



BORDER BRIEF

U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

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President Trump Continues Whole-of-Government Effort to Secure Our Borders

AUGUST FY2025
SWB ENCOUNTERS
9,740

AUGUST FY2024
SWB ENCOUNTERS
107,473

AUGUST FY2023
SWB ENCOUNTERS
232,963

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) **nationwide border encounters** in August (26,191) **decreased over 83%** compared to August 2024 (158,893).
- Southwest border encounters (9,740) **dropped nearly 91% since** last August (107,473).
- Border Patrol apprehensions between ports of entry at the Southwest border last month (6,321) **decreased 89%** compared to August 2024 (58,009). **In August, Border Patrol averaged just 204 apprehensions of illegal aliens per day—96% lower than the daily average under the Biden administration.**
- **CBP encounters of inadmissible aliens at the Northern border dropped nearly 64% in** August 2025 (6,837) compared to August 2024 (18,944).
- With CBP's efforts to combat drug smuggling across our borders, **nationwide seizures of cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl, and marijuana (combined, by weight) increased 9.2% from the month prior in August.**
- In August, for the fourth month in a row, **zero inadmissible aliens were released by USBP** into American communities, compared to the **10,186 inadmissible aliens** that were released under Joe Biden last August.
- **Through Operation Pacific Viper, the U.S. Coast Guard has interdicted more than 75,000 pounds of cocaine** and apprehended nearly 60 suspected cartel drug smugglers since August. Now that our land borders are secure, cartels are turning to our maritime borders.
- The Trump administration has **removed over 332,000** inadmissible aliens from the U.S., **with removal numbers reaching 1,500 per day in August.**
- In testimony **last week**, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Kash Patel confirmed that since January 20, 2025, the FBI has made **over 25,000 immigration-related arrests** in the interior, including **350 members of Tren de Aragua (TdA), and 195 members of MS-13.**

CBP NATIONWIDE ENCOUNTERS
IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST

