



BORDER CRISIS STARTLING STATS

The Biden-Mayorkas Border Crisis Breaks its Own Record—and Americans Across the Country are Paying for it

AUGUST FY2023
ENCOUNTERS

232,972

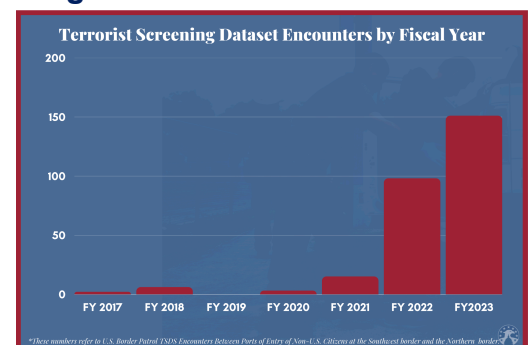
AUGUST FY2022
ENCOUNTERS

204,087

AUGUST FY2021
ENCOUNTERS

209,840

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) reported **232,972 alien encounters along the Southwest Border (SWB) in August 2023.**
- This is a **14% increase** compared to last August. With one month remaining, encounters at the Southwest border in FY2023 have increased **over 100%** compared to all of **FY2019.**
 - Of these encounters, **181,059 individuals were apprehended attempting to cross illegally between ports of entry.** This is a **36% increase** since the previous month.
 - This confirms a statement by **former Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz**, who briefed the Committee following the end of Title 42 and **said the decrease in illegal crossings is likely to be temporary.**
- **Encounters by the Office of Field Operations (OFO) were the highest on record in August and increased 132% from August 2022.**
 - Since the beginning of the FY23, **211,000** Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans have been **granted parole under the administration's CHNV parole process at ports of entry nationwide.**
- **45,400 inadmissible aliens** were processed by **OFO with CBP One app appointments in August. In July**, Secretary Mayorkas expanded the number of daily admission to more than **1,450 per day** via the app.
 - **Almost all** of these inadmissible aliens will ultimately be released into the interior, regardless of whether they are granted parole or claim asylum.
 - Following the end of Title 42, Secretary Mayorkas has utilized the expansion of the **CBP One app to shift more, otherwise inadmissible aliens to ports of entry and make the chaos seem orderly.**
- At the SW border in August 2023, **101,828 single adults, 116,721 family unit individuals, and 14,259 unaccompanied children were encountered along the Southwest border. Family unit encounters increased 35% compared to July 2023 and 125% compared to Aug. 2022.**
 - So far this fiscal year, **151 individuals whose names appear on the terrorist watchlist** were stopped trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border between ports of entry.
 - This is a **54% increase** from all FY22, and there is still **one more month left in the fiscal year.**





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Criminal Cartels Had a Booming Business in August

- Since President Biden took office, there have been **over 7 million encounters nationwide** and **6 million encounters at the Southwest border**, in addition to **nearly 1.6 million known gotaways** who evaded U.S. Border Patrol.
- In August, illegal crossings at the Southwest border **averaged nearly 6,000 a day**.
 - Since the beginning of Fiscal Year 2023, there have been **over 2 million alien encounters** at our Southwest border.
- So far in FY23, CBP has **arrested 32,097 aliens with criminal convictions** or outstanding warrants nationwide, including **564 known gang members**, 167 of those being MS-13 members.
- In FY23 alone, CBP, including Air and Marine Operations, has seized **25,901 pounds of fentanyl**, coming across the Southwest border—enough to kill around 6 billion people.
 - Notably, Federal officials estimate they are only able to **seize 5-10% of all illegal drugs** smuggled across the Southwest border.
- Since the **beginning of FY23**, 20,273 Chinese nationals have been encountered along the Southwest border—a **831% increase in encounters compared to all of last fiscal year**.
- On August 8, **Massachusetts Governor** Maura Healey **declared a state of emergency** due to the influx of aliens.
- The next day, New York City **Mayor Eric Adams** stated the alien influx was “**not sustainable**,” as **around 100,000 aliens** have come to the state of New York, mostly to New York City over the last year, according to Governor Kathy Hochul.
- On August 8, a group of **suspected cartel gunmen**, **armed with rifles and body armor**, were seen on cameras crossing illegally into the Frontera, Texas and were never located.
- In early August, with **close to 20,000 aliens in detention** at the SW border, DHS instructed Border Patrol sectors to **increase alien releases**.

The Northern Border Crisis is at a Historic High

AUGUST FY2023
ENCOUNTERS
19,835

AUGUST FY2022
ENCOUNTERS
15,260

AUGUST FY2021
ENCOUNTERS
4,456

- Encounters at the Northern border in August 2023 **increased 345%** compared to August 2021.
- Encounters along the busiest sector of the Northern border, **the Swanton Sector**, have **increased nearly 2,200%** compared to August 2021.
- **3 suspected terrorists** have been stopped attempting to cross the Northern border between ports of entry this fiscal year.