



Fiscal Year 2024 Opens With the Fourth Worst Month for Southwest Border Encounters on CBP Record

OCT SWB FY24
ENCOUNTERS

240,988

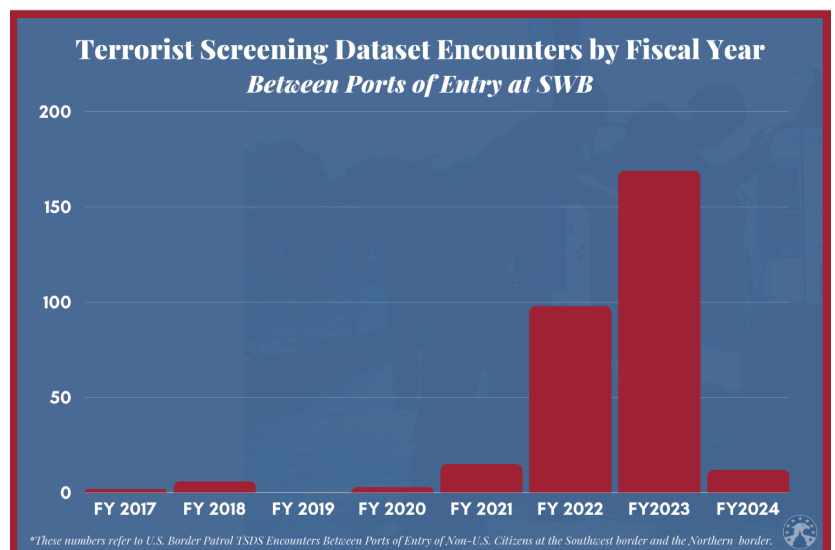
OCT SWB FY23
ENCOUNTERS

231,529

OCT SWB FY22
ENCOUNTERS

164,837

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recorded **309,221 encounters nationwide in October**, including **240,988 at the Southwest border (SWB)**. SWB encounters increased **4% compared to the previous October**, and **46%** compared to October of 2021.
- This monthly number also represents a **66% increase from June 2023**, when the Biden administration celebrated a short-lived drop in illegal crossings following the end of Title 42 after the cartels had pulled back to reassess their operations.
- At the SW border in October 2023, CBP encountered **123,055 single adults, 106,290 family unit individuals, and 11,522 unaccompanied children along the Southwest border**.
- Encounters by **the Office of Field Operations (OFO) at the Southwest border in October increased 97% compared to October 2022**, totaling 52,210. Nationwide, CBP recorded 118,739 encounters at ports of entry, up **66%** from last October.
- More than **44,000 inadmissible aliens were processed by OFO with CBP One app appointments** in October. In response to **a subpoena threat**, the Committee on Homeland Security recently received **startling information and documents** regarding the expanded use of the CBP One app by DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas:
 - Overall, **95.8 percent of all inadmissible aliens who scheduled appointments through the app during this time were ultimately issued a "Notice to Appear" and released into the United States on parole**.
- Since the program began, 269,744 Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans have been granted mass parole** under the administration's CHNV parole process at ports of entry nationwide, circumventing U.S. immigration law.
- Since President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas took office, there have been **7.8 million encounters nationwide** and **6.5 million encounters at the Southwest border**, in addition to **1.7 million known gotaways** who evaded U.S. Border Patrol.
- Just in the first month of FY2024, **12 individuals whose names appear on the terrorist watchlist** were stopped trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border between ports of entry.
- Since FY2021, **294 of these individuals have attempted to cross our SW border illegally**.





Criminal Cartels and Enemies of America Are Taking Advantage of Our Open Borders

- In October, **CBP arrested 3,295 aliens with criminal convictions nationwide**, including **50 known gang members**, **3 of those being MS-13 members**.
- In October, **CBP, including Air and Marine Operations**, seized **1,330 pounds of fentanyl** coming across the Southwest border—enough to kill more than **3 million people**. Federal officials estimate they are only able to **seize 5-10% of fentanyl** smuggled across the Southwest border.
- In October 2023, **4,261 Chinese nationals were encountered at the Southwest border**. This represents a **890% increase** compared to October 2022.
 - While their motives are unknown, Chairman Green has received confirmation from authorities that **individuals with ties to the CCP and the People’s Liberation Army have been intercepted**.
- Following the Oct. 7 terrorist attacks on our ally, Israel, an **internal DHS document was leaked** warning CBP personnel that **Iran-backed terrorists could be inspired by the heinous attacks to illegally cross our Southwest border**.
- **As reported in October**, from the beginning of FY2021 to the end of FY2023, Border Patrol agents at the Southwest border **encountered 659 nationals from Iran and 538 from Syria, both state sponsors of terrorism**. Agents also encountered **6,386 nationals from Afghanistan as well as 3,153 from Egypt**, 13,624 from Uzbekistan, 30,830 from Turkey, 1,613 from Pakistan, 164 from Lebanon, 185 from Jordan, **139 from Yemen, and 123 from Iraq**.
- Even worse, documents **Homeland Republicans obtained** from DHS concerning its expanded use of the CBP One app to grant mass parole showed that:
 - Out of **246 appointments made by Afghan nationals**, **229 were released** on parole, a rate of 93%.
 - Out of **18 appointments made by Iranian nationals**, **16 were released** on parole, a rate of 88%.
 - Out of **36 appointments made by Chinese nationals**, **32 were released** on parole, a rate of 88%.
 - Out of **2,279 appointments made by Uzbek nationals**, **1,866 were released** on parole, a rate of 82%.

Even Heading into Winter, the Northern Border Surge Continues

OCT NB FY24
ENCOUNTERS
15,399

OCT NB FY23
ENCOUNTERS
15,879

OCT NB FY22
ENCOUNTERS
3,728

- Encounters at the Northern border in October 2023 **increased 313%** compared to October 2022 and remained near the level of October 2022, decreasing just 3%.
- In October, encounters along the busiest sector of the Northern border, **the Swanton Sector**, **increased 221% compared to FY2023 and 2,397% FY2022**.
- **Last month, 1 individual on the terrorist watchlist was encountered attempting to cross the Northern border illegally**, bringing the total in the last four fiscal years to 5.