



# BORDER BRIEF

U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

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## April Encounters Reveal President Trump's First 100 Days of Secure Borders

APRIL FY2025 SWB  
ENCOUNTERS

**12,035**

APRIL FY2024 SWB  
ENCOUNTERS

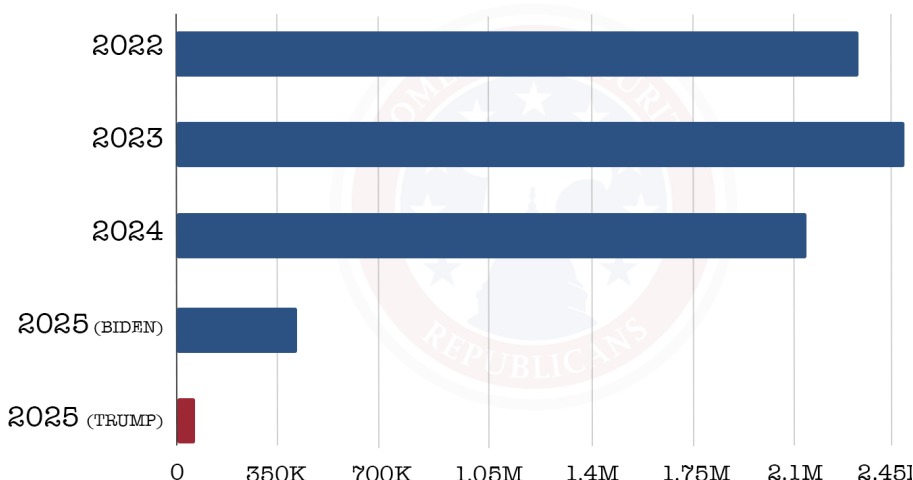
**179,737**

APRIL FY2023 SWB  
ENCOUNTERS

**211,992**

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recorded just **29,238 encounters nationwide in April, including 12,035 at the Southwest border**. Nationwide border encounters in April **decreased by 88%** compared to April 2024, and **Southwest border encounters dropped 93%** compared to April 2024.
- U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) **apprehensions between ports of entry at the Southwest border last month (8,383) decreased by 93% compared to April 2024 (128,895) and 95% compared to April 2023 (183,921)**, at the height of the Biden border crisis.
- **USBP averaged roughly 279 apprehensions per day on the Southwest border in April, a 93% drop from the daily average in April 2024 (4,297).**
- **CBP encounters of inadmissible aliens at the Northern border dropped by 71% in April 2025 (4,835) compared to April 2024 (16,848).**
- **Last month also marked a 94% decrease in USBP apprehensions along the busiest sector of the Northern border, the Swanton Sector, (89) compared to April 2024 (1,470).**
- **After President Trump ended Biden's unlawful mass-parole schemes, encounters at ports of entry nationwide dropped 83% in April compared to April 2024.**
- **Encounters of unaccompanied alien children (UAC) at the SWB dropped by 90% last month compared to April 2024.**
- **Encounters of family unit individuals at our borders nationwide were down 97% in April (1,840) compared to April 2024 (78,668).**
- **In the first 100 days of the Trump administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested 66,463 illegal aliens and removed 65,682 aliens.**

CBP SOUTHWEST BORDER ENCOUNTERS,  
BY FISCAL YEAR





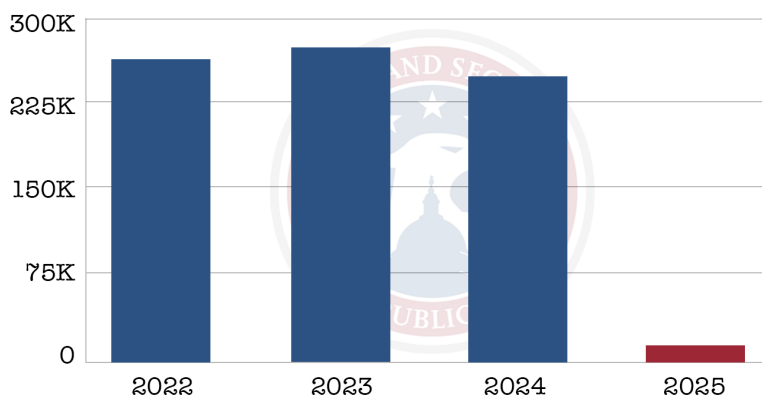
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## Homeland Republicans Are Working to Fund President Trump's Border Victory for Years to Come

CBP NATIONWIDE ENCOUNTERS  
IN THE MONTH OF APRIL



- An **April poll revealed 55%** of all respondents approved of President Trump's performance on border security.
- In order to continue President Trump's success at our borders, **last month**, Homeland Republicans advanced recommendations that would amount to one of **the largest investments in border security ever considered by Congress**.
- We advanced **\$46 billion** for the border barrier system, specifically:
  - 701 miles of primary wall
  - 900 miles of river barriers & 629 miles of secondary barriers
  - 141 miles of vehicle and pedestrian barriers
- With catch-and-release **down 99.9% at the Southwest border**, our Border Patrol agents can go back to **doing the jobs they were hired to do**. In a statement on last month's border encounter data, **Pete Flores, Acting Commissioner of CBP**, said it best: *"For the first time in years, more agents are back in the field—patrolling territories that CBP didn't have the bandwidth or manpower to oversee just six months ago."*
- To continue addressing force morale after years of a historic crisis, Homeland Republicans advanced more than **\$7 billion in funding last month to increase CBP personnel, training, and incentives**. We would fund: **3,000 new USBP agents, 5,000 new customs officers, 200 new AMO agents, 290 support staff, and eligible retired agents and officers**.
- While drug seizures at our borders nationwide have **increased 30% compared to last April**, fentanyl seizures have dropped dramatically.
- With the Southwest border re-secured between ports of entry, **cartels are being forced to work harder than ever before to find ways to line their pockets**. Over numerous days and across five states in April, the Department of Justice reported the **largest fentanyl bust in Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) history**, disrupting Sinaloa Cartel smuggling.
- This is why Homeland Republicans are pushing to invest more than **\$5 billion in enhancing technology at and between ports of entry**, so law enforcement can stop this poison from ever reaching our streets.

