



BORDER CRISIS STARTLING STATS

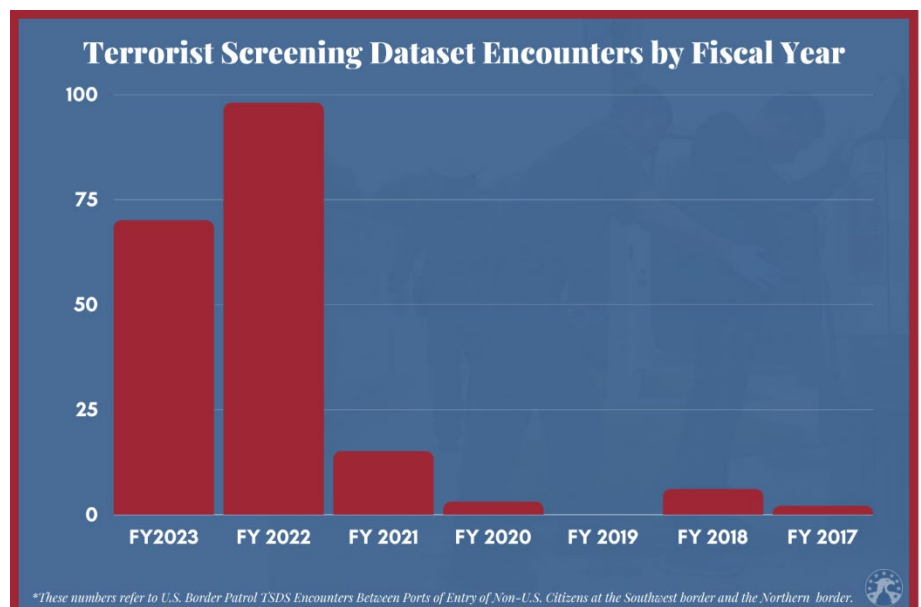
Secretary Mayorkas Breaks His Own Record Reaching 1 MILLION Encounters Along the Southwest Border in 5 Months

FEB FY2023
ENCOUNTERS
154,998

FEB FY2022
ENCOUNTERS
166,010

FEB FY2021
ENCOUNTERS
101,099

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) had **154,998 migrant encounters** along the Southwest Border (SWB) in February 2023.
- This total includes **110,722 single adults, 33,191 family unit individuals, and 10,870 unaccompanied children.**
- CBP expelled **72,591** individuals under Title 42 in February 2023 – a **46.8% of the overall total.**
- Since President Biden has been in office, there have been **over 4.8 million migrant encounters at the Southwest border**, in addition to **about 1.3 million known gotaways** who evaded U.S. Border Patrol agents in the last two years.
- In a Homeland Security full Committee hearing in Pharr, Texas, **U.S. Border Patrol Chief Ortiz told our members that there have been over 385,000 known gotaways five months into Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 2023), which comes out to roughly 2,567 known gotaways a day.**
- Chief Ortiz also confirmed there are approximately an **additional 20% of illegal alien 'gotaways' that go unaccounted.**
- In just the first five months of the fiscal year, **69 people whose names appear on the terrorist watchlist, with 16 in February alone,** were stopped trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border between ports of entry and **1 was stopped attempting to cross the Northern 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.





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The Rise in Illegal Alien Encounters at the Northern Border is Cause for Concern

FEB FY2023
ENCOUNTERS

13,053

FEB FY2022
ENCOUNTERS

6,194

FEB FY2021
ENCOUNTERS

1,579

- In late February, Border Patrol leadership put out a call for agents to shift their deployment to the **Northern border as one overwhelmed sector has experienced an 846% increase in illegal crossings this fiscal year.**
- In one week in February, Border Patrol assistant chief Juan Garcia reported that agents had apprehended **115 illegal immigrants from 12 countries.**
- Signaling that the Northern border will be the next showcase of Secretary Mayorkas' unwillingness to enforce the laws of our nation and reinstate commonsense policies, **Border Patrol agents apprehended an individual on the terrorist watchlist attempting to illegally enter the country between ports of entry.**

Biden's Refusal to Enforce Law & Order Makes the U.S. Less Secure

- So far in FY 2023, CBP **arrested 11,785** individuals with criminal convictions including **268 known gang members**, 88 of those being MS-13 members.
 - **From January 2023 to February 2023 there was nearly a 25% increase in arrests of individuals with criminal convictions and a 28% increase in known gang members.**
- CBP saw a 6% increase in the weight of drugs seized in February 2023 from January 2023.
- **In FY 2023 alone, CBP has seized nearly 11,000 pounds of fentanyl coming across the Southwest border—Enough to kill nearly 2.5 billion people, or over 7.5 times the U.S. population.**
- If this extreme rate of fentanyl seizures continues, FY23 is on track to nearly **double last year's fentanyl seizure total at the Southwest border.**
- During the last week of February, **Border Patrol agents seized 235 pounds of fentanyl in a 72-hour period,** meaning it was seized between ports of entry.
- In mid-February, **Border Patrol agents in the Del Rio sector arrested three child sex predators in 48 hours, including a Salvadoran man convicted of child rape in Washington, a Mexican man convicted of lewd acts with a child in Florida, and a Salvadoran man convicted of unlawful sex with a child in Utah.**