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February 2021 Border Crisis Startling Stats

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BORDER SURGE STARTLING STATS

President Biden has created a full-blown humanitarian crisis at the southwest border. We are seeing thousands of migrants crossing our border daily, with no sign of slowing down. Recent reports clearly show the Biden Administration has lost control. Reversing the misguided policy decisions that created this surge is the most humane course of action.

Call It A Crisis

- CBP is currently encountering more than 3,000 individuals per day. Jeh Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security under President Obama, said at the time that 1,000 encounters per day was “a bad number.”

FEB. 2020 ENCOUNTERS

36,687

FEB. 2021 ENCOUNTERS

100,441

- In February 2021, CBP encountered the highest number of migrants recorded in the month of February in over seven years:
 - 100,441 migrants along the southwest border
 - 28% increase from January
 - 173% increase compared to February 2020
 - 163% increase in family units from January
 - 61% increase in unaccompanied child from January

Increasingly Untenable Predictions

- As of March 25, the Biden Administration reported more than 18,000 unaccompanied children in its custody, with roughly 12,500 in HHS facilities and 5,500 in temporary Border Patrol holding facilities.
- According to Axios reports, the Biden Administration projects the number of unaccompanied children crossing the border could spiral from more than 16,000 in March to as many as 26,000 in September.
- According to reports, DHS estimates between 18,600 and 22,000 children could cross the border in April.
 - For context, CBP data indicates the previous record for unaccompanied minor encounters at the southwest border for the month of April was 8,880.
- For May, officials are estimating the number could rise to roughly between 21,800 and 25,000.
 - For context, CBP data shows the May 2019 record of 11,475 unaccompanied minors.
- HHS will need an additional 34,000 beds in September to prevent kids from waiting in unfit Border Patrol stations, if projections hold. The agency could have more than 53,000 kids in custody that month.
- The Department of Defense approved Fort Bliss and Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland to be used for HHS to house unaccompanied migrant children in response to the ongoing border crisis.
- Washington Post reports that DHS is expecting between 500,000 and 800,000 migrants in family groups to cross the border in fiscal year 2021.

Traffickers, Cartels & TCOs

- According to CBP estimates, traffickers raked in a total of \$411.5 million in February taking people from Mexico and Central America to the U.S. border, coming out to about \$14.7 million a day in February.

COVID Impact on Frontline Workforce

- CBP has reported 28 deaths of officers who contracted COVID-19 on the frontlines and has reported 8,286 CBP officers and employees have tested positive for COVID-19.