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Border Patrol apprehends 58K migrants in August, down from record 250K in December

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As November’s presidential election edges closer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has announced that [migrant encounters](#) at the southern border are on track to reach the lowest annual total since the end of the Trump administration, while total removals and returns over the past year have exceeded Trump-era levels.

The agency said Monday in its monthly news release that it recorded about 58,000 migrant encounters between ports of entry along the southwest border in August, down from a December high of nearly 250,000.

That amounts to a 68% drop compared to the same month last year and keeps the Border Patrol on track to record the lowest number of annual apprehensions along the southwest border since fiscal year 2020.

The figures also trend lower than the monthly average for fiscal year 2019, the last comparable full fiscal year prior to the pandemic. The term encounters refer to migrants taken into custody at the border, at least temporarily and then typically released while they wait for a decision on asylum, as well as those expelled immediately without being taken into custody.

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