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# Top CBP official tells Congress fentanyl seizures at border are up 308%

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An official with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection told members of Congress Wednesday that fentanyl seizures at the border are up 308% in fiscal year 2021.

Troy Miller, the senior official performing the duties of commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said the agency needs to respond to the situation and carry out its duties effectively.

Members of the committee asked Miller questions about various topics, including the seizure of fentanyl.

“Our fentanyl seizures are up 308% in fiscal year ‘21,” Miller said.

He also noted that heroin seizures have increased by 14%, cocaine seizures have increased by 10%.

Miller shared the statistics regarding drug seizures following a question from Rep. Steven Palazzo.

According to Palazzo, “The COVID pandemic obviously did not keep the cartels from working.”

He cited [statistics](#)<sup>(12)</sup> finding that in the fiscal year 2020, CBP seized “[58,000] pounds of Cocaine.”

As Palazzo noted, the amount of fentanyl seized by CBP last year “is enough to kill every American child.”

The congressman also expressed concern that “as our CBP agents and others are misdirected, the drug problem is getting worse.”

As the amount of drugs seized at the border continues to increase, the number of encounters with drug traffickers is also increasing.

CBP Data <sup>(17)</sup> shows that more than 178,000 migrants were apprehended at the southwest l

So far, in the fiscal year 2021, which began last October, there have been 749,613 encount

Critics of President Joe Biden attribute the surge in border crossings to actions <sup>(18)</sup> taken by to remain in Mexico while their claims are adjudicated and the suspension of construction c

While Biden's critics have blamed the president for the surge in crossings at the border, so

Former President George W. Bush pointed <sup>(20)</sup> the finger at Congress for the situation during

He alleged that "the system is broken because Congress has failed to act."

California Pastor Samuel Rodriguez, who heads the National Hispanic Christian Leadership vulnerable."

The border surge led to overcrowding at shelters that hold unaccompanied minors who cro

The crowding at CBP facilities, including a facility <sup>(22)</sup> in Donna, Texas, came as the U.S. co

The overcrowding at the Donna facility and other similar locations raised concerns about th

In Brownsville, Texas, migrant families tested had a 12% positivity rate. At the time, the pos

The border crisis has seemingly reflected negatively on the Biden administration. A Real Cl

At the same time, the Real Clear Politics average of polls shows that a majority of the Ame

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