Immigration Prosecutions Reached All-time High in FY 2013

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Greetings. The latest available data from the Justice Department show that during FY 2013 immigration prosecutions reached an all-time high, with new cases being filed against 97,384 defendants. This number is up 5.9 percent over the past fiscal year, and up 22.6 percent over the past five years, according to the case-by-case information analyzed by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) and obtained from the Executive Office for United States Attorneys under the Freedom of Information Act.

Prosecutions for illegal entry under 8 USC 1325 increased 12 percent from FY 2012, while those for illegal re-entry under 8 USC 1326 rose only slightly. On the other hand, illegal entry prosecutions are up only 8.4 percent since the last year of the Bush administration, whereas those for illegal re-entry have risen 76.2 percent since Obama took office.

For more details, including a twenty-year timeline of prosecutions under both these statutes, see the report at:

   http://trac.syr.edu/immigration/reports/336/

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