



FY 2026 Budget Resolution: Keep the Border Secure, Fund ICE and Border Patrol

Using the budget reconciliation process, the Republican-majority Congress can move quickly and fund ICE and Border Patrol, [putting the legislation on President Trump's desk](#) no later than June 1, 2026.

Democrats have [blocked](#) funding for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 16 times. **ICE and Border Patrol will run out of money if Congress does not act. We cannot go back to the Biden Open Borders Era.**

- During the Biden administration there were:
 - **Over 11 million encounters with illegal aliens**, including 8.3 million on the southern border.
 - **Over 4 million of these were released into the United States.**
 - **1.7 million of these were encounters with “special interest aliens”** – people from countries that DHS has determined pose the greatest national security and counterintelligence threats to the U.S., including Afghanistan, China, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Syria, and Turkey.
 - **703 encounters with aliens on the terror watchlist, and at least 99 of those were released into the U.S.**
 - **Over 1.7 million gotaways** – aliens that are known to have entered without ever being encountered or apprehended by law enforcement.

Despite Democrat resistance, **Republicans are united and are committed to keeping America safe and secure.** Illegal crossings at our southern border have reached [historic lows](#) thanks to President Trump's leadership and the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill.

- In January 2026, Border Patrol apprehended only 6,073 illegal aliens—the fourth consecutive monthly decline and 93% below the FY1992–FY2024 average (83,065 a month), indicating a sustained downward trend.

- Daily border apprehensions now average at 245 per day—95% lower than the 5,110 daily average under the Biden Administration.
- U.S. Border Patrol recorded 237,538 encounters with illegal immigrants at the U.S.-Mexico border in 2025—down from more than 1.5 million encounters in 2024, more than 2 million in 2023, and more than 2.2 million in 2022. **In 2025, encounters with illegal aliens at the southern border fell to their lowest level since 1970.**
- DHS arrested over 380,000 illegal aliens with criminal records in the past 12 months (out of 595,000 total). **Sixty-four percent of aliens who have been detained under President Trump’s second term have either a criminal conviction or pending criminal charge.**
- **In 2025, CBP seized 617,648 pounds of illicit drugs nationwide over the past year—an 8 percent increase over the prior year.** This included 10,915 pounds of fentanyl, 186,359 pounds of methamphetamine, and significant quantities of cocaine, heroin, and marijuana.
- DHS has deployed 130,000 feet of temporary barriers to secure critical gaps along the southwest border.
- January 2026 was the ninth month in a row that Border Patrol released zero illegal aliens into the interior of the country

Republicans are equally committed to ensuring America remains safe and restoring fiscal sanity. The FY 2026 Budget Resolution:

- Assumes a gradual reduction in budget deficits to 3% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 2029. This aligns with the target set by Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, various [thought leaders](#), and bipartisan [House](#) and [Senate](#) resolutions.
- Incorporates President Trump’s base defense funding request for 2027.

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