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ICE in First 100 Days: Almost 70K Illegals Arrested, Nearly 66K Removed; 75 Percent Dangerous Criminals

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement collared almost 70,000 illegal aliens during the first 100 days of the Trump administration, and removed almost 66,000, the vast majority of whom were criminals.

As well, the [agency reported today](#), thousands of the deportees were terrorists linked to the gangs that President Donald Trump labeled terrorist organizations on Day 1 of his presidency.

Data from U.S. Customs and Border Protection show a 90-percent drop of encounters at the southwest border.



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Here's a glimpse of our immigration enforcement operations nationwide in the first 100 days of the administration.

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Biden's Damage

ICE faces the nearly insuperable task of removing illegals the Biden administration invited to the southwest border then released into the country.

For four years, Biden imported as many illegals as he could. He even flew 530,000 [directly into](#) the country and released them. That left Trump to find and remove them, a Herculean task that Biden and his Homeland Security secretary, [unindicted visa fraudster Alejandro Mayorkas](#), knew would be almost impossible because of the number of illegals, the inevitable leftist lawfare to keep them here, and the caterwauling of Democrats and their Mainstream Media Information Ministry.

The Numbers

As of July 2024, more than 660,000 criminals — including 13,000 murderers — were running free in the streets, President Joe Biden's [ICE disclosed to](#) U.S. Representative Tony Gonzales of Texas. ICE revealed the data in September.

Still, ICE has progressed at least a little. The agency arrested 66,463 illegals and deported 65,682 in



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the first 100 days of the new Trump administration; 75 percent of the arrests were criminals, “putting the worst first,” [the agency averred](#).

As well, acting ICE chief Todd Lyons said, the arrests included 2,288 members of MS-13, 18th Street, and Tren de Aragua terror gangs. Another 1,329 were either convicted sex offenders or sex-crime suspects; 498 were accused of or convicted of murder.

“The criminal records of those arrested include convictions or charges for 9,639 assaults, 6,398 DWIs or DUIs and 1,479 weapon offenses,” [ICE reported](#).

Another datum: Homeland Security Investigations [has arrested](#) 1,000 illegal workers and proposed more than \$1 million in fines against the businesses that hire and exploit them.

As well, the agency reported, it “has significantly ramped up arrests and removals with help from state and local law enforcement agencies through the 287(g) Program,” and now has 579 “pending and signed agreements with police departments and sheriff’s offices across the nation.”

The [287\(g\) program allows](#) ICE to enlist state and local police in operations to identify, arrest, and deport criminal illegals.

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Recent Raids

Recent arrest and removal operations that the Biden administration would never consider are now routine.

As [The New American reported](#) yesterday, multiple federal agencies led by the Drug Enforcement Administration raided an illegal nightclub in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at 3:00 a.m. Sunday. Terror gang members frequented the club, where agents found illegal drugs and firearms. Worst of all, those arrested included U.S. Army soldiers, stationed at nearby Fort Carson, who provided security. The GIs carried weapons.

The underground club featured prostitution and “significant drug trafficking,” and “we had over a dozen active-duty service members in the club tonight, either as patrons or working as armed security,” a top DEA agent revealed.

The arrests raise the question of whether the terror gangs have infiltrated the military and whether soldiers have joined the terror gangs.

Last week, Operation Tidal Wave, another multi-agency effort, ended in the arrest of 780 illegal aliens, some of whom were members of MS-13. Others were “murderers, rapists, drug traffickers and human



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rights abusers,” DHS reported.

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Border Numbers

Raids and arrests aside, the number of encounters between border agents and illegal aliens at the southwest border show what a difference an election can make.

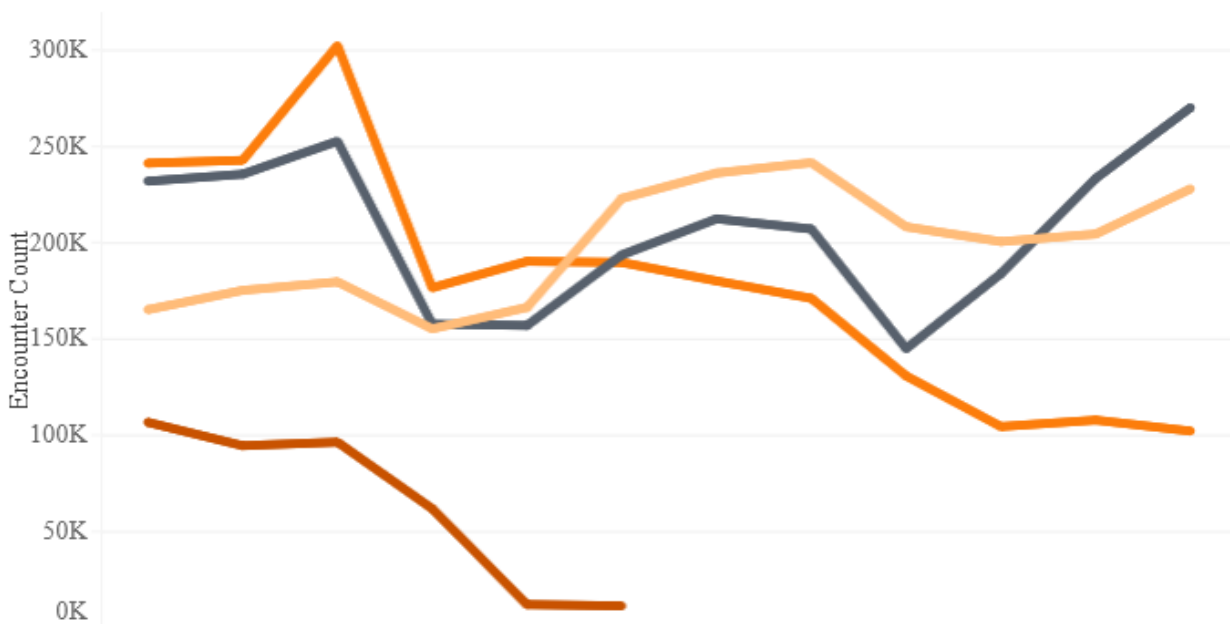
Since October 1, the beginning of fiscal 2025, the number has plummeted some 89 percent from 106,321 to 11,017 in March.

In January, the number was 61,448, which crashed to 11,709 in February, an 81-percent drop.



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FY Southwest Land Border Encounters by Month



	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	Total
2025 (FYTD)	106,321	94,189	96,037	61,448	11,709	11,017							380,721
2024	240,927	242,399	301,981	176,195	189,913	189,359	179,737	170,716	130,415	104,100	107,473	101,790	2,135,005
2023	231,529	235,173	252,315	157,358	156,630	193,249	211,992	206,690	144,556	183,479	232,963	269,735	2,475,669
2022	164,837	174,845	179,253	154,874	166,010	222,574	235,785	241,136	207,834	200,162	204,087	227,547	2,378,944

By this time last fiscal year, encounters numbered 1,340,774. All those through January 20 were Biden “migrants.” As of March 31 this year, the number was 380,721, a 71-percent decrease.

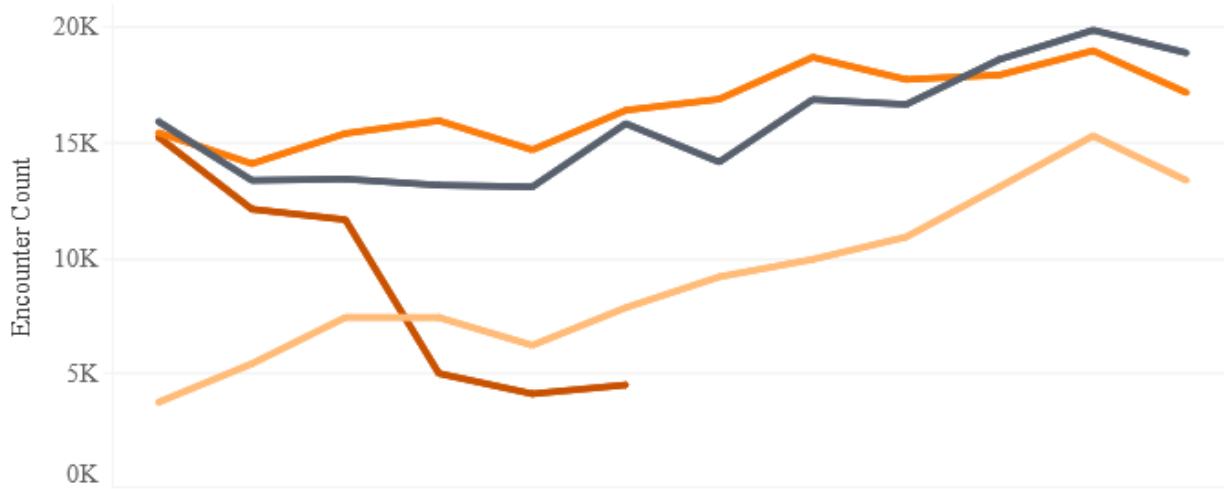
Trump’s border encounters thus far are 22,726, plus those in the last two weeks in January.

Encounters at the border with Canada have cratered as well since October 1, from 15,207 to 4,479, a 70.5-percent drop. Thus far this fiscal year, border agents have encountered 52,470 illegals. Last year by this time, the number was 91,752. Decrease: 43 percent.



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FY Northern Land Border Encounters by Month



	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	Total
2025 (FYTD)	15,207	12,085	11,631	4,975	4,093	4,479							52,470
2024	15,396	14,055	15,364	15,916	14,653	16,368	16,848	18,663	17,700	17,895	18,944	17,127	198,929
2023	15,879	13,331	13,390	13,126	13,052	15,790	14,128	16,833	16,618	18,569	19,834	18,852	189,402
2022	3,728	5,398	7,402	7,397	6,194	7,822	9,156	9,913	10,882	13,056	15,260	13,327	109,535



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