# How Improvements Along the Border, In Our Immigration System and In Mexico Are Impacting the National Immigration Debate

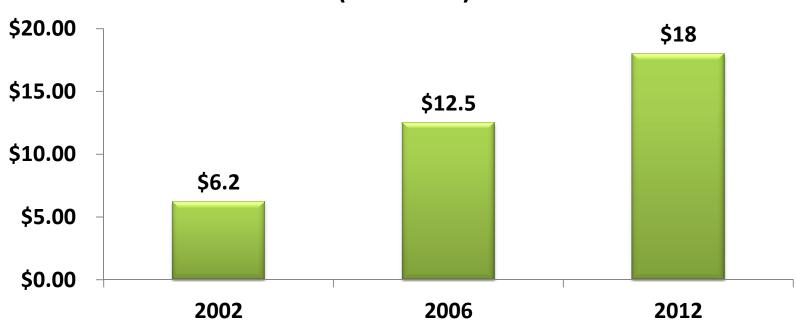
By Simon Rosenberg, Kristian Ramos and Emma Buckhout NPI's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Border Initiative *Updated* August 26, 2013



## The Border Is Safer

### Since 2002, Enforcement Budget Has Tripled

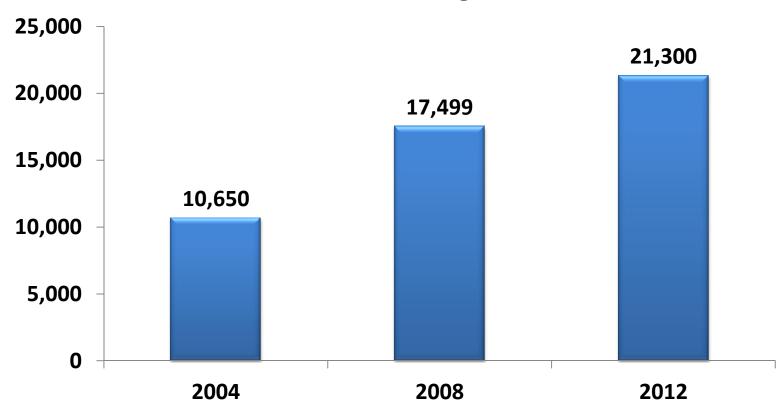
# Immigration Enforcement Funding (In Billions)





# Number of "Boots on The Ground" Has Doubled

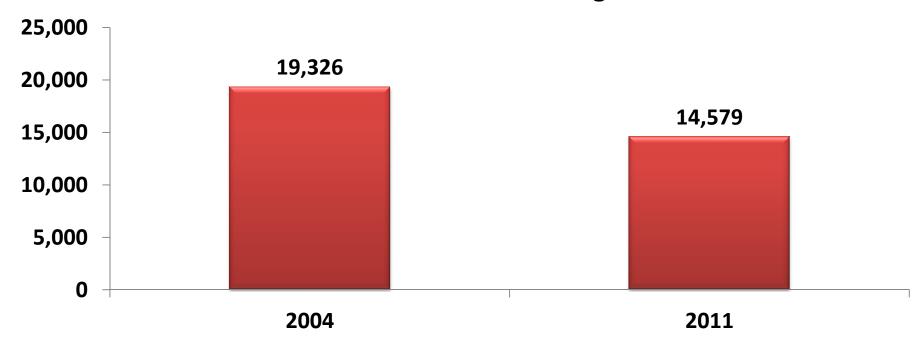
#### **Border Patrol Agents**





# And It Has Worked - Crime on U.S. Side of the Border Has Plummeted

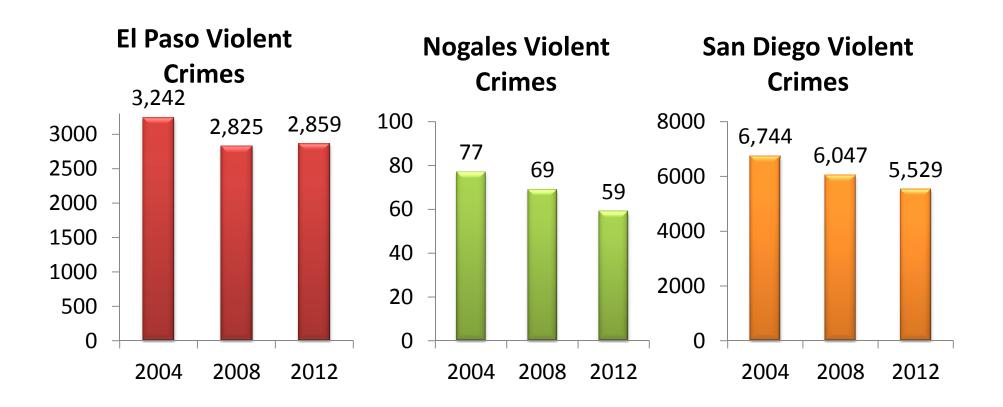
**Incidents of Violent Crime Along Border \*** 



<sup>\*</sup> Analysis comes from the 11 largest cities along the our southern border: Brownsville, TX, Calexico, CA, Chula Vista, CA, El Paso, TX, Eagle Pass, TX, Las Cruces, NM, Laredo, TX, McAllen, TX, Nogales, AZ, San Diego, CA, Tucson, AZ, Yuma, AZ,



#### **Across the Board Success**





#### Two Border Cities Are Safest in US

Lowest Crime Rate Ranking for Cities of 500,000 or more Population (33 cities)

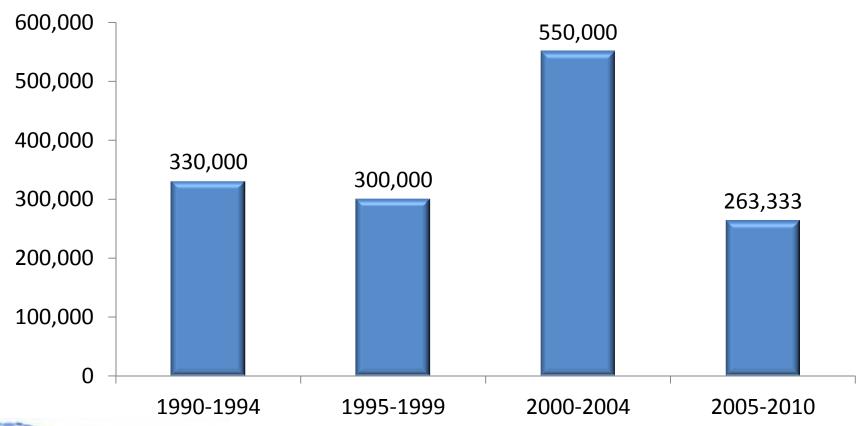
- 1. El Paso, TX
- 2. San Diego, CA
- 3. New York, NY
- 4. Austin, TX
- 5. San Jose, CA

- 6. Los Angeles, CA
- 7. Portland, OR
- 8. Charlotte, NC
- 9. Seattle, WA
- 10. San Antonio, TX



# Unauthorized Immigration Flow Is Half of What It Was

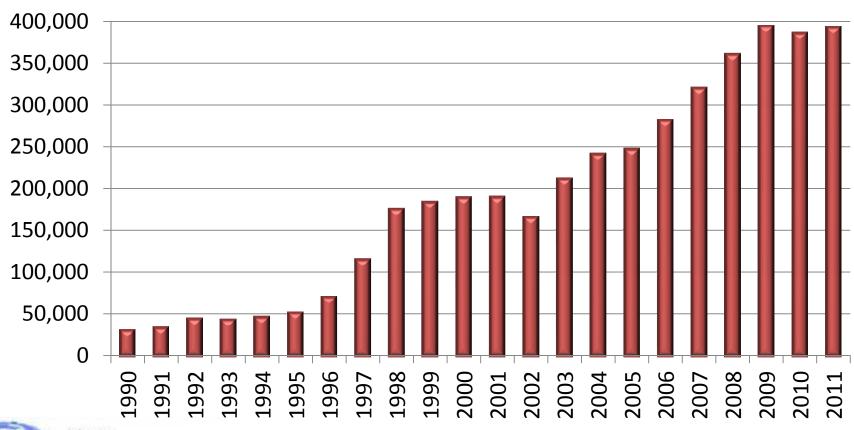
#### **Average Annual Inflow of Unauthorized Immigrants**





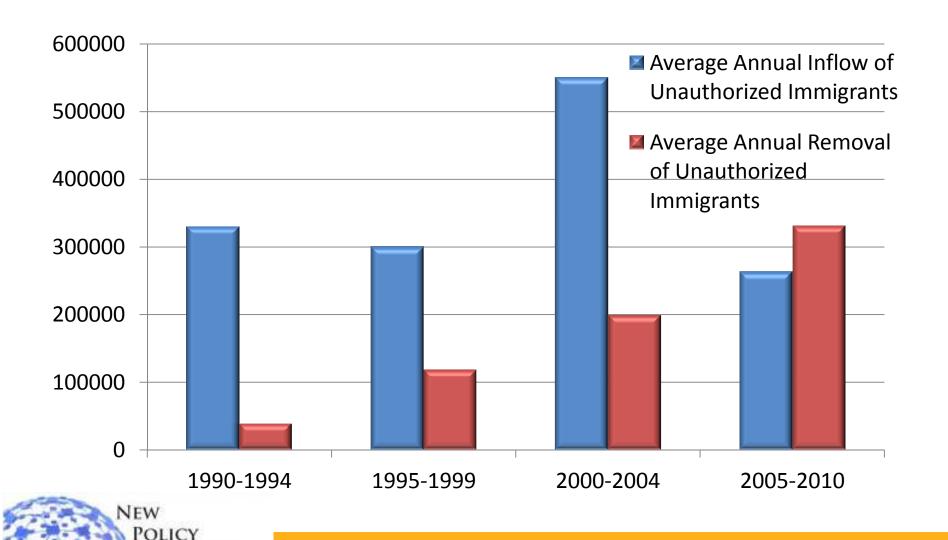
### While Deportations Have Increased

#### Removals per Year





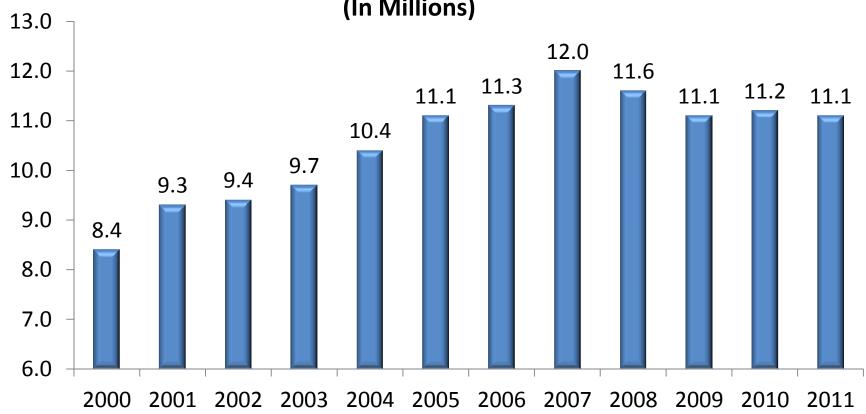
### Net Flow Is Now Zero, Even Negative



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# Leading to a Drop in Total Unauthorized Population

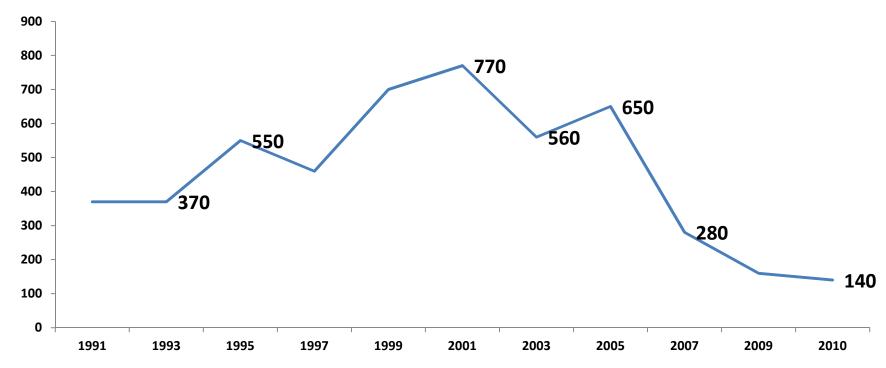
Estimated US Unauthorized Immigrant Population (In Millions)





### Flow of Mexican Migrants Has Plummeted

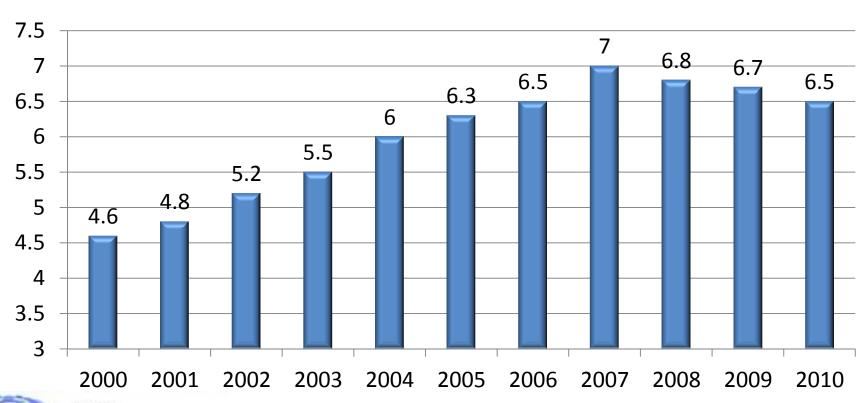






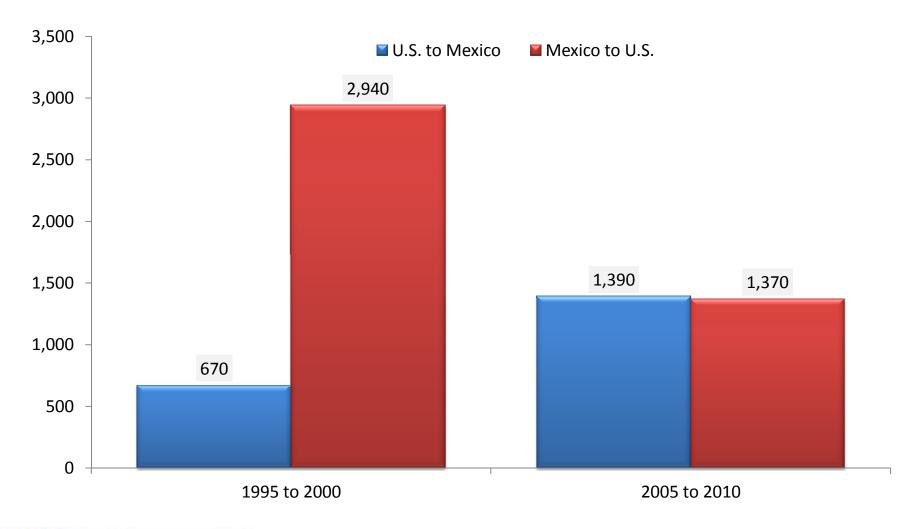
# Unauthorized <u>Mexican</u> Population in the US Is Shrinking

# Estimated US Unauthorized Immigrant Population from Mexico





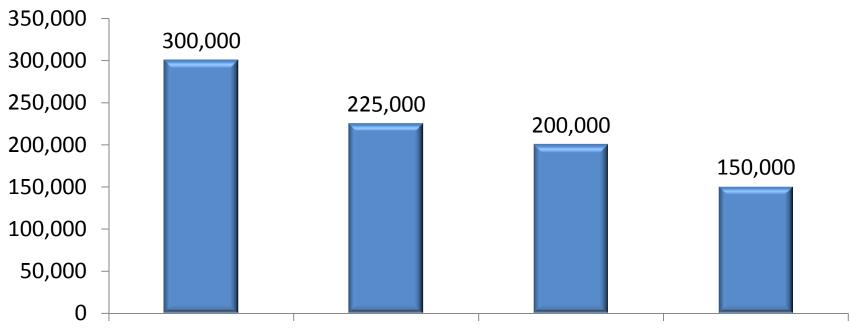
### **Net Mexico-US Migration Now at Zero**





# **Tough Enforcement Provisions in Senate Bill** Will Push Unauthorized Flow Even Lower

#### **Unauthorized Immigrants Entering US Per Year**



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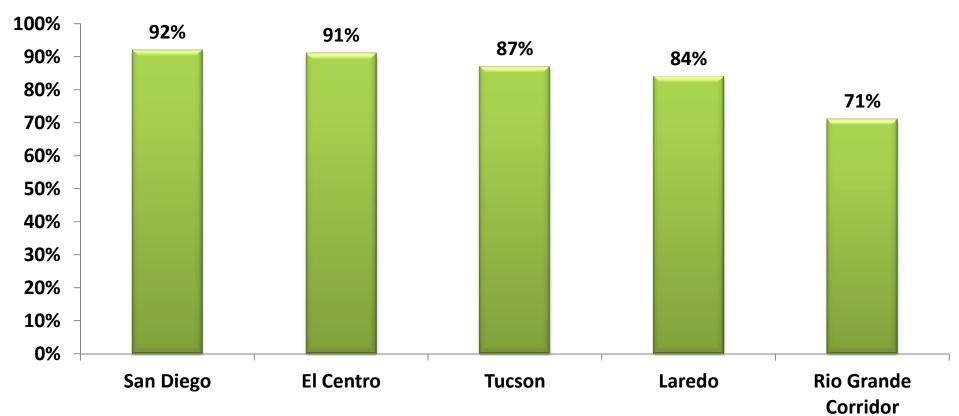
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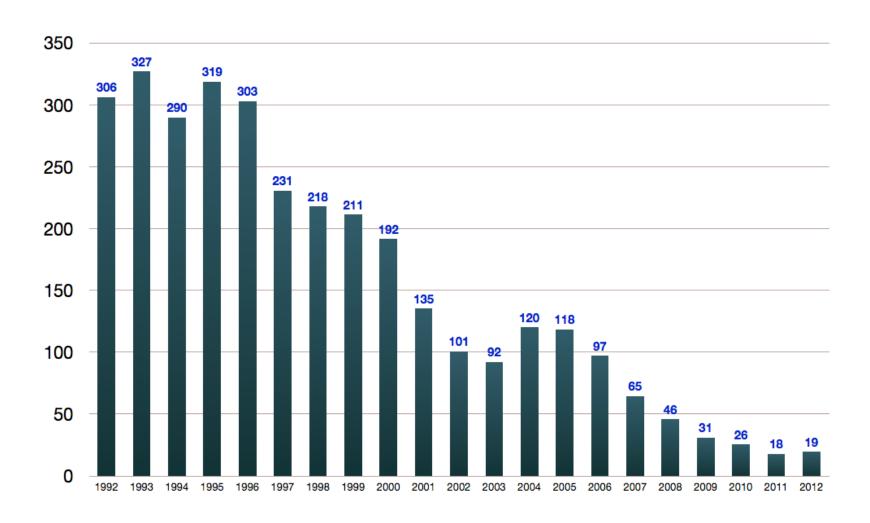
# Two of the Five "High Traffic" Corridors are Already Above 90% "Effectiveness Rates"



Of the Border Patrol's nine southwest-border sectors, five had more than 30,000 apprehensions Making them a "high traffic" corridor.

"Effectiveness rate" is calculated by dividing the percentage of apprehensions plus turn backs per year by the estimated total number of illegal entries per year.

### Apprehensions per Border Patrol Agent, 1992-2012





# The Immigration System Is Better

# Administration Has Used Its Legal Authority To Make Significant Improvements In the System

- Replaced work place raids with more targeted and effective I-9 audits
- Expanded and improved the nation's worker verification system
- Prioritized criminal migrants for deportation
- Implemented Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DREAM Youth)
- Is doing away with the 3-10 year bar, allowing more families to stay together during the legal immigration process







# Administration Fought Self - Deportation Movement and Won

- In 2010 the Obama Administration
  Sued Arizona to stop the enforcement of Arizona's anti-immigrant legislation SB-1070
- Arizona's SB1070, was dealt a near deathblow last year by a conservative U.S. Supreme Court.
- State Senator Russell Pearce, the political architect of SB1070, was recalled from office by a coalition led by mainstream GOP and business leaders

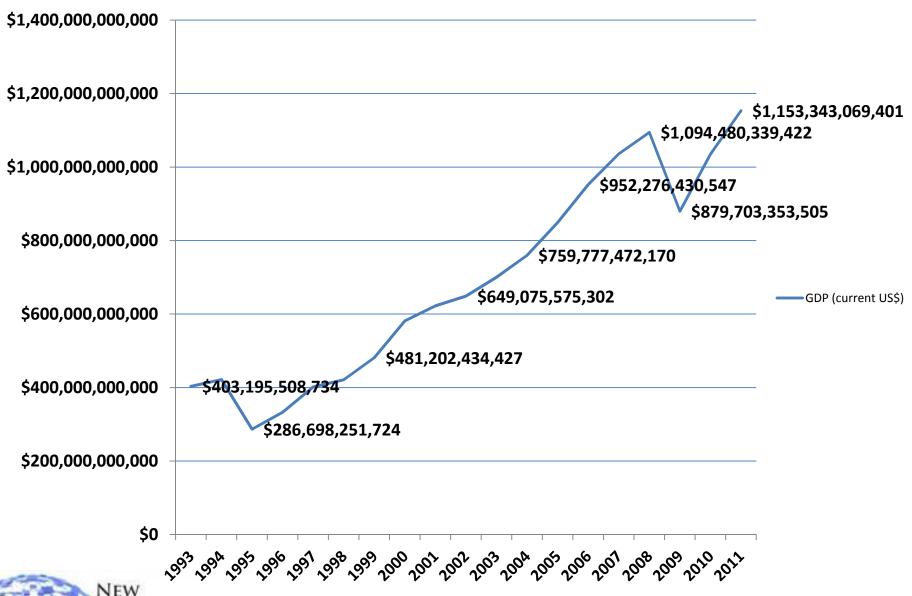




# Mexico Is Modernizing, Growing



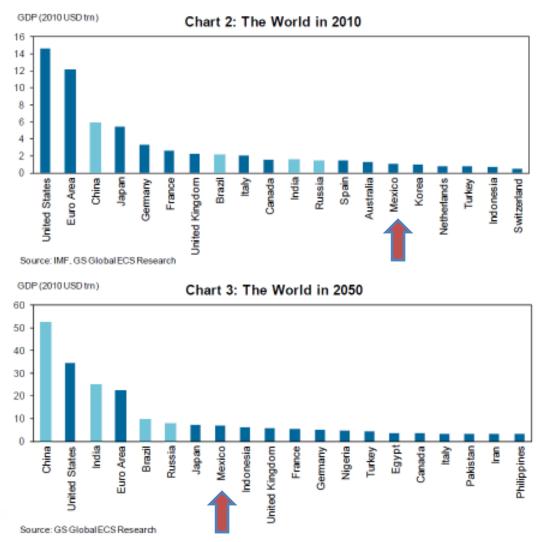
### Mexico's GDP Is Growing



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# Mexico's GDP Projected to Overtake France, Germany, UK, Rival Japan by 2050



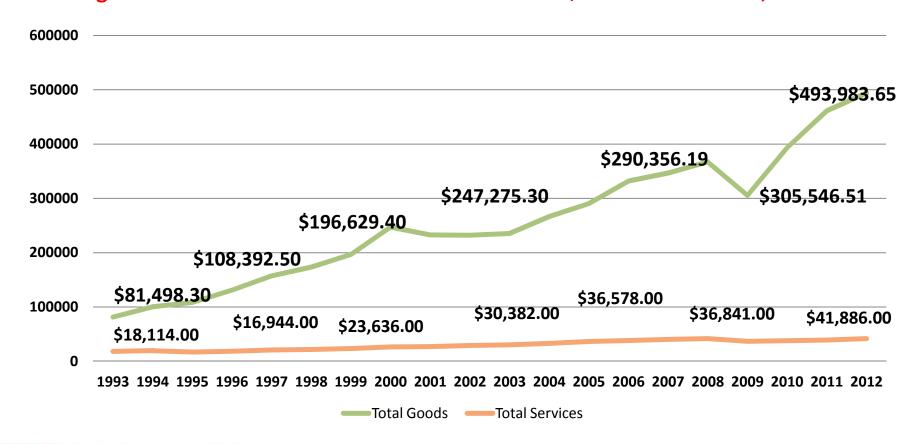
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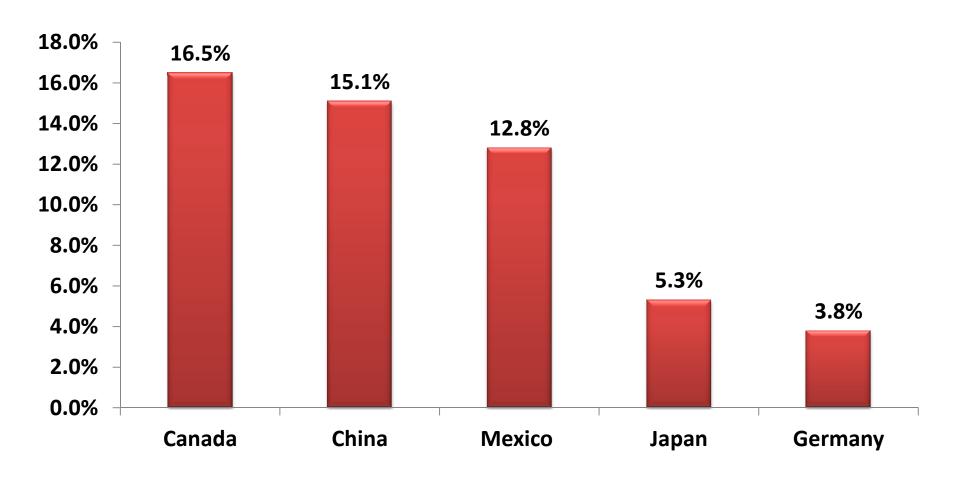
# US Trade with Mexico Has Skyrocketed 1993-2012

\*Bilateral goods and services trade reached an estimated \$536 billion in 2012, a new record.



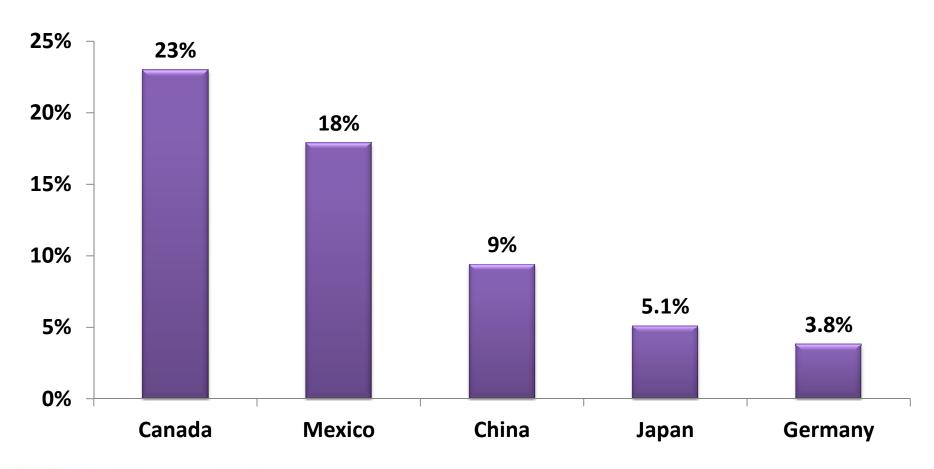


# Mexico Has Become the US's Third Largest Trading Partner





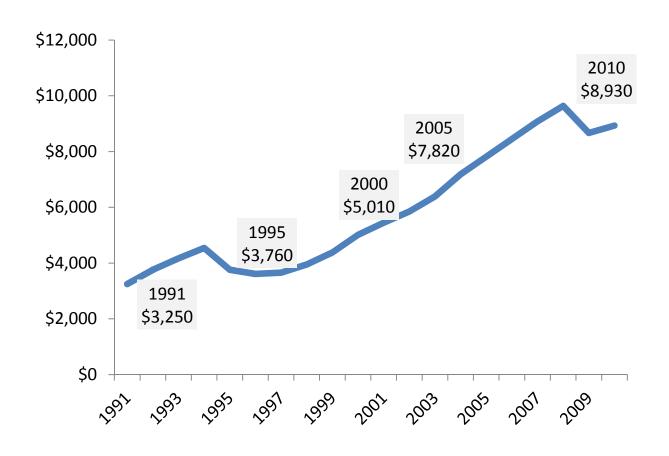
### **And Our Second Largest Export Market**





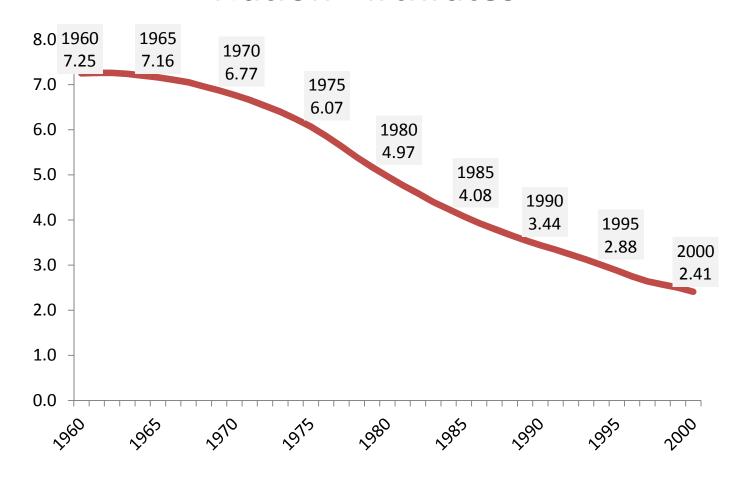
### Mexico's Progress Is Much More Broadly Shared

**Gross National Income (GNI)** 





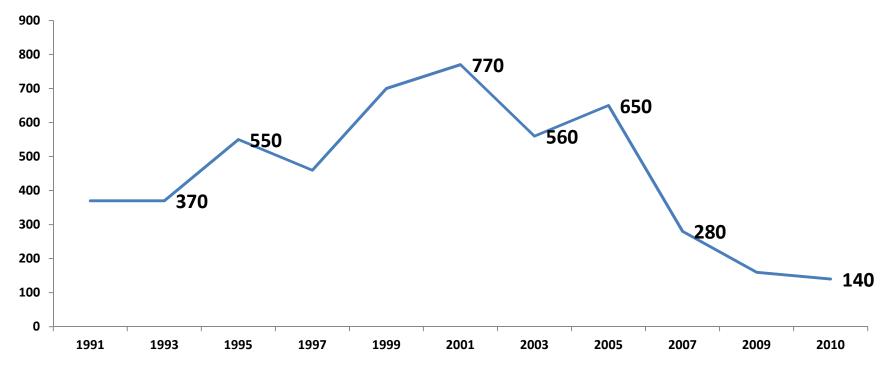
# Mexico Moving Toward Modern Developed Nation Birthrates





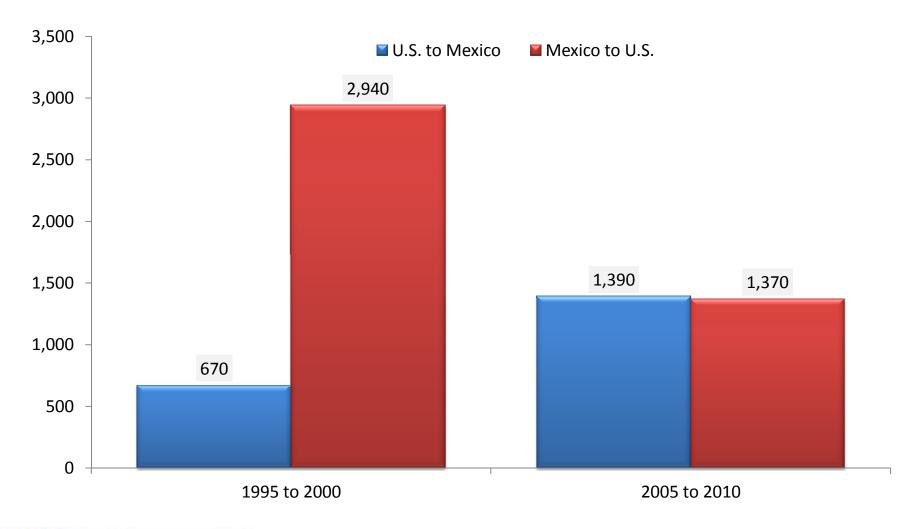
### Flow of Mexican Migrants Has Slowed







### **Net Mexico-US Migration Now at Zero**





#### The Bottom Line

With more money, a better strategy and greater cooperation with Mexico, the Obama Administration and Congress have made our border safer, our immigration system better while also dramatically expanding legal trade and tourism with Mexico.

We have made great progress in recent years, but now need to finish the job and pass a good CIR bill – which includes a reasonable and fair path to citizenship - this year.



#### **Thank You**

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