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April 2022 Border Crisis Startling Stats

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AN ADMINISTRATION DEFINED BY CRISIS

The Biden administration has been defined by the crises it creates and continue to let spiral. In April, migrant encounters at the southern border reached a new record as President Biden prepares to end Title 42. CBP is losing operational control of the border, record number of criminals and gang members are being apprehended, and unprecedented amounts of drugs are flowing across the border—and the Biden administration’s response is to turn its back on the crisis.

APR. 2022
ENCOUNTERS

234,088

APR. 2021
ENCOUNTERS

178,795

APR. 2020
ENCOUNTERS

17,106

- Southwest border encounters reached an unprecedented record in April 2022.
- CBP had **234,088 migrant encounters** along the southwest border in April 2022, including 166,814 single adults, 54,773 family units, and 12,221 unaccompanied minors.
 - **31% increase** from April 2021.
 - **1,268% increase** from April 2020.
 - **About 7 in 10 migrants** encountered at the southern border were **single adults**.
- This is the **HIGHEST** number of monthly encounters in the last two decades.
- Since President Biden has been in office, there have been **over 2.75 million migrant encounters** at the southwest border.
- Only seven months into Fiscal Year 2022, CBP has already had a total of **1,478,977 nationwide total encounters**.
- April was the **14th straight month with more than 150,000 encounters** – a trend never before recorded.
- CBP **expelled only 41%** of individuals under Title 42 in April 2022, again highlighting the Biden administration’s refusal to fully utilize the public health authority.
 - Once Title 42 is terminated, CBP expects **up to 18,000 migrant encounters per day**.



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April Was the Month of Gangs

- The Biden border crisis is much more than migrants seeking asylum – **criminals, weapons, drugs, and trafficked persons** are coming across our border in record numbers.
- In the last week of April alone, Border Patrol officials **detained five gang members** in Laredo, TX, including an MS-13 & two 18th Street gang members.
- In April, Border Patrol agents in California **arrested a 28-year-old known MS-13 gang member** from El Salvador who was traveling in a group of Salvadoran migrants.
- In El Paso sector, a **dangerous gang member was discovered** in a stash house among a group of 10 migrants.
- In FY 2022, CBP has already arrested **15,086** individuals attempting to cross the border with criminal convictions and **393 known gang members**, including **149 members of MS-13**.

Katko & Pfluger Successfully Get Number of Known or Suspected Terrorists Public

- As of March 31, 2022, **27 people** whose names appear on the terror watch list were stopped trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border between ports of entry this fiscal year.
- After over a year of putting pressure on DHS to disclose the monthly encounters of people on the terror watch list, **CBP Commissioner agreed to post the number online in a letter to Ranking Member Katko and Intelligence Subcommittee Ranking Member Pfluger.**

The Biden Drug Crisis is Taking American Lives at an Unprecedented Rate

- In April 2022, **CBP seized 50,578 pounds of drugs.**
- Fentanyl seizures continue to skyrocket, increasing by 23% since last month.
 - So far this year, CBP has seized **6,601 pounds of fentanyl.**
 - According to the CDC, the U.S. recently recorded its highest number of drug-overdose deaths in a 12-month period, **eclipsing 108,000 for the first time.**
- Cocaine seizures **increased by 96%** from April 2022 to March 2022.
- Heroin seizures **increased by 138%** from April 2022 to March 2022.
- Methamphetamine seizures **increased by 20%** from April 2022 to March 2022.