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BORDER CRISIS STARTLING STATS

Border Crisis Continues with No End in Sight

DEC. 2021 ENCOUNTERS

178,840

DEC. 2020 ENCOUNTERS

73,994

- Since President Biden has been in office, over **2 million illegal migrants** have been encountered at the Southwest Border.
- **178,840 migrants** were encountered along the southwest border in December 2021, including 114,993 single adults (64%), 51,624 family units (29%), and 11,921 unaccompanied minors (7%).
 - **142% increase** from December 2020
 - **340% increase** from December 2019
- This is the **highest number of encounters for December** in recorded history.
 - In the first three months of FY 2022, there have been 518,370 encounters. This is more than double the first three months of FY 2021 which at the time saw a record high of 218,306 encounters.
- December was the **10th straight month with more than 160,000 encounters** – a trend neverbefore recorded.
- CBP expelled **only 44%** of individuals under Title 42 in December 2021, again highlighting the Biden administration’s refusal to fully utilize the public health authority.
- 23% of migrants encountered in December 2021 had at least **one prior encounter** with CBP in the previous 12 months.

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 Fiscal Year 2021, CBP arrested 1,682 individuals with **criminal convictions** and dozens of **known gang members**, including 42 members of MS-13.
- CBP seized **913,326 pounds of drugs** in 2021. Cocaine seizures had a **68 percent increase** and fentanyl had a **134 percent increase** from 2020.
- Fentanyl seizures continue to skyrocket. In 2021, CBP seized **11,201 pounds of fentanyl** in 2021.
 - We are 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.
 - Fentanyl is the **leading cause of death** of Americans aged 18 to 45 years old.
 - DEA has issued its first public safety alert in **6 years** due to the surge of fentanyl crossing our Southern Border.