

## DHS made 98 percent of arrests at southern border

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**WASHINGTON (AP) —** The Border Patrol says agents made more arrests along the Mexican border in Texas last year than any other place in the country.

Border Patrol said Friday agents in Texas made 235,567 arrests in the budget year that ended in September. For much of the last decade, Arizona had been the busiest section of the Mexican border. Agents there last year made 125,942 arrests.

In October, Border Patrol Chief Michael Fisher said much of the increase was attributable to an influx of would-be immigrants from Central America who had been arrested in South Texas.

Agents nationwide made 420,789 arrests, about 414,000 along the southern border. Fisher said about 320,000 to 330,000 different people were arrested.

Border security remains an issue as Congress debates potential changes to the nation's immigration laws.

