

TRUMP V. BIDEN-HARRIS: NOTABLE FULL FISCAL YEAR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT COMPARISONS

Under President Joe Biden and “Border Czar” Kamala Harris through current Fiscal Year (FY) data. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has recorded more than 10.3 million encounters at America’s borders, including more than 8.3 million at the Southwest border alone. **For comparison, there were more encounters in FY 2023 under Biden and Harris than President Donald Trump’s entire time in office.** These are also just the reported numbers and do not account for the roughly 2 million known “gotaways” who were able to elude Border Patrol agents.

CBP BORDER ENCOUNTERS	
FY	# Of Encounters
2017	526,901
2018	638,178
2019	1,148,024
2020	646,822
2021	1,956,519
2022	2,766,582
2023	3,201,144

FY	Removals	Convicted Criminal Removals	Removals Attributable to ICE	Removals as a % of FY Encounters
2017	226,119	127,699	81,603	42.90%
2018	256,085	145,262	95,360	40.10%
2019	267,258	150,141	85,958	23.30%
2020	185,884	103,762	62,739	28.70%
2021	59,011	39,149	31,551	2.10%
2022	72,117	38,447	28,204	2.60%
2023	142,580	57,021	44,255	4.40%

Removals are the ultimate measure of effective immigration enforcement, and these numbers clearly demonstrate the stunning decrease under President Biden and a “border czar” who previously supported the notion of abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). **Under President Trump, ICE removed illegal aliens at a rate of 32% of the aggregate number of encounters. Under Biden and Harris, ICE has only removed aliens at a rate of 3.5% of the aggregate number of encounters.**

If the Biden-Harris Administration had simply kept pace with the prior, there would have been 2,535,758 illegal aliens removed, as opposed to the 273,768 that have been removed. Also, countless American lives would have been saved.



The number of convicted criminal aliens removed over the last three fiscal years combined (134,617) is less than the number of criminal aliens removed in two single years under President Trump (FY2018-19).

Overall, convicted criminal alien removals have decreased by 74%, completely undercutting the assertion by Kamala Harris that ICE has merely increased its focus on criminal aliens. In fact, her policies have ensured that most illegal aliens can remain in the country indefinitely—even those who have committed a crime. So, instead of working to swiftly remove the hundreds of thousands of criminal aliens with convictions or pending charges, Harris and her henchman Alejandro Mayorkas have made it more difficult for ICE officers to even arrest them. The American people continue to pay the price.

ICE ARRESTS – OVERALL TOTAL AND CONVICTED CRIMINALS (2017-2023)

FY	Total Arrests	Convicted Criminals Arrested
2017	143,470	105,736
2018	158,581	105,140
2019	143,099	92,108
2020	103,603	70,607
2021	74,082	36,322
2022	49,396*	36,322
2023	73,822*	53,766

**ICE states that total arrests were higher, but over half were Border Patrol cases not processed at the border but processed by ICE in the interior of the United States. These individuals were not "arrested" by ICE nor were they placed into custody – they were released into your backyard.*

With current ICE arrest totals (both criminal and immigration violators) making up a fraction of what they used to be under President Trump, staffing has remained level. This only further illustrates the fallacy continually espoused by Kamala Harris and agency officials that ICE does not have the staff to arrest more of those who are unlawfully present, and thus, can only arrest specific criminals defined by an anti-enforcement policy memo. This has led to far fewer criminals being arrested, and more innocent victims of heinous crimes committed by criminal aliens allowed to roam free.

ICE DETENTION AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION (ADP) 2018-2023

FY	ADP	Beds Provided
2018	42,188	34,000
2019	50,165	34,000
2020	32,724	34,000
2021	19,461	34,000
2022	22,630	34,000
2023	28,289	41,500

Despite a historic, self-inflicted border crisis that continues to ravage American communities, a deliberate decision has been made by Kamala Harris and Alejandro Mayorkas to not fully utilize available detention beds. It should be further noted that almost every individual who crosses the border illegally is subject, by law, to mandatory detention. **President Trump recognized this, properly reallocating resources to create – and fill – more beds than Congress provided.**