



BORDER CRISIS STARTLING STATS

Illegal Crossings of the Southwest Border Increased in April Ahead Title 42 End

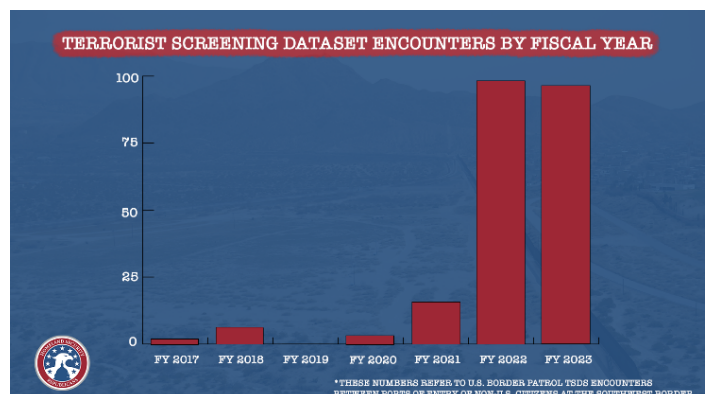
*"It is my testimony that the border is secure...
I use a lens of reasonableness in defining operational control."
- DHS Secretary Mayorkas, April 19, 2023*

APRIL FY2023
ENCOUNTERS
211,401

APRIL FY2022
ENCOUNTERS
235,785

APRIL FY2021
ENCOUNTERS
178,795

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) had **211,401 alien encounters along the Southwest Border (SWB) in April 2023** — up almost 10% from the previous month and up nearly 20% from April 2021.
- **86% of the total SWB encounters were between ports of entry** — up 12% from March.
- Total CBP include **140,678 single adults, 58,964 family unit individuals, and 11,478 unaccompanied children. Two-thirds of total encounters were single adults.**
- CBP expelled **74,027 individuals under Title 42 in April 2023** — 35% of the overall total and down significantly from March's 46%.
 - With alien encounters up in April as the end of Title 42 neared in May, the Biden administration used Title 42 even **less than the previous month.**
- **Since the beginning of FY2023, there have been a historic over 1.8 million alien encounters at our borders nationwide.**
- The total number of April 2023 encounters includes **28,738 Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans**, who were released into the country under the **Biden administration's newest parole program.**
- Since President Biden has been in office, there have been over **5 million encounters at the Southwest border**, in addition to **nearly 1.5 million known gotaways** who evaded U.S. Border Patrol agents.
 - **According to testimony from Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz before the Homeland Security Committee in March** in Pharr, Texas, there are approximately an **additional 20% of illegal alien 'gotaways' that go unaccounted for.**
- **In April, CBP processed over 22,000 individuals at ports of entry as exceptions to Title 42 based on the CBP One app appointment scheduler**—this is one of the latest attempts by the Biden administration to increase the processing of aliens into the interior and conceal the number.
 - A recent media report shows that **99% of all applicants on the CBP One App are being accepted and released** into the country, further showcasing the Biden administration's deceptive **catch-and-release tactics.**
- In just the first seven months of FY2023, **96 people whose names appear on the terrorist watchlist, including a shocking 16 in April alone**, were stopped trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border between ports of entry. **April had more terrorist watchlist apprehensions at the SWB than all of FY2017, FY2018, FY2019, & FY2020 combined.**
- So far in FY2023, two individuals on the terrorist watchlist have been stopped attempting to cross the Northern border between ports of entry.





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Biden & Mayorkas' Open Border Endangers Every American — and Migrants Too

- So far in FY2023, nationwide, CBP has **arrested 17,533 individuals with criminal convictions** and apprehended **377 known gang members**, 111 of those being MS-13 members.
- In FY2023 alone, CBP has seized over **17,000 pounds of fentanyl** coming across the Southwest border—enough to kill over **3.8 billion people**.
 - Federal officials estimate they are **only able to seize 5%-10% of all illegal drugs smuggled** across the Southwest border.
- In April 2023, fentanyl seizures at the Southwest border **increased 14% compared to the previous month**. If this extreme rate of fentanyl seizures continues, **FY2023 is on track to nearly double last year's fentanyl seizure total at the Southwest border**.
 - A new DHS enforcement operation known as Operation Four Horseman seized 800 pounds of fentanyl **between ports of entry** from March 13 to April 13, 2023 — **enough to kill more than 180 million people**.
- According to *New York Times* reporting, the Department of Health and Human Services has been unable to contact **85,000 Missing Unaccompanied Alien Children** (UACs) residing in the U.S.
- On April 17, CBP in Nogales, Arizona seized **860,000 fentanyl pills and 15 pounds of fentanyl powder** in just two smuggling busts.
- On April 19, a Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) trooper stopped a couple in Waller, Texas who were smuggling six illegal immigrants and **two children, aged just four and one**, to a stash house in Houston.
- On April 12, Texas DPS seized **3.1 million doses of fentanyl in one single traffic stop, an all-time record** and enough to kill every person in Dallas, Austin, and El Paso, Texas combined.
- In early April, a **human smuggler attempted to run over a Texas DPS trooper** who was trying to apprehend the suspect in Zavala County, Texas.
- On April 4, Eagle Pass Border Patrol agents apprehended a **high-ranking member of a Panamanian transnational criminal gang** known as “Los Killas.”

Northern Border Encounters Still on the Rise

APRIL FY2023
ENCOUNTERS

14,132

APRIL FY2022
ENCOUNTERS

9,156

APRIL FY2021
ENCOUNTERS

1,250

- As of April 2023, the most active sector of the Northern border, **the Swanton Sector**, has seen an increase in alien encounter of **more than 700%** compared to April 2022.
- The total number of alien encounters at the Northern Border in April 2023 has increased over **1,000% since April 2021**.