When U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) encounters a migrant entering the United States illegally between ports of entry, they are processed for removal under Title 8 (immigration law) and asked whether they fear persecution or intend to seek asylum. However, at the start of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in March 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an order requiring USBP to use an additional procedure at the border under Title 42 (public health code). This policy prohibits the entry of certain migrants to prevent the introduction of COVID-19 into border facilities and the United States. Individuals subject to the order are not held in congregate areas for processing and not given a credible fear interview to pursue the asylum process. Instead, they are swiftly expelled to Mexico or their countries of origin. The focus of this infographic is on the Southwest border; migrants arriving at the Northern border between ports of entry are subject to the same processes but make up a small share of total USBP encounters.

**U.S. Border Patrol Encounter**

**Title 8**
- Expedited Removal: No hearing
- Formal Removal: Hearing
  - Credible fear not shown: Removal
  - Credible fear shown: Detention, Release into the U.S., Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP)

**Title 42**
- Expulsion: COVID-19 Pandemic
  - Exceptions: Unaccompanied children and others on a case-by-case basis
  - Mexico: Expulsion to Mexico
  - Country of citizenship: Expulsion to country of citizenship

**USBP Encounters at the Southwest Border, FY2020-FY2022 YTD (5 months)**

**Monthly Encounters**
- Title 8 Apprehensions
- Title 42 Expulsions

**Annual Encounters**
- FY2020: 203,608 Title 8 Apprehensions, 197,043 Title 42 Expulsions, 400,651 Total
- FY2021: 618,986 Title 8 Apprehensions, 1,040,220 Title 42 Expulsions, 1,659,206 Total
- FY2022 YTD (5 months): 375,819 Title 8 Apprehensions, 426,819 Title 42 Expulsions, 802,638 Total

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