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## **BORDER CRISIS STARTLING STATS**

### Border Crisis Continues with No End in Sight

**NOV. 2021 ENCOUNTERS**

**173,620**

**NOV. 2020 ENCOUNTERS**

**72,113**

- **173,620 migrants** were encountered along the southwest border in November 2021, including 114,419 single adults (66%), 44,939 family units (26%), and 13,959 unaccompanied minors (8%).
  - **140% increase** from November 2020
  - **307% increase** from November 2019
- This is the **highest number of encounters for November** in recorded history.
- November was the **9th straight month with more than 160,000 encounters** – a trend never before recorded.
- CBP expelled **only 50%** of individuals under Title 42 in November 2021, again highlighting the Biden administration’s refusal to utilize the public health authority.
- 25% of migrants encountered in November 2021 had at least **one prior encounter** with CBP in the previous 12 months.
- Migrants crossing the southern border are not just coming from Latin America. Many are coming from **outside the Western Hemisphere**.
  - In November, Border Patrol apprehended migrants from Syria, Lebanon, Eritrea (Northeast Africa), Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan.
  - In October, Border Patrol Agents in the Del Rio Sector encountered more than 28,000 illegal migrants from **more than 50 countries**.

### Drug & Crime Crisis

- The border crisis is much more than migrants seeking asylum – **criminals, weapons, drugs, and trafficked persons** are coming across our border in record numbers.
- In just the first two months of this fiscal year, CBP arrested 1,682 individuals with **criminal convictions** and dozens of **known gang members**, including 42 members of MS-13.

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- Nationwide, **drug seizures were up 90%** in November over the prior month – with cocaine seizures increasing by 41% and methamphetamine seizures increasing by 164%.
- **Fentanyl seizures** continue to skyrocket. In the first two months of the fiscal year, CBP seized a total of 2,158 pounds of fentanyl.
  - We are now seeing drugs like marijuana being laced with **lethal amounts of fentanyl** – leading to tragic overdoses.
  - The U.S. recently recorded its highest number of **drug-overdose deaths** in a 12-month period, eclipsing 100,000 for the first time, according to the CDC.