A Year of Chaos & Crisis: Breaking Record After Record

Amid a global pandemic, the number of illegal border encounters reached an all-time high this fiscal year as a result of President Biden’s open border policies.

- Over 1.7 million migrants were apprehended illegally crossing the southwest border this fiscal year – the highest number in history. Border encounters spiked dramatically following President Biden’s Executive Order reversing effective border security policies, with more than 1.4 million migrants apprehended since he took office.

- 192,001 migrants were encountered along the southwest border in September 2021, including 113,030 single adults; 64,388 family units; and 14,358 unaccompanied minors.
  - 232% increase compared to September 2020
  - 258% increase above the 3-year average for September
  - Over 4,000 more individuals were encountered per day along the southwest border than in September 2020.
  - For FY2021, over 1.1 million single adults were encountered along the southwest border, compared to 353,168 in FY 2020.
  - Unaccompanied minors accounted for nearly 147,000 of the 1.7 million total in FY2021, compared to 33,239 in FY2020.
  - September was the 7th straight month with more than 170,000 encounters – a trend never before recorded.
  - CBP expelled only 53% of individuals under Title 42 in September 2021, just over half of the total monthly encounters, further confirming the Biden Administration’s refusal to utilize the public health authority.
• 26% 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**

• **10,763 individuals with criminal convictions** were arrested in FY2021 attempting to illegally cross the border, compared to just 2,438 in FY2020.

• CBP seized over **twice as much fentanyl** this year than in FY2020 and nearly four times as much fentanyl than in FY2019.
  
  - **11,201 pounds of fentanyl** were seized this year alone – enough to kill 2.5 billion people or the entire U.S. population over seven times.

**Alarming Revelations**

• At least **160,000 illegal immigrants** have been released into the U.S., often with little to no supervision, by the Biden Administration since March.

• The New York Post revealed that unaccompanied migrants are being **quietly flown** into American communities in the middle of the night in an effort to shift the bottleneck from the border.

• Over **400,000 people** illegally crossed the border and **got away** this last year, according to former Border Patrol Chief Rodney Scott. Border officials have no information about these individuals or their current whereabouts.
  
  - This is doubly concerning given that **known or suspected terrorists** are crossing the border “at a level we have never seen before.”
  
  - The botched withdrawal from Afghanistan has also created a **heightened threat environment** and bad actors will undoubtedly seek to enter the United States through our porous southern border.

• According to DHS intel, an additional estimated **40,000 to 60,000 Haitians** are gathering in Colombia and Panama planning to illegally cross the U.S. border in caravans.