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BORDER CRISIS STARTLING STATS



A Fox News drone shows an estimated 8,200 migrants waiting to be processed in Del Rio, TX.

Complete Chaos At The Southern Border

AUG. 2020 ENCOUNTERS

50,014

AUG. 2021 ENCOUNTERS

208,887

- **208,887 migrants** were encountered along the southwest border in August 2021, including 103,129 single adults; 86,487 family units; and 18,847 unaccompanied minors.
 - **317% increase** compared to August 2020
 - **293% increase** above the 3-year average for August
 - **Over 5,000 more** individuals encountered per day along the southwest border than in August 2020
- August was the **6th straight month** with more than 170,000 encounters – a trend never before recorded.
- In FY2021, there have been over **1.5 million illegal crossings** along the southwest border, over three times as many as FY2020.
 - With one month remaining, CBP is on track to encounter more migrants this fiscal year than any year on record.
- CBP **expelled only 44% individuals under Title 42** in August 2021, less than half of the total

monthly encounters, further confirming the Biden administration's refusal to utilize the public health authority.

- 25% of migrants encountered in August 2021 had at least **one prior encounter** with CBP in the previous 12 months, nearly double the average one-year re-encounter rate of 14% for FY2014 – 2019.

Dangerous Situation

- **9,728 individuals with criminal convictions** have been arrested in FY2021 attempting to illegally cross the border, compared to just 2,438 in FY2020.
- The current border crisis only amplifies the threat from new terrorist havens in Afghanistan. Outgoing Border Chief Rodney Scott recently said they are seeing **known or suspected terrorists** cross the border "at a level we have never seen before."
- CBP has seized over **twice as much fentanyl** this year than in FY2020 and nearly four times as much fentanyl than in FY2019.
 - **10,469 pounds** of fentanyl have been seized this year alone – enough to **kill 2.37 billion people** or the U.S. population over seven times.

COVID Spreading In Communities

- Just this week, the **DHS Office of Inspector General** released a report noting the agency has failed to ensure sufficient COVID-19 preventative measures at the border, putting its workforce, support staff, and local communities at great risk.
- Thousands of **COVID-positive migrants** have been released into border towns including McAllen and Laredo.
- The Inspector General report found that the Biden Administration's **erosion of Title 42** has had a "significant negative impact in CBP's COVID-19 mitigation measures."