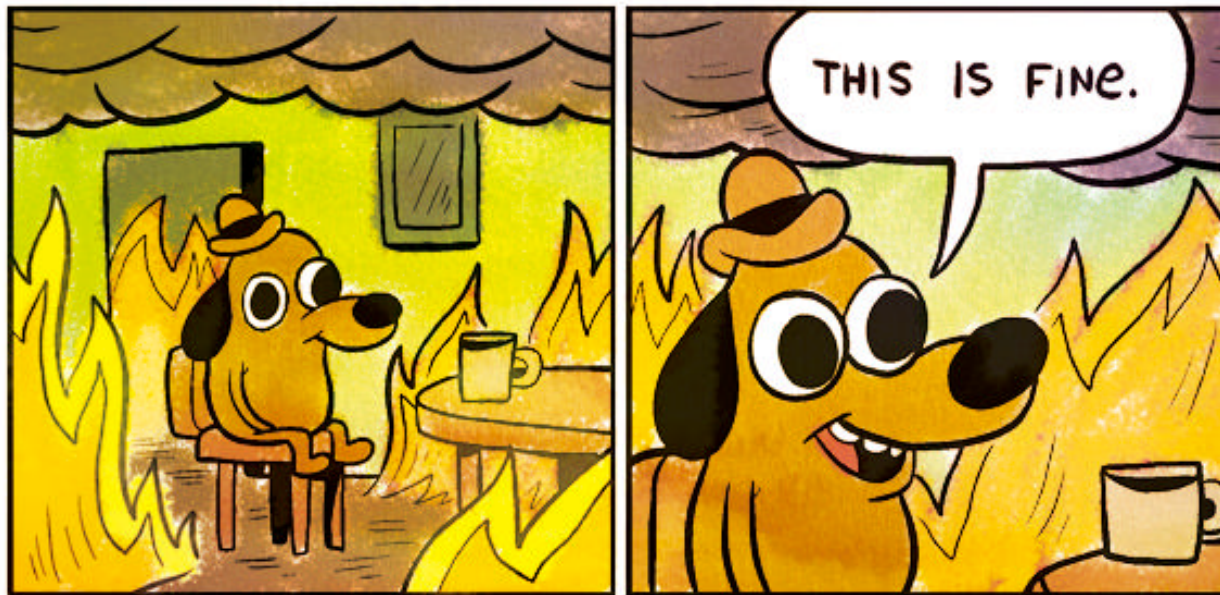


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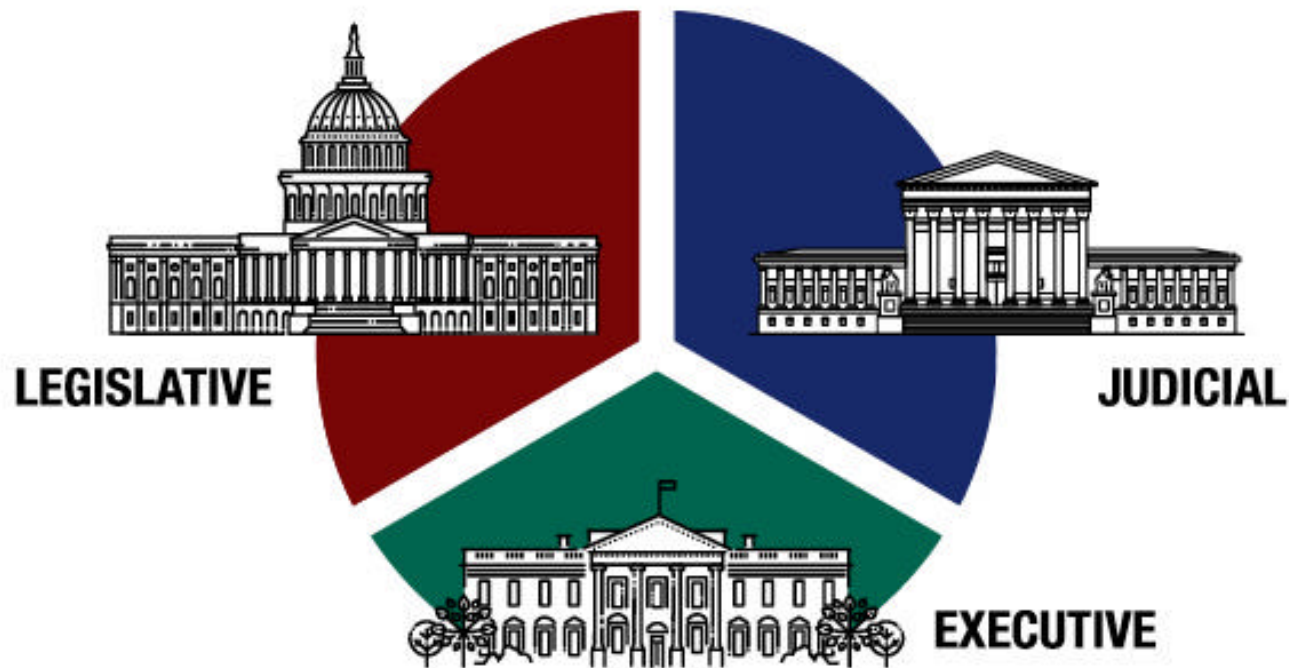


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Government Relations and Advocacy

Separation of Powers



THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH enacts the laws of the country and raises and distributes the money necessary to operate the government, known as "The Power of the Purse."

THE JUDICIAL BRANCH interprets the U.S. Constitution and bylaws and rules on disputes brought before it by citizens, states, or other branches of government.

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH implements and administers the laws and public policies enacted and funded by the Legislative Branch.



The Rundown

- Government Funding
- Labor/Immigration
- Infrastructure
- Trade
- Agriculture-specific issues and efforts
- Questions and Discussion



Government Funding

- Debt Ceiling – Paying debts
- Budget – Topline spending caps
- Appropriations – Yearly funding for agencies



Government Funding

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President Donald Trump announced the budget deal by tweet Monday afternoon. | Alex Brandon/AP Photo

CONGRESS

Trump and congressional leaders reach sweeping budget agreement

The deal will add billions for Pentagon and domestic programs while extending the debt limit until 2021.

By SARAH FERRIS, JOHN BRESNAHAN and HEATHER CAYGLE | 07/22/2019 10:11 AM EDT |
Updated 07/22/2019 06:26 PM EDT



Government Funding

- Debt ceiling kicked to 7/31/2021

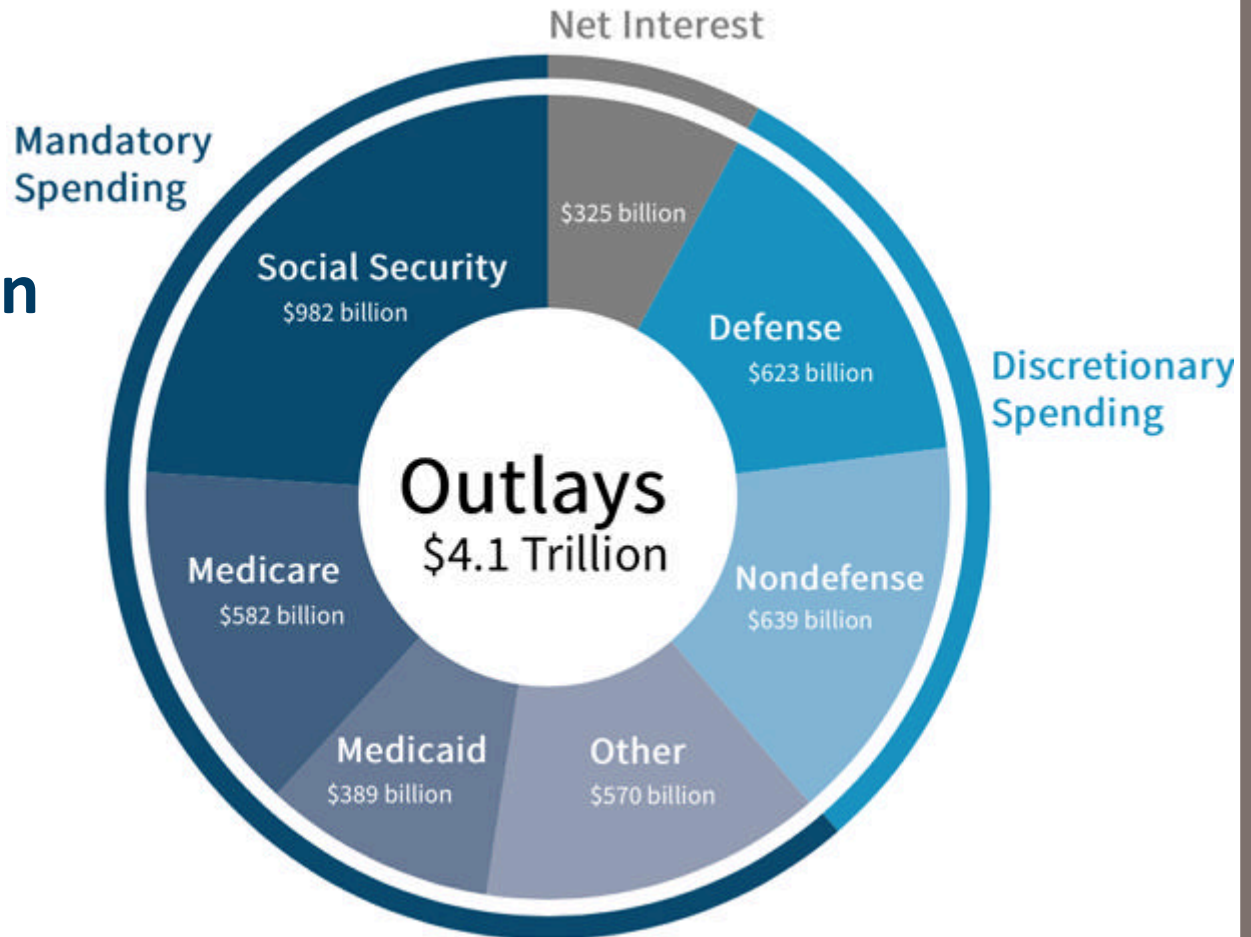
- 2-year Deal; \$2.7 Trillion

- FY-20 Defense

- \$738 Billion (3.1% increase)

- FY-20 Non-defense

- \$632 Billion (4.5% increase)



Government Funding

- Appropriations Process

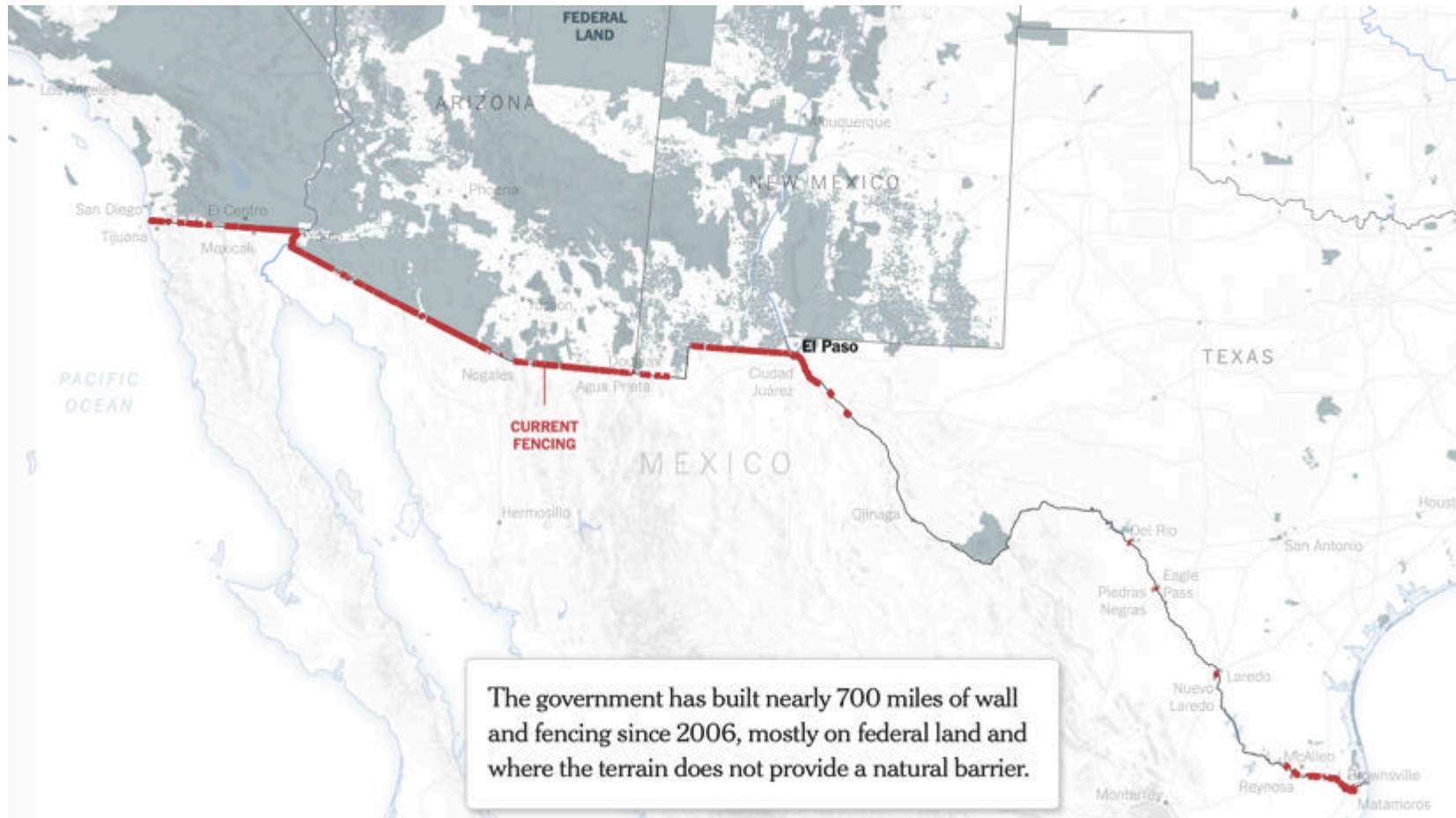
- 12 spending bills
- FY19 ends Sept. 30, 2019

POWER
OF THE PURSE

- Shutdown from now to Nov. 2020 very unlikely
- Short-term Continuing Resolution is likely
- FY20 Funding Bills in law by end of 2019



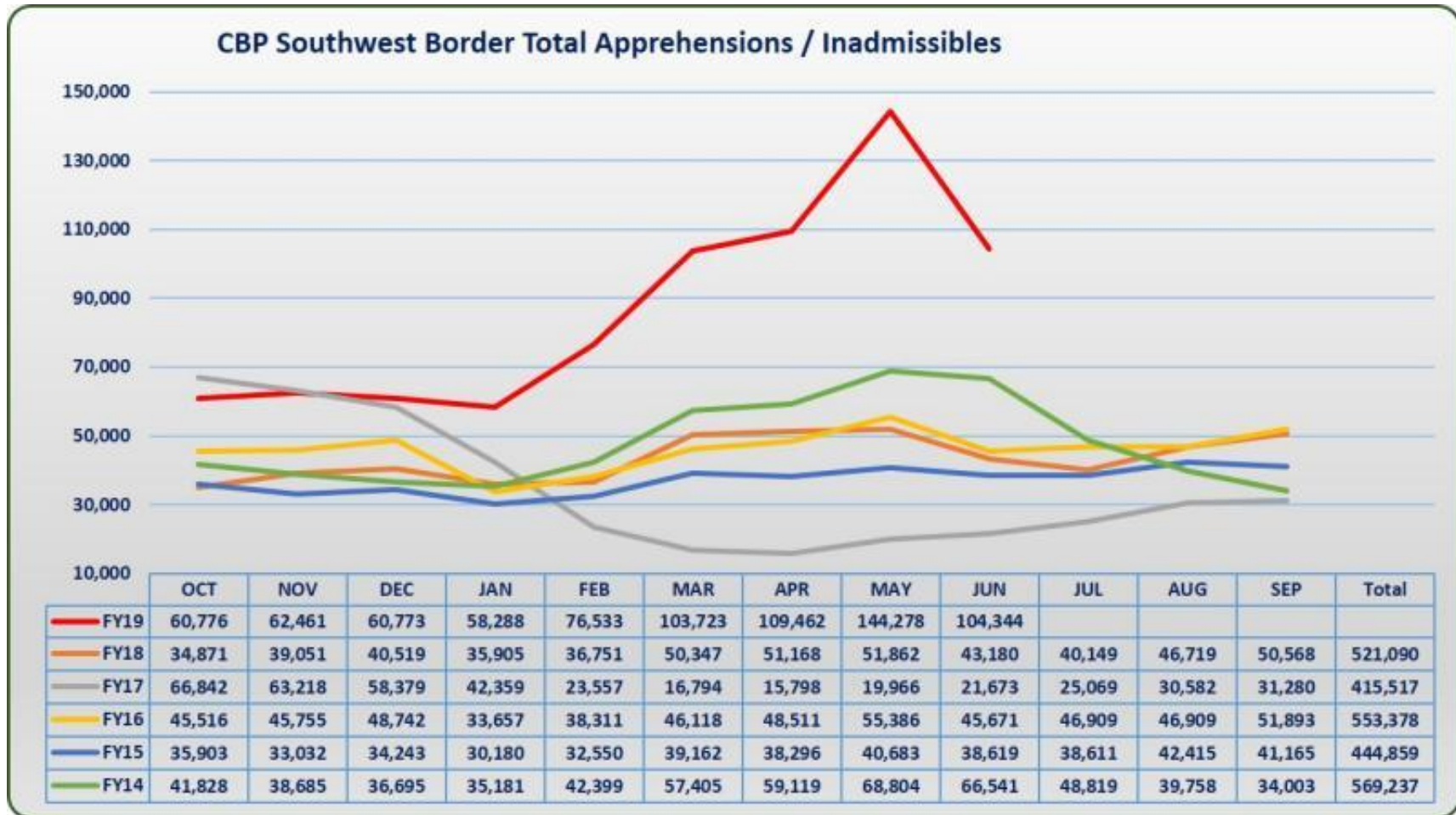
Labor/Immigration/Border Security



- 1954 miles
- Approx. 20,000 border agents nationally
 - More than 16,000 along US – MX border



Labor/Immigration/Border Security



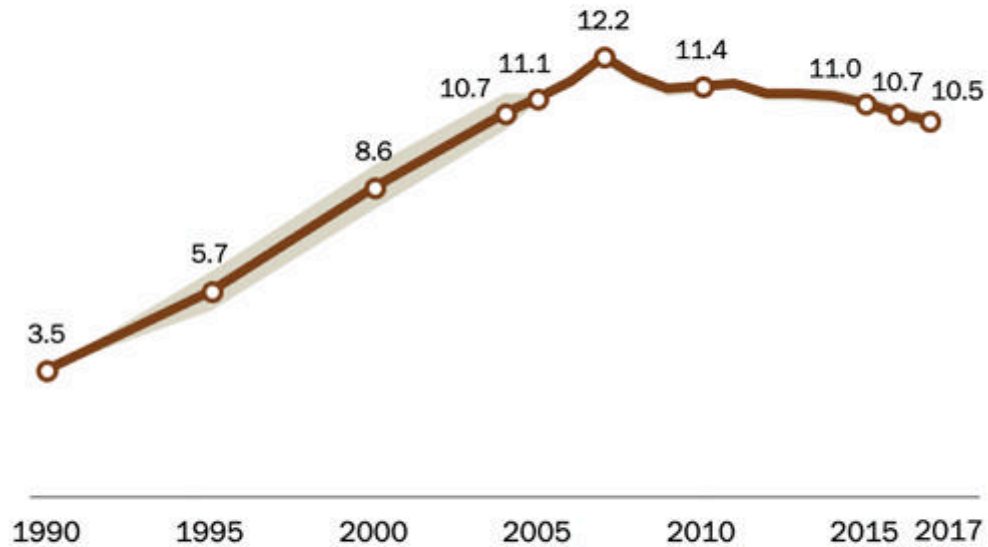
- More than recent years
- More families and unaccompanied minors



Labor/Immigration/Border Security

U.S. unauthorized immigrant total rises, then falls

In millions

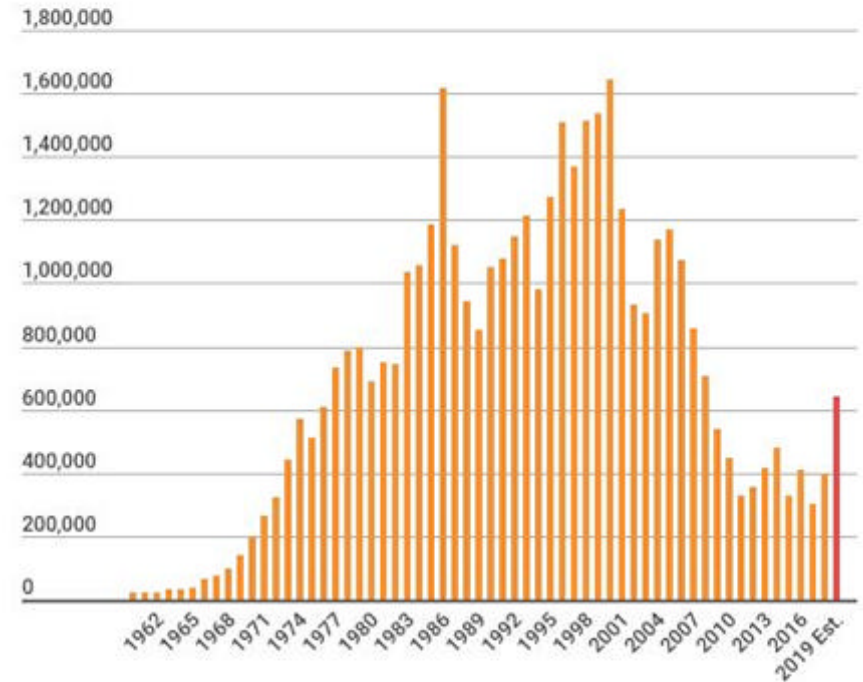


Note: Shading shows range of estimated 90% confidence interval.

Source: Pew Research Center estimates based on augmented U.S. Census Bureau data.

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Total Southwest Border Apprehensions



Data by fiscal year.

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection

- Fast-track deportation announced 7/22
- All this means a tight labor market

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Labor/Immigration – DoL Proposal

- Dept. of Labor proposes streamlining H-2A process
 - Regulations.gov – **ETA-2019-0007**
- Mandate electronic filing of job orders and digital signatures
- Allow employers to stagger entry on a single application;
- Enhance standards on worker housing and public accommodations
- Strengthen surety bond requirements
- Expand the department's enforcement tools like program debarment
- Update the methods used to determine the Adverse Effect Wage Rates and prevailing wages



Labor/Immigration

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Labor interests are opposed to expanding H-2A to become a year-round program and would rather see foreign workers offered a path to legalization and permanent residency. | Sandy Huffaker/Getty Images

AGRICULTURE

Lobbyists say ag groups have reached consensus on labor fix

By LIZ CRAMPTON | 04/25/2019 11:36 AM EDT

- Does Congress Agree?
- Where's Trump?
 - Jared Kushner
 - Stephen Miller
- Elections!
- Presidential Elections!!



Labor/Immigration

- Partisan efforts
- With bipartisan aspirations

A Common-Sense Ag Guest Worker Proposal



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Infrastructure



Trade



- USMCA (NAFTA 2.0) – We're getting close
- China and EU... not so much
- New opportunities in Japan?



Ag Production Advocacy



- 2018 Farm Bill became law in Dec, 2018
 - Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance
 - Important Programs
 - Specialty Crop Pest & Disease Program (\$75 million; USDA-APHIS)
 - Specialty Crop Research Initiative (\$105 million; USDA-NIFA)
 - Regulatory refinements
 - Crop Production Tools
 - Pesticides and the Endangered Species Act (EPA, NMFS, FWS)
 - Pesticide use and mitigation survey (USDA-OPMP)



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- Annual Appropriations
 - Floriculture Crops Summary (USDA-NASS)
 - Floriculture & Nursery Research Initiative (USDA-ARS)



Floriculture Crops 2018 Summary

May 2019



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- Historic FNRI funding
 - \$1 million in 1999
 - \$5.1 million in 2006
 - Declining funding to \$4.6 million from 2013 thru 2017
 - \$1 million increase in 2018 and 2019 to \$5.6 million



Ag Production Advocacy

- Regulatory engagement
 - Ports of Entry, Quarantines, Pest Response (USDA-APHIS)
 - Updates to Biotechnology Regs (EPA, USDA)
 - Agriculture Biotechnology Alliance
 - Access to crop protection tools (EPA-OPP)
 - Minor Crop Farmer Alliance
 - Support for IR-4



Thank you for your time.

Questions?

