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BORDER CRISIS STARTLING STATS

December 2022 Brings Highest Monthly Encounters at Southwest Border Ever Recorded

DEC FY2023
ENCOUNTERS

251,487

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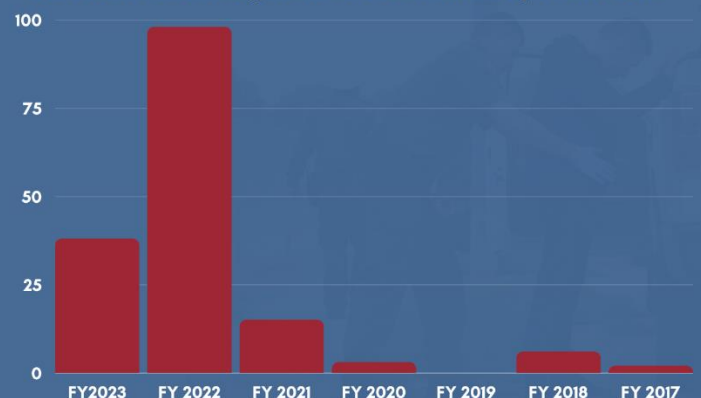
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- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) had **251,487 migrant encounters** along the Southwest Border (SWB) in December 2022 – a **40% increase from the previous year**.
- This total includes **161,808 single adults, 77,088 family unit individuals, and 12,298 unaccompanied children**.
 - Family units saw an **increase of 22%** – up from 63,316 in November.
- CBP expelled **49,405** individuals under Title 42 in December 2022 – a **mere 20% of the overall total** – highlighting the Biden administration’s refusal to fully utilize the public health authority.
- December 2022 was **the highest number of encounters ever recorded and the 10th straight month with more than 200,000 encounters** – a trend never before recorded.
- Since President Biden has been in office, there have been **over 4.5 million migrant encounters at the Southwest border**, in addition to **over 1.2 million known gotaways** who evaded U.S. Border Patrol agents in the last two years.
 - This is **larger than the population of Los Angeles, California**, the second largest city in the United States.
- Three months into Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 2023), there have been **more than 278,000 known gotaways**, coming out to **roughly 2,465 per day**.
- In just the first three months of the fiscal year, **38 people whose names appear on the terrorist watchlist** were stopped trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border between ports of entry.
 - This total is more than the encounters in all FY17, FY18, FY19, FY20, and FY21 combined and is on track to exceed the disturbing 98 encounters in FY22.
 - Notably, more individuals on the terrorist watchlists were encountered between ports of entry than at ports of entry at the Southwest border last month, meaning they were likely seeking to evade detection.

Terrorist Screening Dataset Encounters by Fiscal Year



*These numbers refer to U.S. Border Patrol TSDS Encounters Between Ports of Entry of Non-U.S. Citizens at the Southwest border.





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The Dangerous Impacts of Biden's Refusal to Enforce Law & Order

- In the first two months of FY 2023, CBP has already **arrested 6,980** individuals with criminal convictions including **146 known gang members**, 52 of those being MS-13 members.
 - **This is a 48% increase in arrests of** known gang members from November 2022.
- CBP saw a 17.5% increase in the weight of drugs seized in December from November 2022.
 - Between November to December 2022, fentanyl seizures **increased by a shocking 52%**.
 - Cocaine seizures similarly **increased by 32%**.
- **In FY 2023 alone, CBP has seized over 9,000 pounds of fentanyl coming across the Southwest border—Enough to kill over 2.1 billion people, or over 6.4 times the U.S. population.**
- If this extreme rate of fentanyl seizures continues, FY 2023 will be on track to **double last year's fentanyl seizure total.**
- Over a span of several days in December, CBP officers at the port of entry in Nogales, AZ made 8 separate fentanyl smuggling busts totaling more than 1.5 million pills, including some “rainbow” fentanyl.
- **On December 6, CBP officers at the Nogales, AZ port of entry made another enormous fentanyl bust, seizing 440,000 fentanyl pills hidden in the seats of a smuggler's vehicle.**
- In early December, Border Patrol agents in the Tucson, AZ sector arrested a human smuggler driving at extreme speeds smuggling 12 Mexican nationals, including two small unrestrained migrant children.
- On December 4, Border Patrol agents near San Miguel, AZ arrested a Guatemalan felon who was convicted of aggravated child molestation in Georgia and sentenced to prison for five years.
- Border Patrol in the Rio Grande Valley arrested two illegal immigrants with homicide convictions, including one convicted of murder of a peace officer in Los Angeles, and another convicted of homicide in Virginia.

Our Border Patrol Agents are Bearing the Brunt of Biden's Border Crisis

- A 38-year-old Border Patrol agent in the McAllen sector and father of two, was killed in a crash chasing a group of illegal immigrants on December 7, in Mission, TX.
 - The tragic death of one of our nation's frontline agents, came one day after President Biden said the border wasn't important enough to visit.
- In mid-December, U.S. Border Patrol Chief Ortiz **reported there have been over 16,000 migrant encounters at the border over a 48-hour period.**
 - That's an average of 8,000 per day.
 - Former Obama DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson once said 1,000 in a day would be a “crisis.”
- Last year, ending in December 2022, **14 CBP officers took their own lives**, the highest number since 2009.