



BORDER BRIEF

U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

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FY2025 Numbers Show Lowest SW Border Apprehensions in Half a Century

FY2025 SWB
ENCOUNTERS

443,671

FY2024 SWB
ENCOUNTERS

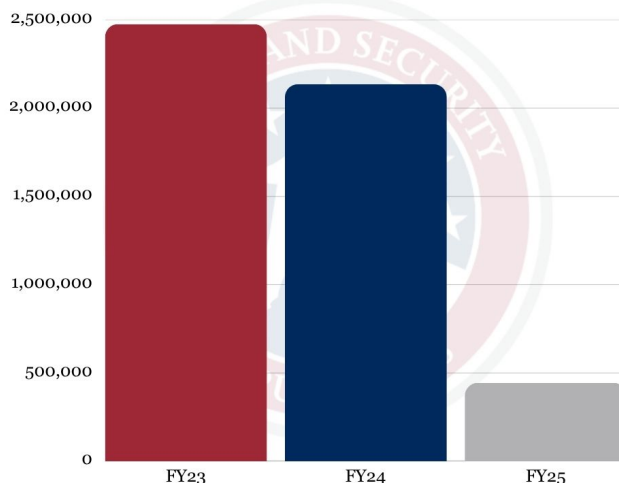
2,135,005

FY2023 SWB
ENCOUNTERS

2,475,669

- **U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) nationwide border encounters in September decreased 82% (144,666 vs 26,002) compared to September 2024.** Southwest border encounters in September decreased 88.6% (101,790 vs 11,647) compared to last September.
- **FY2025 closed on a strong note, with 79% fewer Southwest border encounters than FY2024 (443,671 vs 2,135,005), and 76% fewer nationwide encounters (691,906 vs 2,901,142). U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) apprehensions between ports of entry at the Southwest border in FY25 (237,538) hit the lowest level since 1970.**
- USBP apprehensions **between ports of entry at the Southwest border in September (8,386) decreased 84.4% compared to September 2024 (53,858).** In September, **Border Patrol averaged just 279 apprehensions of illegal aliens per day—95% lower than the daily average under the Biden administration.**
- CBP encounters of inadmissible aliens at the Northern border dropped nearly 74% in September 2025 (4,436) compared to September 2024 (17,127).
- In September, for the fifth month in a row, **zero inadmissible aliens were released by USBP** into American communities, compared to the **9,144 inadmissible aliens** that were released **under Joe Biden last September.**
- Through Operation Pacific Viper, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) has **interdicted more than 100,000 pounds of cocaine**, averaging about 1,600 lbs. of cocaine interdicted daily since August.
- According to the Washington Examiner, the USCG **seized a “record-high \$3.8 billion worth of cocaine” from Eastern Pacific and Caribbean smugglers in FY2025.**

Southwest Border U.S. Customs and Border Protection Encounters



Source: CBP