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BORDER CRISIS STARTLING STATS

Worst January on Record on Secretary Mayorkas' Watch

JAN SWB FY2024

ENCOUNTERS

176,205

JAN SWB FY2023

ENCOUNTERS

157,358

JAN SWB FY2022

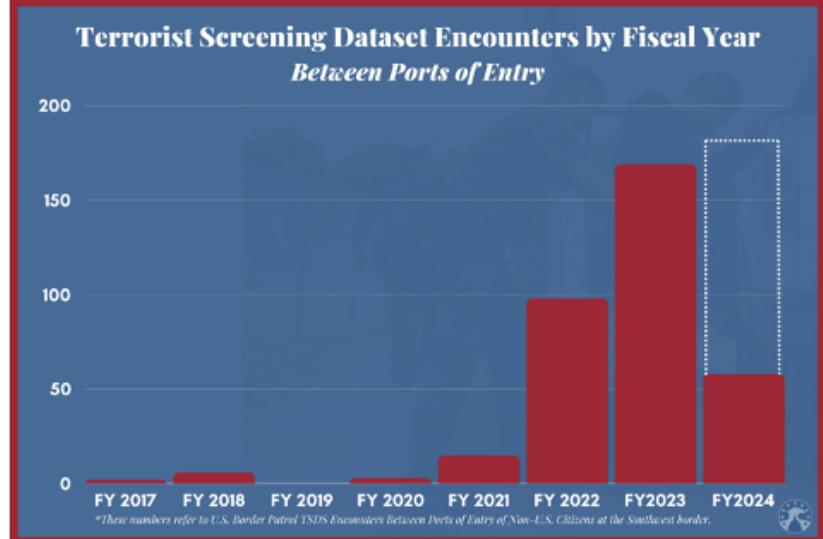
ENCOUNTERS

154,874

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recorded 242,587 encounters nationwide in January, including 176,205 at the Southwest border (SWB)—the worst January on CBP record.
- Nationwide encounters increased 29% compared to January FY22 and 154% compared to January FY21. SWB encounters increased 13% compared to FY22 and 124% compared to January FY21.
- Since President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas took office, there have been 8.7 million encounters nationwide and over 7.2 million encounters at the Southwest border.
- Over 1.8 million known gotaways have evaded U.S. Border Patrol. In testimony before the Committee by then Chief of U.S. Border Patrol Raul Ortiz in 2023, he said as many as 20% of all gotaways may be uncounted.
- At the SW border in January 2024, CBP encountered 107,194 single adults, 60,334 family unit individuals, and 8,523 unaccompanied children.
- January was the third highest month on CBP record for encounters by the Office of Field Operations (OFO) at the Southwest border. Nationwide OFO encounters increased 205% compared to January FY22.
- 45,000 were processed by OFO with CBP One app appointments in January. Since January 2023, 459,118 individuals have scheduled appointments with the app.
- In response to a subpoena threat, the Committee on Homeland Security learned that 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, 357,000 Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans have been granted mass parole under the administration’s CHNV parole process at ports of entry nationwide.

- In January 2024, 9 more individuals whose names appear on the terrorist watchlist were stopped trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border between ports of entry. Since FY21, 340 of these individuals have attempted to cross our Southwest border illegally.





Secretary Mayorkas' National Security Crisis Continues

- So far this fiscal year, **CBP has arrested 11,958 aliens with criminal convictions nationwide**, including 157 known gang members, 24 of those being MS-13 members.
- **In January, CBP, including Air and Marine Operations (AMO), seized 1,799 pounds of fentanyl coming across the Southwest border**, bringing the total for the fiscal year to 6,778 pounds—enough to kill over a billion people.
- Fentanyl seizures increased 107% last month compared to January FY22.
 - Federal officials estimate they are only able to **seize 5-10% of fentanyl smuggled across the Southwest border**.
- So far in FY24, **18,755 Chinese nationals have been encountered at the Southwest border**. Encounters of Chinese nationals increased 4,000% in January compared to January FY22.
- On January 9, students in NYC had remote lessons so their high school could be used to **house nearly 2,000 inadmissible aliens**.
- On January 8 Secretary Mayorkas **admitted** the current release rate for **migrants caught crossing the border illegally was 85%**.
- An illegal immigrant who had previously been deported four times was **charged with killing an American mother and son in a DUI crash**.
- On January 4, **documents discarded by migrants were found buried**, presumably before self-surrendering to Border Patrol agents.
- A Haitian inadmissible alien, **who was released** into the U.S. in 2022, was charged with raping a disabled person in Boston, then released by local authorities, and ultimately recaptured by ICE.
- A known Al-Shabaab terrorist was **caught and released** at the Southwest border, he then roamed freely for nearly a year before being arrested on January 20 in Minnesota.

Northern Border Encounters Increase from December

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| JAN NB FY2024 ENCOUNTERS | 15,802 |
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| JAN NB FY2023 ENCOUNTERS | 13,126 |
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| JAN NB FY2022 ENCOUNTERS | 7,397 |
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- Encounters at the Northern border in January FY24 **increased 113% compared to January FY22** and increased 2 percent compared to the previous month.
- Last month, encounters along the busiest sector of the Northern border, **the Swanton Sector**, increased 59% compared to the previous January and over 2,000% compared to January FY22.