	812,036	1,004,208	951,459	905,573	733,313	562,782	368,716	265,975	133,112	79,930	48,372	40,870	16,447	10,850
ERO/ICE	34,433	37,793	53,769	80,931	169,656	112,299	70,130	61,472	57,177	60,435	57,945	100,856	153,067	252,275	149,165	134,266
ADMDPT	677	860	671	730	894	1,009	487	218	184	102	61	42	19	0	40	33
ER/CF	0	0	0	35	634	1,439	1,597	1,459	1,940	2,800	3,686	4,000	9,293	15,951	16,767	29,485
VWPPRM	12	30	38	17	16	16	9	1	13	6	16	13	9	12	6	2
WA/NTA	32,555	35,233	49,855	74,458	144,310	73,665	26,458	20,325	20,973	20,130	19,987	23,493	36,558	108,250	60,873	53,739
B	73	86	155	229	375	346	295	299	366	301	233	211	158	162	114	73
ER	2	2	3	508	18,095	29,741	34,174	30,108	21,578	23,396	20,444	47,350	71,182	83,631	44,387	32,286
ER/LR	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	3	3	2	0	0	1	0	2	0
REINST	1,114	1,582	3,047	4,954	5,331	6,081	7,106	9,059	12,120	13,698	13,518	25,747	35,847	44,269	26,976	18,648
USBP Releases	6,899	7,201	8,879	9,845	10,394	4,466	970	1,031	1,387	1,233	998	2,062	2,203	6,836	3,027	2,401
I	469	701	372	226	151	100	93	182	89	36	1	6	10	18	14	17
NTA	6,429	6,495	8,447	9,496	10,051	4,180	756	717	1,009	821	675	1,668	1,442	5,947	1,145	1,073
P	1	4	2	9	6	26	34	15	73	75	94	36	53	22	78	48
REL	0	0	58	114	186	160	87	117	216	301	228	352	698	849	1,790	1,263
Other Dispositions	7,285	3,345	2,520	3,224	4,208	3,871	4,229	4,568	6,763	6,832	4,897	3,628	2,922	2,802	2,713	2,180
ADMIT	0	0	1	1	3	1	5	2	2	3	2	1	1	0	2	0
AW	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRW/DT	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D	15	9	5	10	13	7	14	4	34	17	12	0	0	0	0	0
DEF	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DTNR	0	1	2	0	6	0	4	2	13	34	4	1	8	0	0	0
EX	1	2	2	0	3	4	2	0	8	5	2	0	1	0	3	0
FR	60	29	3	6	15	15	3	0	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
IT/R	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAR	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTA/DT	5	2	12	146	295	290	310	462	2,770	3,221	1,676	889	44	0	0	0
O	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PD	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
REINRF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106
STOW	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T	2,526	1,047	413	327	354	312	191	184	180	136	100	106	152	137	167	46
TOT	360	895	1,881	2,514	2,899	2,648	3,044	3,157	3,377	3,302	3,092	2,628	2,714	2,663	2,541	1,700
TWOV/R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VWP/CF	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VWPPRF	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VWPRF	0	0	0	1	4	6	10	11	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
WD	0	1	2	11	5	16	8	14	35	26	4	0	0	0	0	0
WD/ER	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
V	54	50	41	62	76	21	21	19	117	47	0	0	0	0	0	315
(OTM)	4,259	1,309	152	143	533	541	610	708	214	27	3	3	1	2	0	13

Note: USBP includes Mexican apprehensions with a disposition of 'B', 'ER', 'ER/LR', 'REINST', 'V'
ERO/ICE includes all apprehensions with a disposition of 'ADMDPT', 'ER/CF', 'VWPPRM', 'WA/NTA'
and OTMs with disposition of 'B', 'ER', 'ER/LR', 'REINST'
USBP Releases includes all apprehensions with a disposition of 'I', 'NTA', 'P', 'REL'