



# BORDER BRIEF

U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

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## Record-Low March Encounters Prove Law & Order Is At an All-Time High

MARCH FY2025 SWB ENCOUNTERS

**11,017**

MARCH FY2024 SWB ENCOUNTERS

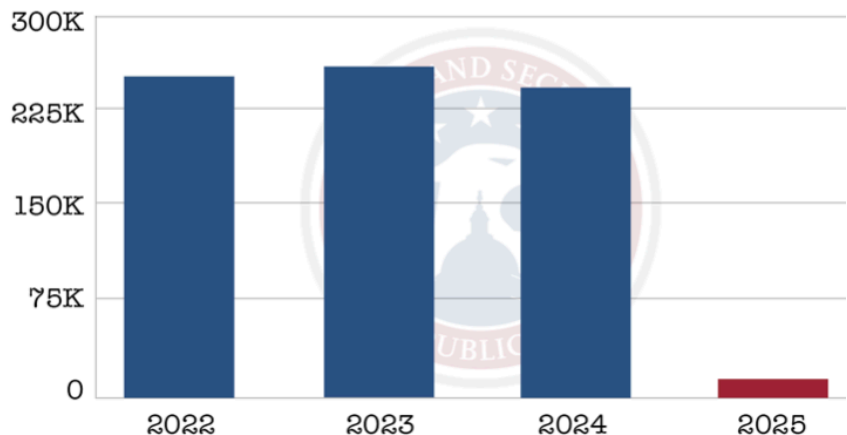
**189,359**

MARCH FY2023 SWB ENCOUNTERS

**193,249**

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recorded just **29,065 encounters nationwide in March, including 11,017 at the Southwest border**. Nationwide border encounters in March **decreased by 88%** compared to March 2024.
- U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) apprehensions **between ports of entry at the Southwest border decreased by 94%—from 137,473 in March 2024 to 7,181 this past month**.
- **Daily average encounters at ports of entry nationwide dropped 81%** compared to March 2024. The Trump administration's sustained deployment of military and federal law enforcement across the Southwest border, as well as partnerships with countries like El Salvador, continue to serve as a **major deterrence to illegal immigration**.
- **USBP averaged the lowest daily nationwide apprehensions in history at approximately 264 per day in March—94% lower than the daily average in March 2024 (4,488)**.
- **CBP encounters of inadmissible aliens at the Northern border (4,479) dropped by 72%** in March 2025 compared to March 2024 (16,368).
- **Last month also marked a 95% decrease in USBP apprehensions along the Northern border's Swanton Sector (54) compared to March 2024 (1,109)**.
- Since the Trump administration surged resources to the Southwest border and untied the hands of DHS law enforcement, **USBP has encountered zero illegal aliens on the TSDS attempting to cross our borders**.
- After President Trump **ended Biden's unlawful mass-parole schemes, encounters at ports of entry nationwide dropped 80%** in March compared to March 2024.
- Apprehensions of **Chinese nationals between ports of entry at the SW border (60) dropped 97% in March compared to March 2024 (2,048)**.
- As of February, the **daily average of known gotaways has plunged more than 90%** since the Trump administration began.

### CBP NATIONWIDE ENCOUNTERS IN THE MONTH OF MARCH



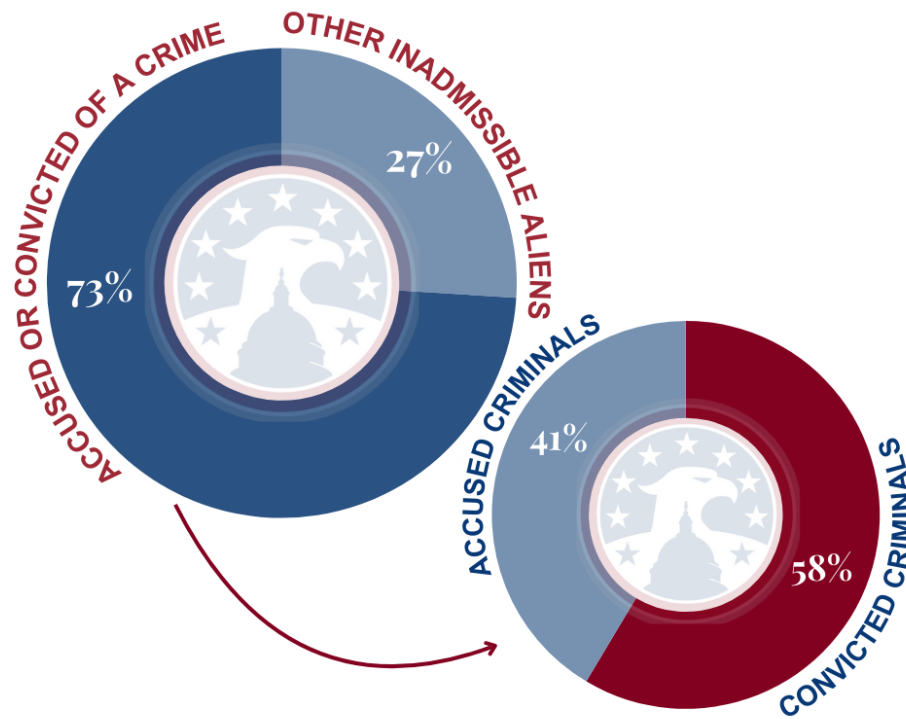


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## Homeland Republicans Support President Trump's Law & Order



- In the first 50 days of the Trump administration, ICE made 32,809 enforcement arrests.
- These included 14,111 convicted criminals, of whom 1,155 were criminal gang members, as well as 39 aliens on the Terrorist Screening Data Set (TSDS).
- On March 27, ICE apprehended an illegal alien and high-ranking leader of the transnational criminal organization and designated terrorist group MS-13, from El Salvador.
- Since the beginning of the Trump administration, ICE has arrested more than 300 Tren de Aragua members.
- This month, the Committee advanced Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene's legislation requiring the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to publish the number of Special Interest Aliens who cross our borders.

## ICE ARRESTS IN TRUMP'S FIRST 50 DAYS

- On March 28, Subcommittee Chairman Michael Guest led a hearing to examine how Biden and Harris' open-borders policies sparked a historic crisis. Jon Anfinson, executive vice president at the National Border Patrol Council, described the shift in Border Patrol morale under the Trump administration, saying it's "a complete 180-degree change. We're able to do our job again."
- Encounters of unaccompanied alien children (UAC) at the SWB dropped by 92% last month compared to March 2024—the lowest level in a decade. SWB UAC encounters dropped 97% last month compared to March 2021.
- On March 25, DHS revealed ICE could not locate over 300,000 UACs who entered the U.S. since 2019—many of whom crossed the Southwest border under Biden and Harris.
- In the March 28 hearing, the Heritage Foundation's Lora Ries responded to Rep. Tony Gonzales on this failure: "HHS was so overwhelmed [it]...turned them over to unvetted sponsors...Unfortunately, some were subjected to sex trafficking, child labor, and God knows what else, but they need to be found."

## UNACCOMPANIED MINOR ENCOUNTERS AT THE SWB

