



BORDER BRIEF

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Record-Low February Encounters Prove Border Enforcement Works

FEB. FY2025 SWB ENCOUNTERS

11,709

FEB. FY2024 SWB ENCOUNTERS

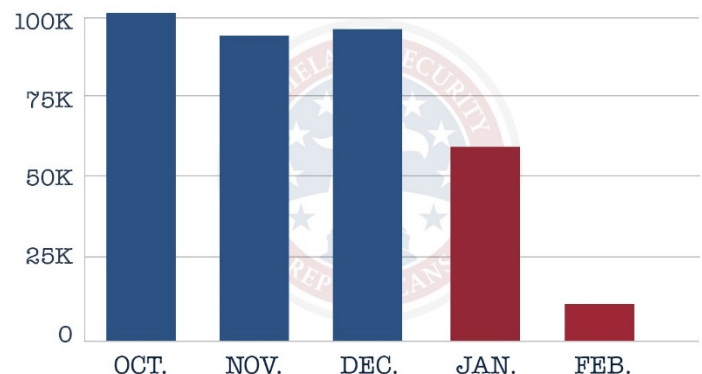
189,913

FEB. FY2023 SWB ENCOUNTERS

156,630

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recorded just **28,654 encounters nationwide in February, including 11,709 at the Southwest border**. In his first full month in office, the Trump administration **deterred illegal immigration by simply enforcing our laws** and rescinding the Biden administration's open-borders policies.
- **Southwest border encounters (11,709) in February decreased by 80%** compared to January 2025 (61,447), **President Biden's last month in office**.
- U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) apprehensions between ports of entry at the Southwest border decreased 94%—**from 140,641 in February 2024 to 8,347 this past month**.
- The **nationwide apprehension** average per day was **the lowest in CBP history (330) in February**. The Trump administration's rapid deployment of military and federal law enforcement across the Southwest border has served as **a major deterrence to illegal border crossers**.
- CBP data reveals that the average number of daily encounters at the Southwest border sharply plummeted. **On Saturday, February 22, CBP encountered only 200 aliens at the U.S. Southwest border—a 15-year low**.
- At the beginning of February, the average number of daily known gotaways **dropped to just 132**. The Biden-Harris administration recorded an average of more than 1,800 per day in **Fiscal Year (FY) 2023**.
- The Trump administration has ended Joe Biden's unlawful mass-parole programs. As a result, **encounters at ports of entry along the Southwest border dropped 93% in February compared to February 2024**.
- Apprehensions of Chinese nationals between ports of entry at the SW border **dropped 95% in February compared to February 2024**.

MONTHLY CBP SOUTHWEST BORDER ENCOUNTERS IN FISCAL YEAR 2025



SOURCE: CBP ENFORCEMENT DATA



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A New Era of Border Security at the Northern Border

FEB. FY2025 NB
ENCOUNTERS

4,098

FEB. FY2024 NB
ENCOUNTERS

14,653

FEB. FY2023 NB
ENCOUNTERS

13,052

- CBP encounters of inadmissible aliens at the Northern border **dropped substantially by 72% in February 2025 compared to February 2024.**
- **The Swanton Sector also saw a 90% decrease in encounters compared to February 2024**, proving the administration is acting on President Trump's promise to address security gaps along the Northern border.

President Trump Restores Law & Order

- **The Trump administration has successfully retooled the CBP One app to be the CBP Home app**, a resource to aid in the self-deportation of inadmissible aliens. This app incentivizes aliens to depart on their own or face the consequences of deportation and a bar of future legal entry to the United States.
- **The number of known gotaways has plunged more than 90% since President Trump took office**, signifying the administration's zero-tolerance policy toward illegal immigration.
- Government data has also revealed that **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention centers are at maximum capacity**, detaining more than 45,000 illegal aliens as ICE monthly arrests have climbed **627%** compared to all of Joe Biden's last year in office.
- The Trump administration has cracked down on Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs), instilling fear into major Mexican cartels, **whose members have expressed concern about arrest.**
- The mounting pressure has even led some criminals to **shut down** their fentanyl labs or go into hiding. **This also comes amidst an increasing number of Mexican cartel figures being extradited to the U.S. under the Trump administration.**
- At the Southwest border in February, **CBP encountered 814 unaccompanied alien children (UACs)—a 75% drop from the previous month.** The Trump administration's border security policies have deterred human traffickers at the Southwest border.
- On **February 21**, a Haitian national, who entered the country through the CHNV program last year, was **charged with three murders in North Carolina.**