



BORDER SURGE STARTLING STATS

Actions speak louder than words. The Biden Administration claims the border is “closed,” but its recent termination of the Remain in Mexico policy and elimination of border wall funding sends the complete opposite message. Migrants continue to flood the border in record numbers, and since January, we’ve seen a dramatic spike in migrants from nations other than Mexico and the Northern Triangle countries. Meanwhile, cartels continue to take advantage of the Administration’s lax border policies and are pumping lethal drugs like heroin and fentanyl into the United States. When will the Biden Administration stop undermining our border security and putting our communities in danger?

21-Year High

- Southwest border encounters reached the highest level in 21 years in May 2021.

MAY 2020 ENCOUNTERS

23,237

MAY 2021 ENCOUNTERS

180,034

- 180,034 migrants were encountered along the southwest border, including 121,082 single adults; 44,639 family units; 14,158 unaccompanied minors.
 - 675% increase compared to May 2020
 - 5,000 more individuals encountered per day along the southwest border than in May 2020
- CBP expelled 112,302 individuals under Title 42 in May 2021.
- 38% of migrants encountered in May 2021 had at least one prior encounter with CBP in the previous 12 months, more than double the average one-year re-encounter rate of 15% for FY2014 – 2019.
- Since January 2021, there have been 711,784 illegal crossings along the southwest border – up 380% from the same time frame last year.

Distant Migrants Coming To Our Border

- In May 2021, CBP encountered 40,607 migrants crossing into the U.S. from nations other than Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, up from 9,671 in January 2021.
- The New York Times reports migrants from more than 160 countries have been encountered at the border in recent months.
- Reports indicate at least 61,00 migrants who illegally crossed the border have been released into the interior since President Biden took office.
- From February 19 to June 1, TSA assisted approximately 9,700 migrants at 10 border airports in document verification, allowing them to bypass standard government-issued photo ID requirements and board domestic flights.

Criminal Crossings

- In FY2021 to date, CBP has arrested 6,918 individuals with **criminal convictions** – nearly three times the number arrested in all of FY2020. This includes:
 - 775 individuals convicted of assault, battery, domestic violence
 - 541 individuals convicted of burglary, robbery, larceny, theft, fraud
 - 1,413 individuals convicted of illegal drug possession, trafficking
 - 353 individuals convicted of sexual offenses

Drug Trafficking & Human Smuggling

- Human smugglers continue putting young children in **significant danger**. In FY2021 to date, CBP conducted **7,084 rescue missions** nationwide, compared to 5,255 for all of FY2020.
- According to CBP, nationwide, drug seizures were up 18% in May from April 2021. Seizures of **methamphetamine** increased 53%. Seizures of **heroin** increased 7% and seizures of **fentanyl** increased 9%.
- **7,450 pounds** of fentanyl have been seized so far this fiscal year, far surpassing the 4,776 pounds seized in all of FY2020.