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The Worst Border Month Ever: December 2022 In Perspective

HOW BAD *IS* **251,487** MONTHLY ILLEGAL ALIEN APPREHENSIONS?

THAT'S LARGER THAN THE POPULATIONS OF...



In 3 months at this rate...

Total apprehensions will surpass the populations of *Seattle, WA*, and *Denver, CO*.

In 1 year at this rate...

Total apprehensions will top **3** million—larger than the population of *Chicago, IL*, and the country of *Jamaica*.

141%

HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE DECEMBER APPREHENSIONS IN FY17-FY20, WHICH WAS 43,401 8,000+

AVERAGE APPREHENSIONS PER DAY, NOT INCLUDING "GOTAWAYS" **70,000**+

FY22

FY21

FY20

MONTHLY "GOTAWAYS," (PEOPLE WHO ENTER ILLEGALLY BUT ESCAPE APPREHENSION)

ARRESTS OF
KNOWNSUSPECTED
TERRORISTS AT THE
BORDER:

TOTAL IN DEC 2022: 17

TOTAL IN FY17-FY21: 26

FY 21 FY 20 FY 19 FY 18 FY 17

DECEMBER APPREHENSIONS OF 179,253 ILLEGAL ALIENS FY14-FY22 73,994 29,528 25,019 37,014 43,251 28,995

FY18