



# BORDER BRIEF

U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

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## October Marks the Lowest Start to a Fiscal Year Ever for Nationwide Encounters

OCT. FY2026 NATIONWIDE  
ENCOUNTERS

**30,573**

OCT. FY2025 NATIONWIDE  
ENCOUNTERS

**142,742**

OCT. FY2024 NATIONWIDE  
ENCOUNTERS

**309,024**

- **U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)** nationwide border encounters in October decreased 79% compared to October 2024 (30,573 vs 142,742).
- Southwest border encounters in October decreased 89% (106,316 vs 11,710) compared to last October. October opened Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, marking the lowest start to a fiscal year in recorded history.
- **U.S. Border Patrol (USBP)** apprehensions **between ports of entry at the Southwest border** in October (7,989) decreased 86% compared to October FY25 (56,515).
- In October, Border Patrol averaged **258 apprehensions per day** on the Southwest border—**95% lower than the daily average under the Biden administration**.
- CBP encounters of inadmissible aliens at the **Northern border** dropped 71% in **October FY26 (4,340)** compared to **October FY25 (15,207)**.
- For the **sixth month in a row** in October, the **USBP released zero inadmissible aliens into American communities on parole**, compared to the 10,009 inadmissible aliens that were released under the Biden-Harris administration last October.
- 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.
- On October 9th, the **U.S. Coast Guard launched Operation River Wall** to secure approximately 260 miles of Rio Grande River that makes up a portion of our Southwest border. The Coast Guard deployed watercraft, command center assets, and tactical teams to spearhead the patrol.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
Nationwide Border Encounters in  
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