

# Trump escalates border wall fight

President Donald Trump's first prime-time address from the Oval Office reiterated his belief that the "crisis" at the U.S.-Mexico border can only be solved with his wall.

His critics argue that the security risks are overblown

**U.S. BORDER PATROL APPREHENSIONS OF UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS, by fiscal year (Oct-Sep)**

Number of Illegal border crossings down from 1.6 million in 2000 to under 400,000 last year

2019: 102,857

