BORDER BRIEF

U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

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Christmas Comes Early As November Border Encounters Cool to New Record Low

NOV. FY2026 NATIONWIDE ENCOUNTERS	NOV. FY2025 NATIONWIDE ENCOUNTERS	NOV. FY2024 NATIONWIDE ENCOUNTERS
30,375	124,972	308,605

- **U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) nationwide border encounters in November decreased 75.7% (124,972 vs 30,375) compared to last November.**
- **Southwest border encounters in November decreased 88.4% compared to last year (94,183 vs 10,960).** October and November opened Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 with the lowest number of encounters to start a fiscal year in recorded history.
- **Border Patrol apprehensions between ports of entry at the Southwest border last month decreased 84.2% compared to November FY25 (46,609 vs 7,350).**
- **USBP agents apprehended an average of 245 inadmissible aliens per day along the Southwest border** in November, **95 percent lower** than the daily average under the previous administration.
- CBP encounters of inadmissible aliens **at the northern border dropped 70.3% from November of last year (12,085 vs 3,588).**
- **For the seventh month in a row there were zero inadmissible aliens released by Border Patrol into our communities compared to the 7,185 released under the Biden administration along the Southwest border in November 2024.**
- According to the Department of Homeland Security, **threats and violence against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Border Patrol agents are on the rise compared to last year.**
- **U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Stone's crew seized 49,010 pounds of narcotics worth more than $362 million in November—the most cocaine seized in one patrol in Coast Guard history.**

