MIGRATION AND THE BORDER REGION

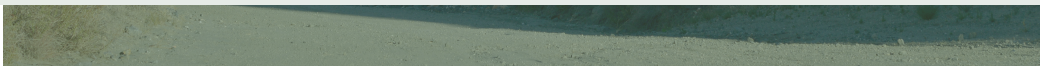
We believe that the challenges and opportunities across the Border region demand informed civic participation, strong leadership and cross-border understanding, and collaboration. Our series of Border Briefs highlights issues and offers critical insight to drive new solutions and foster greater action for the Border region. The key takeaways below offer a glimpse into the challenges and opportunities that exist. Scan the QR code below or visit borderpartnership.org to read the full brief.

Key Takeaways:

- ❑ The U.S.-Mexican border region has been **shaped by more than a century and a half of waves of migration** from within the United States, from Mexico, and in recent decades from Central America, the Caribbean, South America, and elsewhere.
- ❑ **U.S. economic growth cycles that generated an insatiable demand for labor** attracted migrants hoping to improve their economic conditions or find security away from political and social instability in their home regions.



1.6 million At the end of 2022, there were some 1.6 million asylum hearings pending in the U.S., up from about 100,000 in 2012.



- ❑ The Bracero Program and subsequent migration **established permanent networks and relationships** that continue to facilitate migration to the border and the United States.
- ❑ Migration has been an **ongoing issue in U.S. politics** and is often contentious in the bilateral relationship with Mexico.
- ❑ The U.S. migration system is dysfunctional and needs **bipartisan congressional and administration support for effective reform**. Border community and migrant-sending nation consultations must be included to develop a more effective immigration regime.
- ❑ **Vacillating U.S. immigration policy and measures** often have negative impacts on U.S. and Mexican border communities, which confront needs to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants.

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