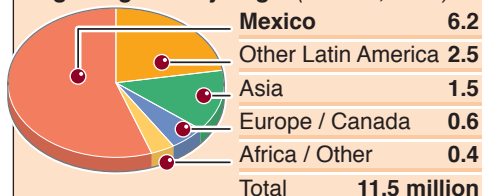


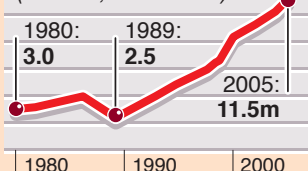
# U.S. immigration debate heats up

Amid deadlock in Congress over reforms to immigration legislation in the run-up to the mid-term elections, the United States is bracing for further protests by Latino immigrants and their supporters to pressure legislators to grant illegal aliens the right to gain citizenship

## Illegal migrants by origin (millions, 2005)



## Living in U.S. (millions, 1980-2005)



CALIFORNIA

**Border Patrol Sectors:** Arrests for illegal entry to U.S. via Mexico in 2004 – **1,139,282**

**Border Patrol:**  
11,000 agents

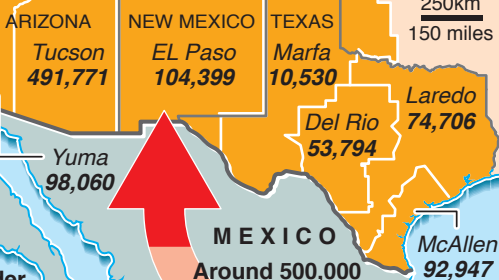
San Diego **138,608**  
EL Centro **74,467**



**Border fence:** Congress debating whether to construct two-layer fence along 1,125km of 3,220km Mexico-U.S. border.

Fencing already exists along 160km of border near cities

**MEXICO**  
Around 500,000 enter U.S. illegally each year – mostly from Mexico – without getting caught



250km  
150 miles

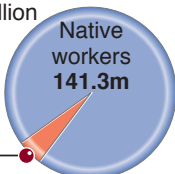


## ILLEGAL MIGRANTS AT WORK

### U.S. work force:

148.6 million (2005)

Illegal migrants  
7.2m –  
4.9%



### Selected occupations (%)

Illegal migrants	Native
24	Farming 76
17	Cleaning 83
14	Construction 86
12	Food preparation 88



Much of California's agriculture relies on migrant labour