



# BORDER BRIEF

U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

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## Since Day One: President Trump's Border Security Wins Continue in December

DEC. FY2026 NATIONWIDE  
ENCOUNTERS  
**30,698**

DEC FY2025 NATIONWIDE  
ENCOUNTERS  
**124,482**

DEC. FY2024 NATIONWIDE  
ENCOUNTERS  
**370,883**

- **U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) nationwide border encounters** in December decreased 75% compared to December 2024 (Fiscal Year 2025) and over 91% compared to December 2023 (FY2024), the **record-high for monthly encounters** under the previous administration. Border encounters are down 62% compared to President Trump's first month in office (January 2025).
- October, November, and December combined marked **the lowest number of nationwide encounters** to start a fiscal year in recorded history (91,603), over 76% lower than the encounters recorded from October through December 2024 (392,196) under the Biden administration.
- **Border Patrol apprehensions** between ports of entry at the Southwest border last month (6,478) decreased 86% compared to December FY2025 (47,320) and 97% compared to FY2024 (249,740). Southwest border apprehensions are down over 77% compared to President Trump's first month in office (January 2025).
- **USBP agents apprehended an average of 209 inadmissible aliens per day along the Southwest border** in December, 96 percent lower than the daily average under the Biden administration.
- CBP encounters of inadmissible aliens **at the northern border** (4,172) dropped over 72% compared to the high of 15,364 in December FY2024.
- For the eighth month in a row, there **were zero inadmissible aliens paroled by Border Patrol into our communities**, compared to the 7,041 released under the Biden administration along the Southwest border in December 2024.
- **Nationwide in December, CBP seized 39,030 pounds of illicit drugs**, helping to save countless American lives from their deadly effects.
- The **U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)** seized nearly 510,000 pounds of cocaine in FY2025, a 200% increase compared to the annual average under previous years. **On December 2 (FY2026)**, the USCG seized 20,000 pounds of cocaine in a single interdiction—the largest single bust in two decades.
- **As of January 2026**, CBP has awarded contracts for the construction of **587 miles of border barrier**, including primary smart wall, water barriers, and secondary walls, using House GOP's reconciliation funding.

Nationwide Customs and Border Protection Encounters in December

