



A Foreign Policy Problem
Ten Facts about Migration to the US

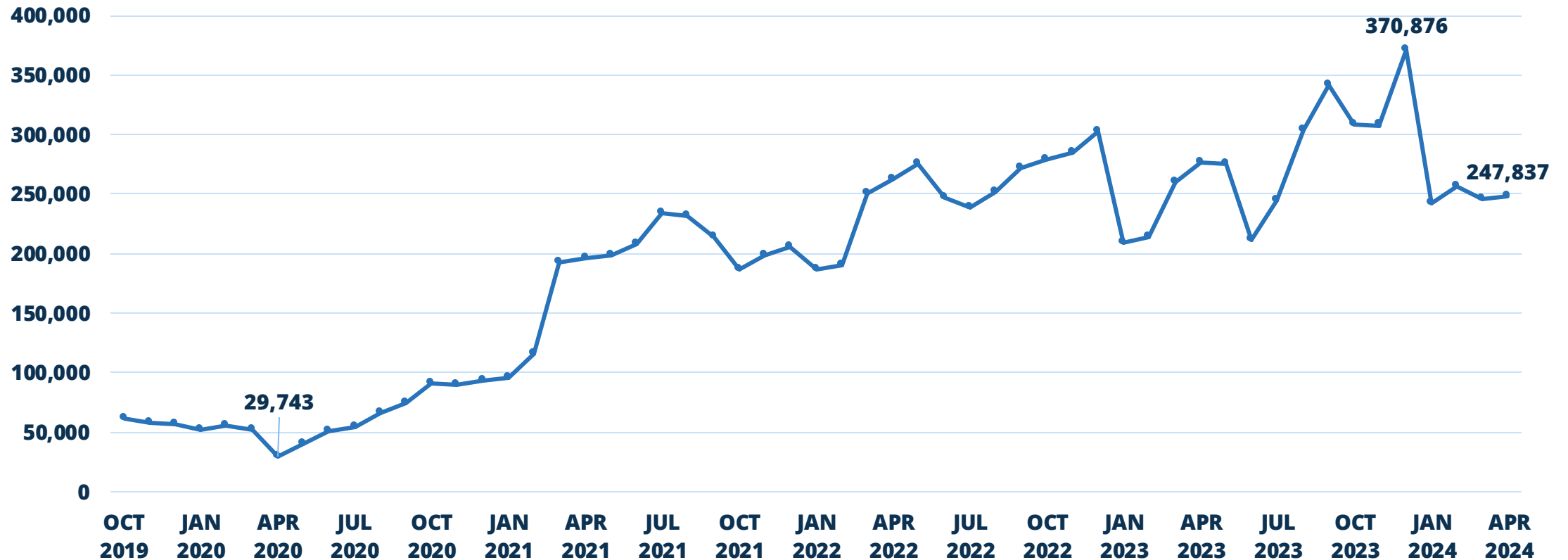
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Ten facts about Migration to the US

1. Between August 2020 and April 2024, 10.5 million people have reached the US-Mexico border or 8,000 daily
2. Of those millions of people reaching nearly 1% of the US population in three consecutive years
 - a. Over 35% resulted in immediate expulsions.
 - b. the rest were handled through apprehension and inadmissibility procedures;
 - c. Not all the 65% were immediately released into the US.
 - d. They arrive at nine border patrol sectors (48 official land border crossings, with apprehension caseload quadrupled for 5,000 employees;
3. 16 nationalities comprised 90% of all arrivals: ALL coming from politically difficult countries
 - a. Northern Triangle (3): 20% (more people migrated under Bukele than past 30 years)
 - b. C-H-N-V (4): 23%
 - c. Mexico: 27% (more people migrated under AMLO than the past 30 years)
 - d. Other (8): 19% Russia, Ukraine, China, India, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Philippines)
4. As of 2024 there were 1.6 million asylum applications with a backlog of more than 800,000 applications that are yet to have a court hearing; while the rest have hearing dates going on for years.
 - a. There are 700 judges handling these cases nationwide.
 - b. The increase goes from 100,000 backlogs in 2012, reaching 500,000 in 2019 and now over 800,000.
 - c. There is a correlation between the main nationalities arriving at the border and those seeking asylum
5. Public opinion on immigration as to whether it should decrease (under 35%) or increase (over 40%) has remained in steady response range over the past 20 years.
6. More than 60% of Americans think immigration is a good thing, a number that has remained steady for 20 years;
7. Public opinion on why people migrate identify economic conditions in the US and violence in their homeland rather than the current administration signaling to come here
8. Arrivals of migrants to US cities has increased a carrying capacity problem in some locations while unemployment has correlated with immigration patterns
9. The percent of the foreign-born population in the US relative to global migration has remained in 20% for the past thirty years
10. Migration has been weaponized by certain countries like Nicaragua allowing for charter flights and charging visa violation fees
 - a. At least 100,000 passengers from Haiti and Cuba arrived in charter flights in 2023 en route to the US-Mexico border
 - b. At least 10 charter flights originated in Africa, Asia and Europe en route to the US-Mexico border :
 - c. Two charter flights arrived in Managua from Libya in May 2024 after the US announced sanctions procedures for flights facilitating irregular migration;
 - d. At least 500 migrants a day are charged visa violations fee and chartered by land to the Honduran-Nicaragua border

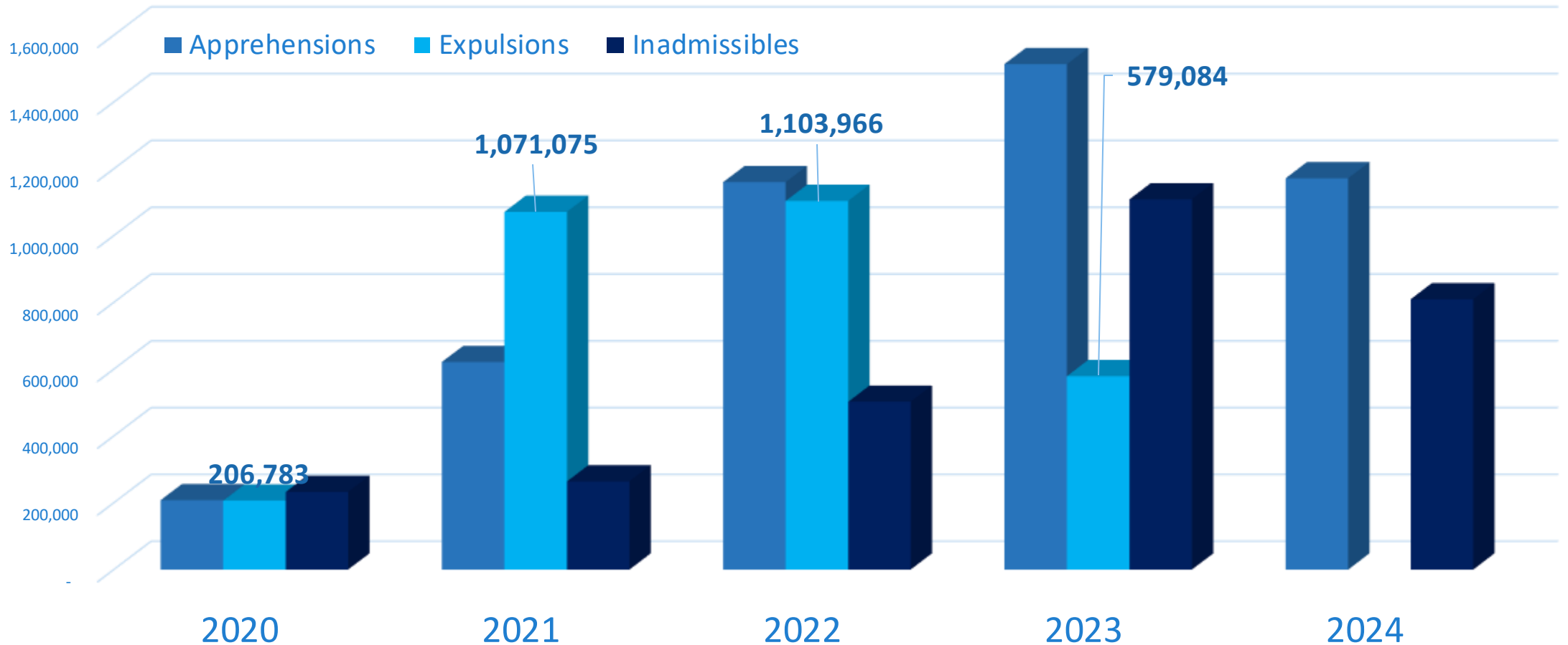
FACT #1: Migration flows to the United States have amounted to 12.3 million encounters since Oct 2019—at least a small percentage entered the US before T42, and a higher one after May 2023

Nationwide Encounters



Source: DHS Nationwide Encounters

FACT #2: Encounters by Type



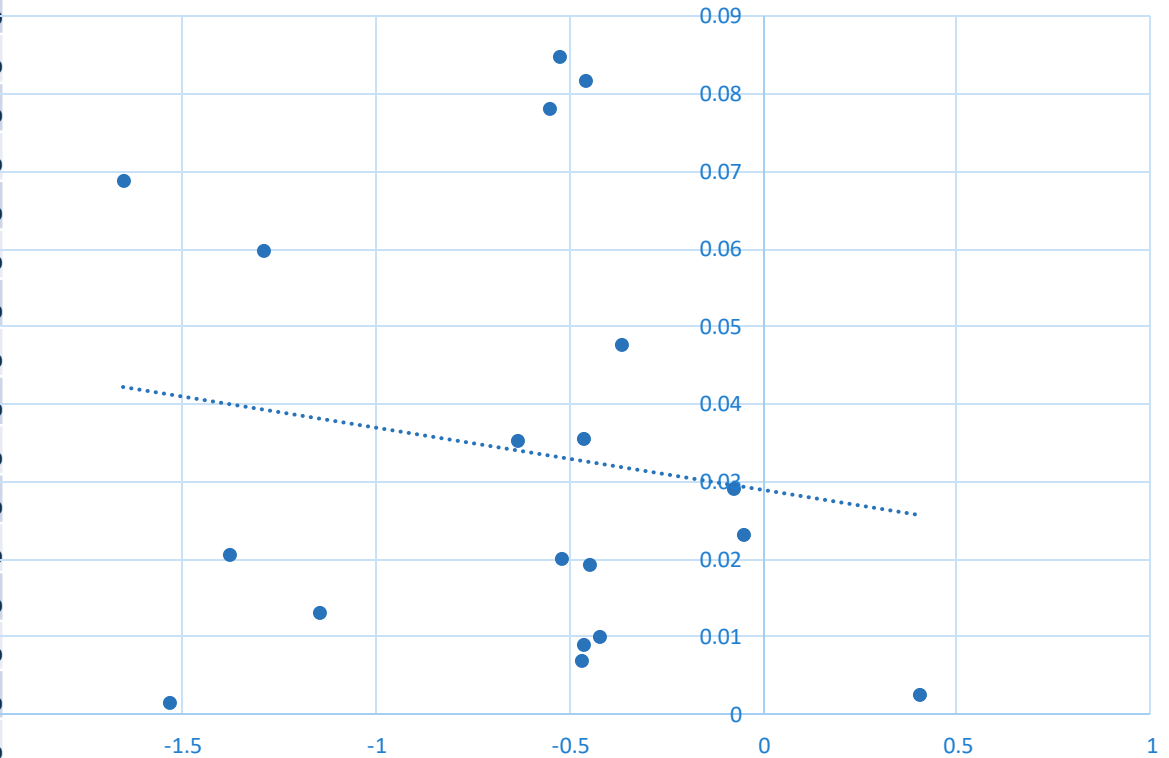
NOTE: Not all Apprehension Encounters result in release; According to DHS 27% of encounters are recidivists

Source: DHS, Nationwide Encounters; FY 2024, ND yet available for expulsions

FACT #3: 16 countries make 91% of all encounters, all from politically difficult countries

Citizenship	August 2020-April 2024	Percent
MEXICO	2,942,615	29%
GUATEMALA	912,686	9%
HONDURAS	870,638	9%
VENEZUELA	730,616	7%
CUBA	606,946	6%
NICARAGUA	419,253	4%
HAITI	401,032	4%
COLOMBIA	392,473	4%
ECUADOR	331,568	3%
EL SALVADOR	309,002	3%
INDIA	252,762	2%
UKRAINE	247,548	2%
PHILIPPINES	224,442	2%
BRAZIL	174,959	2%
PERU	166,243	2%
CHINA	163,560	2%
CANADA	156,878	2%
RUSSIA	125,480	1%
TURKEY	53,859	1%
ROMANIA	19,270	0%
MYANMAR (BURMA)	18,131	0%
OTHER (mostly African nationalities)	691,266	7%

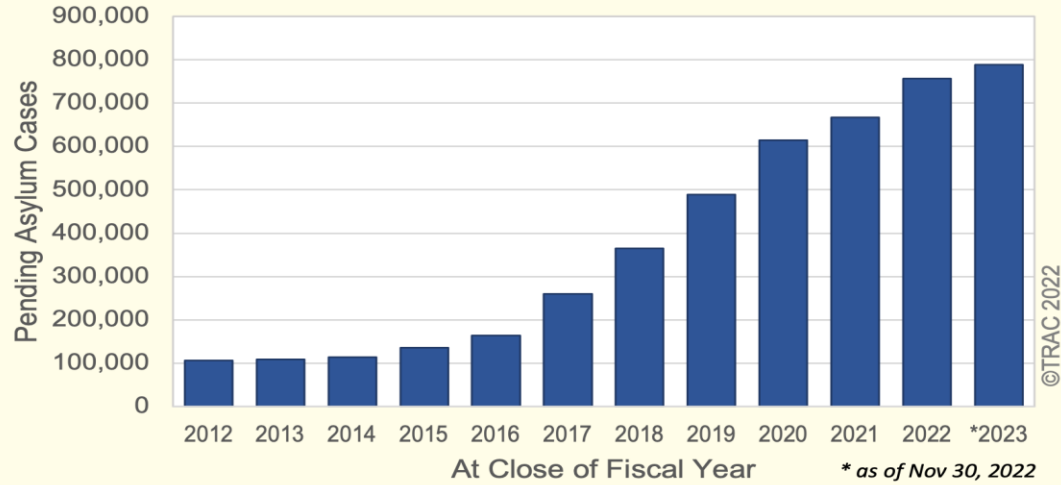
Governance and Migration to the US Border



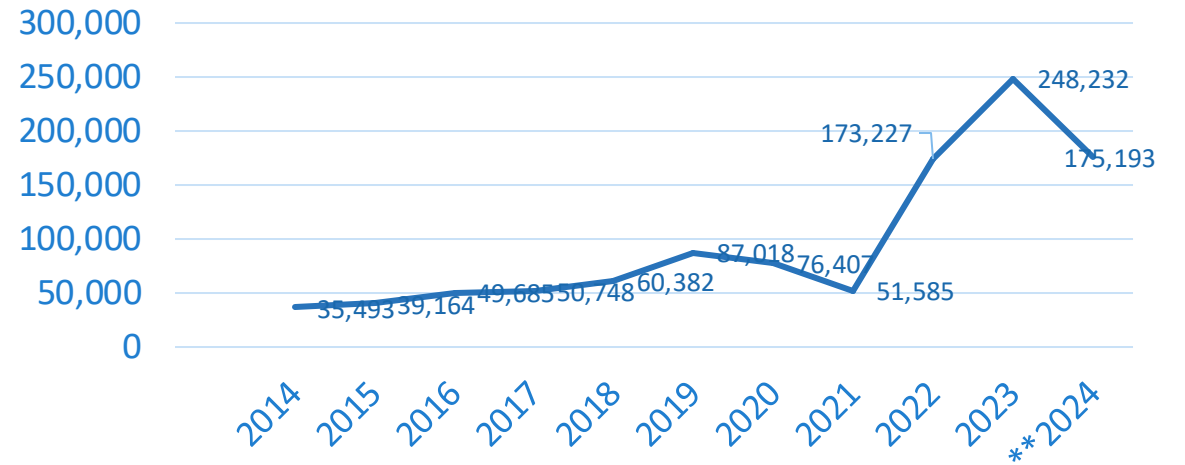
- Excepting Romania, none of those nationalities arriving at the US border are above the World Bank's governance indicators of political stability, corruption, rule of law.
- More people have migrated under Bukele than the past 30 years

FACT #4: Asylum cases in the US, over 1.3 million

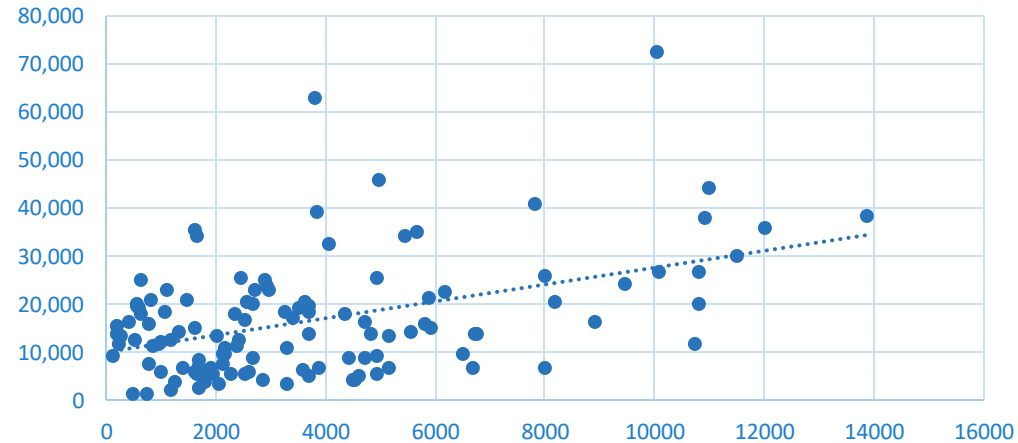
Growth in the Immigration Court Asylum Backlog



Filed Asylum Application by Fiscal Year

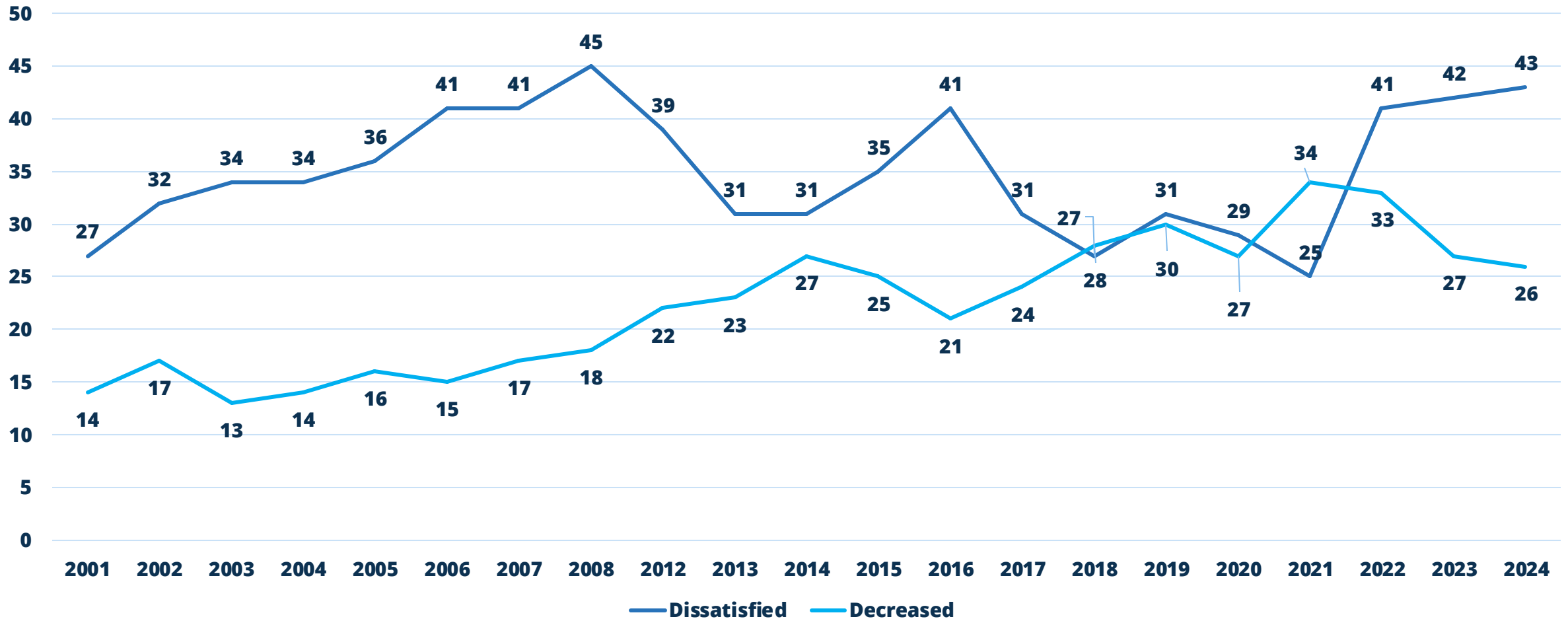


Encounters and Asylum Applications, Oct.2021-March 2024: C-H-N-V



FACT #5: Public opinion on immigration

People who think immigration should be decreased & People who are dissatisfied with current migration levels (%)

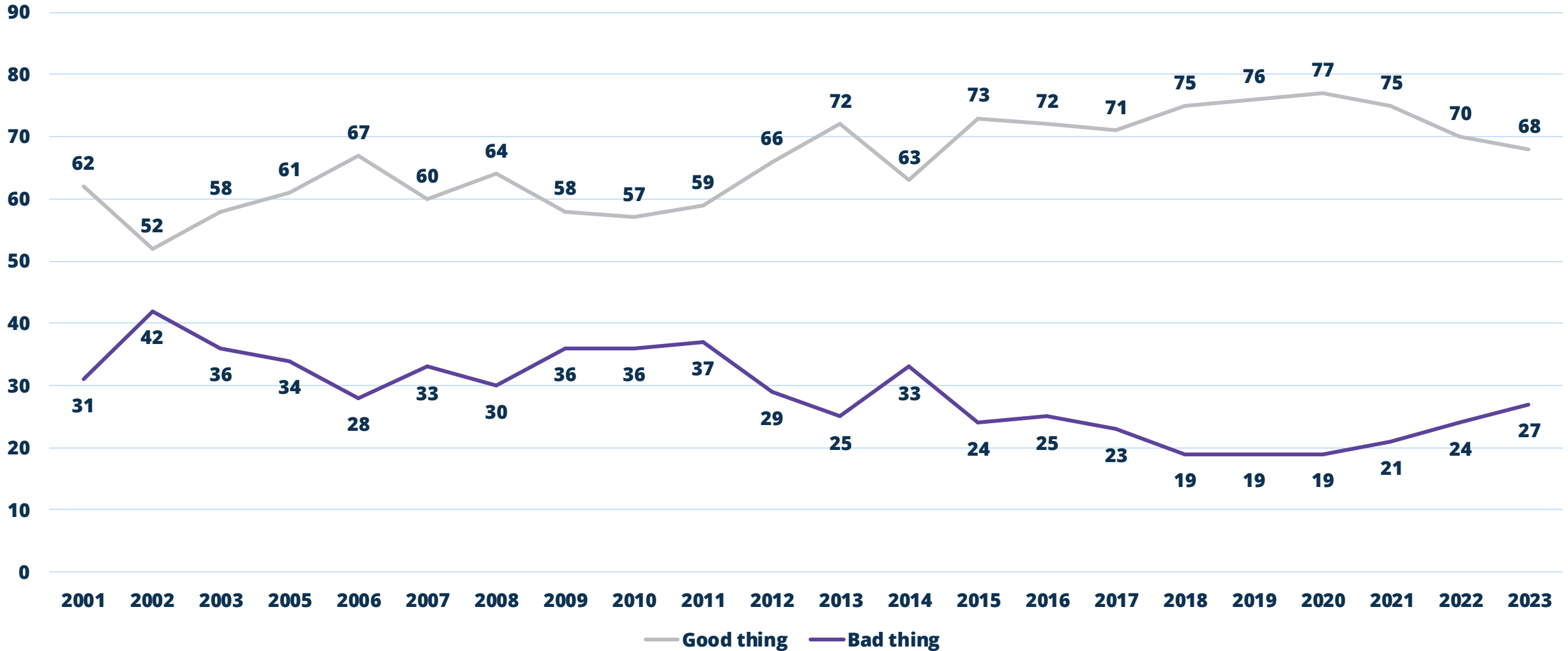


Source: Gallup polls on "Immigration"

<https://news.gallup.com/poll/1660/immigration.aspx#:~:text=Americans'%20views%20on%20the%20level,and%2026%25%20want%20it%20increased.>

Fact #6: Most people think migration is a good thing for the US

On the whole, do you think immigration is a good thing or a bad thing for this country today? (%)

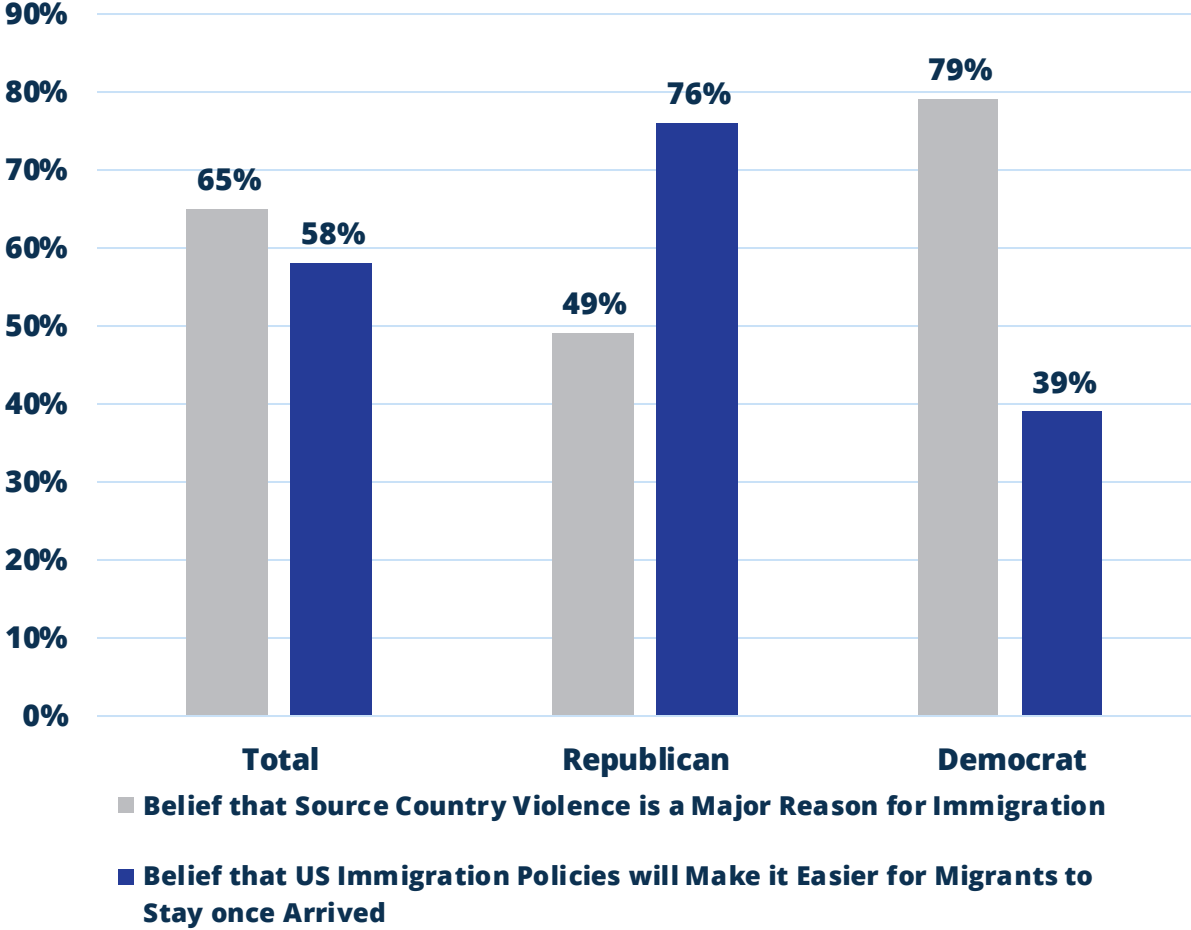
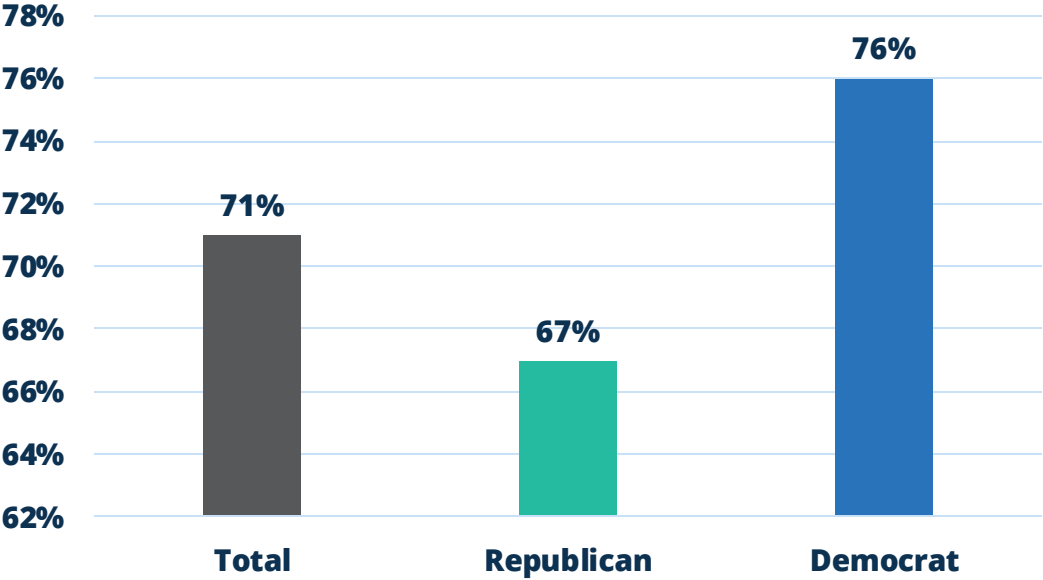


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FACT #7: Public Opinion of Why people come

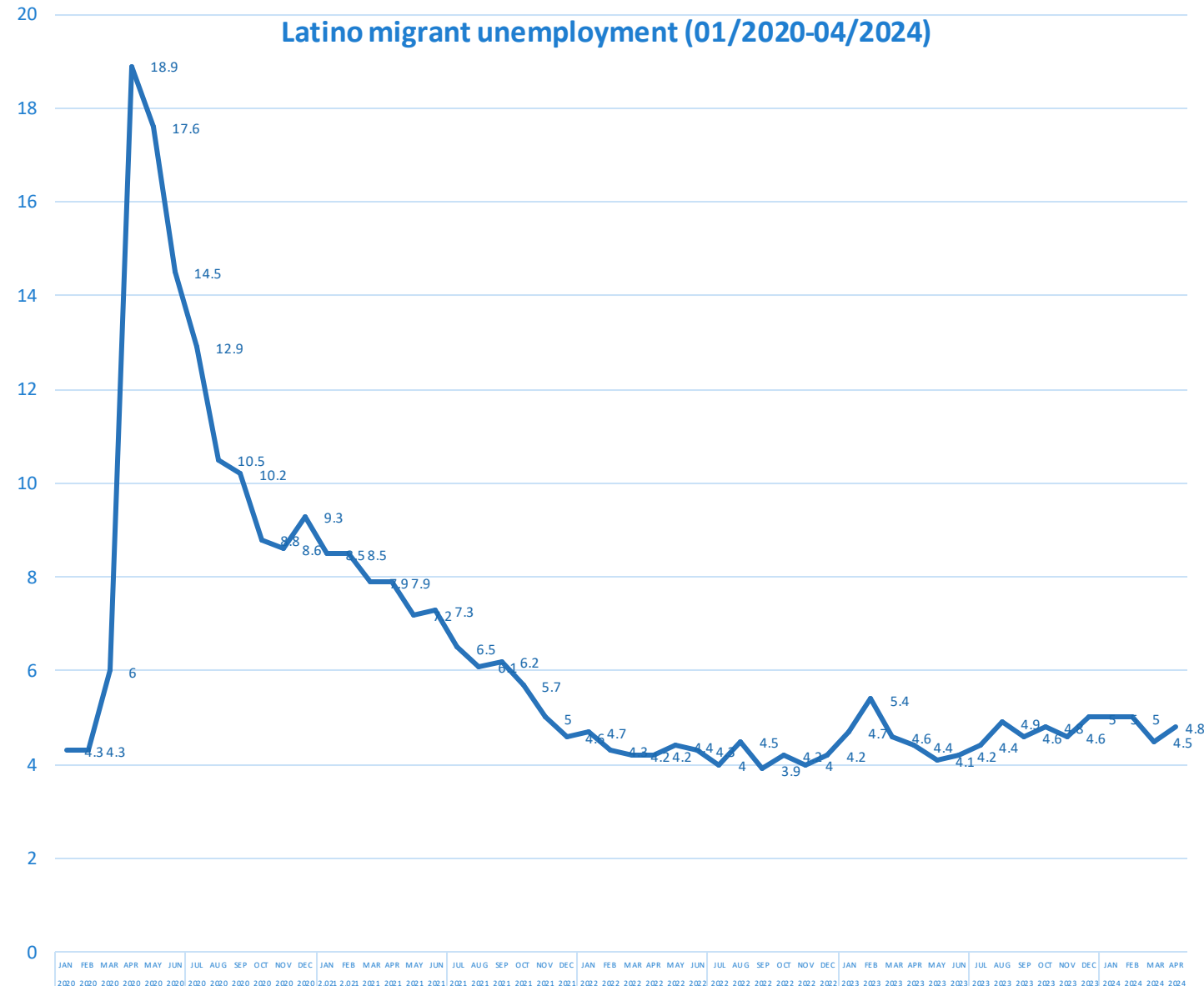
Belief that Economic Opportunity is a Major Reason for Immigration



Source: Pew Research Center – Survey of US adults conducted January 16-21, 2024

Fact #8: Cities carrying capacity and jobs

- *Sheltering migrants in city becomes a policy issue in many cities*
- *“The US needs immigrants to fill jobs, but can't house them. Nowhere makes this more clear than New York City.”*
 - An influx of over 175,000 migrants in New York City has further exposed the city's housing crisis.
 - Mayor Eric Adams warned the migrant influx could 'destroy' the city.
 - But the US relies on immigrants to fill key jobs – and they've long boosted the housing market. ([Business Insider](#))
 - Adult migrants without children seeking to extend their shelter stays will now need to prove they meet one of several “extenuating circumstances” to qualify for a bed beyond initial 30- or 60-day stints. ([City Limits](#))



FACT #9: The US as percent of global distribution of migration

Despite the large inflow of migration, the US continues to be close to 20% of the world's destination of migrants



Source: UNDESA

FACT #10: Nicaragua's weaponizing of migration

Flights to Managua from **Port Au Prince; Havana; Curacao; Caracas Casablanca; Zanderij**; : 1145 charter flights of at least 150 passengers en route to the Mexico-US border (July 2023-Jan 2024)

2023 Charter Flights	Passengers from Port Au Prince	Flights	Haitian arrivals at US-Mex border
August (4 th week)	3,000	30	19,769
September	11,435	100	18,402
October (3 weeks)	17,040	138	16,500
Eight weeks only	31,475	268	54,671

Migration from Nicaragua since 2018 increases due to repression

Expulsion	Nic-C Rica	Nic- US	Other	Migration	Parole
2019	39,423	11,113	6,094	46,719	
2020	9,416	2,314	1,413	14,259	
2021	52,929	92,317	15,426	155,660	
2022	68,760	224,613	31,539	318,255	
2023	29,149	80,159	11,953	120,614	56,679
2024	21,493	86,700	14,431	155,619	61,349
	221,171	497,216	80,855	811,127	

Since 2019, 13% of Nicaragua has left the country. There were 650,000 migrants abroad, there are 1.5 million as of 2024

Flights to Managua: Weak of May 14 to May 23, 2024, 11 charter flights

Origin	Flights
Miami Intl (KMIA)	70
El Salvador Int'l (SAL / MSLP)	46
Juan Santamaria Int'l (SJO / MROC)	36
Houston Bush Int'ctl (KIAH)	23
Tocumen Int'l (PTY / MPTO)	20
Near Corn Island, RAAS (Zelaya)	16
Near Bluefields, RAAS (Zelaya)	14
Fort Lauderdale Intl (KFLL)	12
Puerto Cabezas (PUZ / MNPC)	10
Lic. Benito Juarez Int'l (MEX / MMMX)	7
La Aurora Int'l (GUA / MGGT)	6
Jose Marti Int'l (HAV / MUHA) [CUBA]	5
Near Maiquetia, Vargas [VENEZUELA]	4
Guanacaste (LIR / MRLB)	3
Hamilton/John C. Munro Int'l (CYHM)	3
Benina Int'l (BEN / HLLB) [LYBIA]	2
Comayagua Int'l (XPL / MHPR)	2
Los Angeles Intl (KLAX)	2
Los Brasiles (MNBR)	2
Other flights within Western Hemisphere--not Venezuela or Cuba	23