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## BORDER CRISIS STARTLING STATS

### 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.*

FY2021 ENCOUNTERS

**1,734,686**

FY2020 ENCOUNTERS

**458,088**

FY2019 ENCOUNTERS

**977,509**

- 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.

SEPT. 2021 ENCOUNTERS

**192,001**

SEPT. 2020 ENCOUNTERS

**57,674**

- **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.