



# BORDER BRIEF

U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

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## July Was a Win For Homeland Security and a Loss For Cartels, Traffickers, & Sanctuary-City Policies

JULY FY2025 SWB  
ENCOUNTERS

**7,832**

JULY FY2024 SWB  
ENCOUNTERS

**104,100**

JULY FY2023 SWB  
ENCOUNTERS

**183,479**

- **U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) nationwide border encounters** in July (24,628) **decreased over 85%**, and Southwest border encounters (7,382) **dropped nearly 93%** compared to July 2024. This is the lowest monthly total in CBP history, breaking the previous record set last month.
- **U.S. Border Patrol apprehensions between ports of entry at the Southwest border** last month (4,601) **decreased by nearly 92%** compared to July 2024 (56,400). **On July 20**, the Border Patrol apprehended just **116 illegal aliens—the lowest single-day total in agency history**. Meanwhile, **traffic along the deadly Darien Gap**, a crowded human smuggling route under previous administrations, **has almost completely halted**.
- **CBP encounters of inadmissible aliens at the Northern border dropped nearly 65%** in July 2025 (6,296) compared to July 2024 (17,895).
- Following President Trump's reversal of **Biden's unlawful mass-parole schemes** earlier this year, **inadmissible encounters at ports of entry nationwide dropped 83%** in July (18,451) compared to July 2024 (110,525).
- **Fentanyl seizures nationwide (968 lbs.) increased 30% from the previous month**. Meanwhile, in the interior, **the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has seized** approximately **44 million fentanyl pills**, **4,500 pounds of fentanyl powder**, **nearly 65,000 pounds of methamphetamine**, **more than 201,500 pounds of cocaine**, and made **over 2,105 fentanyl-related arrests** since the beginning of the Trump administration.
- For the third month in a row in July, **zero inadmissible aliens were released by USBP** into American communities, compared to the **12,365 inadmissible aliens** that were released **under Joe Biden last July**.
- The Trump administration has **located over 13,000 of the 320,000+ unaccompanied alien children** who were **lost by the Biden-Harris administration**, and HHS has analyzed more than 59,000 of the 65,000 backlogged reports on these children.
- An average of **47,000 illegal aliens have been deported each month** under President Trump. **As of May 2025**, ICE has arrested **over 750 illegal aliens convicted of murder**. Meanwhile, **attacks against ICE officers and agents are up 1,000%**.

CBP NATIONWIDE ENCOUNTERS  
IN THE MONTH OF JULY

