

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

**June
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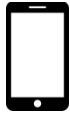
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

South Texas Ranch Crime Index Total as of February 28, 2018: 58

The Ranch Crime index comprises rancher input of criminal traffic patterns occurring outside of main highways and roadways, and across ranch properties.



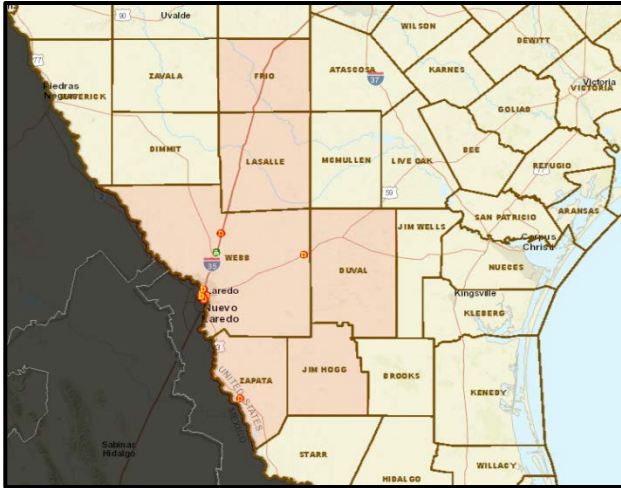
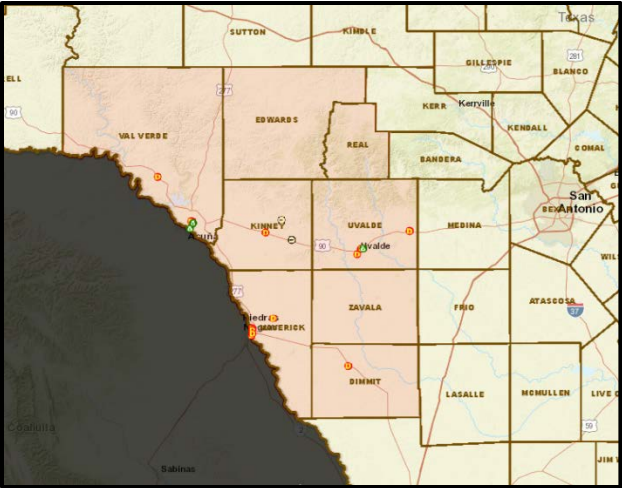
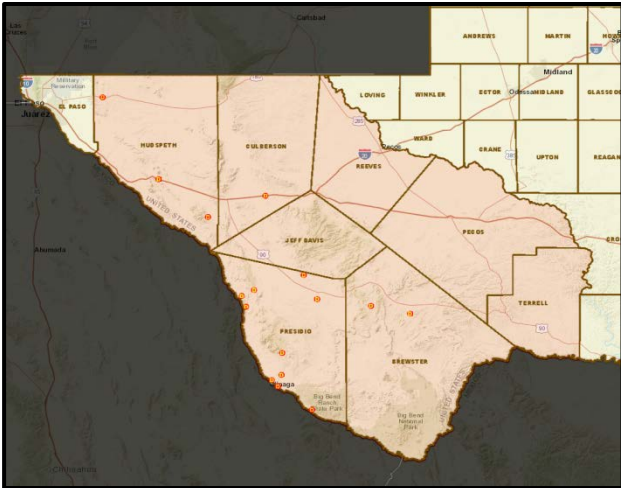
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OPERATION BORDER STAR

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Seizures – CYTD 2018	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Marijuana (lbs)	28,605	18,012	853	56,255	129,160	30	232,916
Cocaine (lbs)	566	48	159	1,274	1,908	59	4,015
Methamphetamine (lbs)	843	65	771	2,718	1,574	< 1	5,973
Heroin (lbs)	142	26	< 1	132	106	--	406

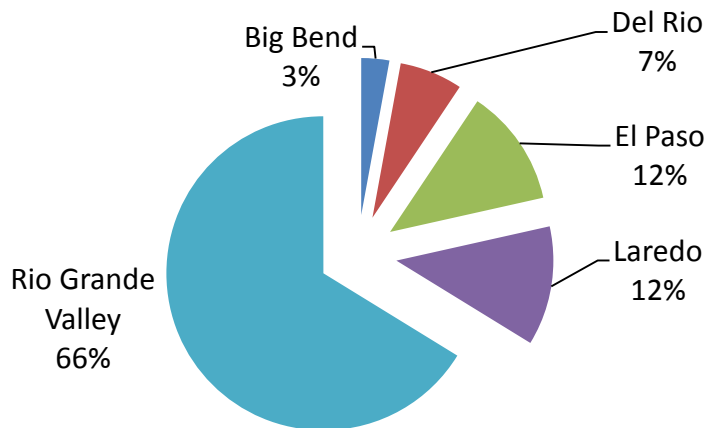




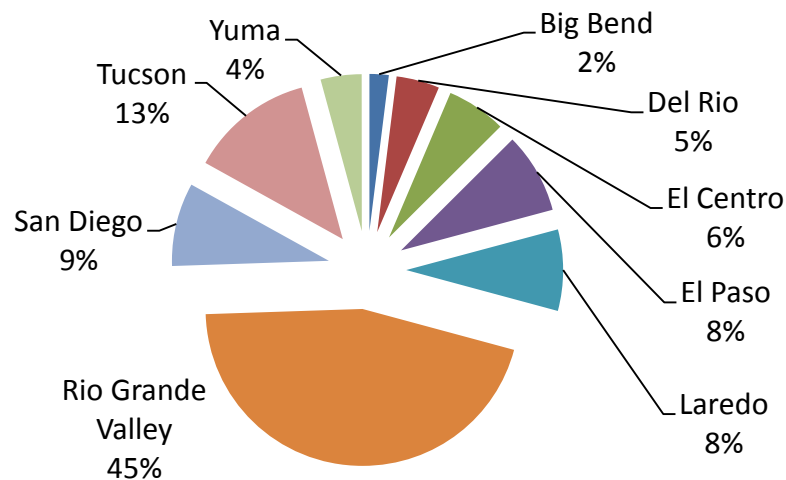
Sector Apprehension Comparisons



**Texas Border Sector Apprehensions
FY 2017 (OCT-SEP)**



**Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions
FY 2017 (OCT-SEP)**

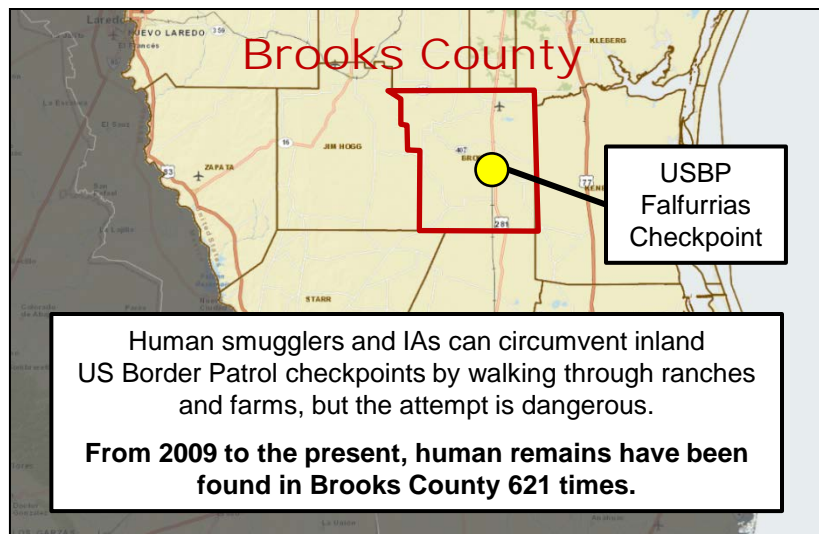


For more information, visit the USBP website at: <https://www.cbp.gov>

Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2018	15,581	4,552	8,504	17,823	80,059	0	126,519

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2018	10,505	2,449	4,084	5,302	63,318	0	85,658

Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs)	FY 2017	FY 2016	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2013
Texas Border	31,827	47,192	31,109	58,312	27,827



MARFA SECTOR

On 02 JUN, a Brewster Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch south of Marathon. Nine IAs were detained and referred to USBP.

On 02 JUN, Presidio Co SO Deputies, assisted by HSI, seized 684 lbs of marijuana that had been found abandoned on a ranch northwest of Shafter. The marijuana, which was found in multiple deteriorated bundles, was referred to DEA.



On 05 JUN, Presidio Co SO Deputies seized 289 lbs of marijuana that had been found abandoned in backpacks on a ranch west of Marfa. The marijuana was referred to DEA.

On 08 JUN, USBP Agents responded to a rancher who reported subjects on a property southwest of Van Horn. The Agent located three IAs in an arroyo with a total of 112 lbs of marijuana in bundles. The marijuana was referred to DEA, and the three IAs were processed.



MARFA SECTOR

On 18 JUN, USBP Agents apprehended six IAs on a ranch southeast of Sierra Blanca. One IA is a MS-13 gang member.

On 23 JUN, Jeff Davis Co SO received a report from a rancher that a deceased person had been found on a ranch southwest of Fort Davis. Papers found at the scene indicated that the person had been from Guatemala.



On 25 JUN, USBP Agents seized 153.17 lbs of marijuana and apprehended three IAs on a ranch northwest of Marfa. The subjects and marijuana were referred to DEA.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 06 JUN, Dimmit Co SO Deputies and USBP Agents responded to a ranch near the Dimmit/Webb County line for a welfare check on an unresponsive person.

The subject was transported to a hospital for care. The subject, who was identified as an IA, later died of what was suspected to have been a heat stroke.

On 06 JUN, a Maverick Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch east of Eagle Pass regarding a ranch manager's discovery of a deceased subject under a deer stand.

A wallet was found nearby, and the subject appeared to have been an IA.

The remains were turned over to a funeral home, with assistance from USBP.

On 06 JUN, a USBP Agent conducted an inspection on a silver 2003 Hyundai Santa Fe on US-277 in Normandy, when the vehicle failed to yield. The vehicle struck a ranch fence, and six occupants bailed out. The Agent detained the six IAs, one of whom was the driver. The driver was arrested for human smuggling, and the remaining IAs were processed. The vehicle was impounded.

On 10 JUN, a USBP Agent found four IAs hiding in brush on a ranch near US-277, south of Del Rio. One of the IAs was identified as the human smuggler. An HSI Agent arrested the smuggler, and the remaining IAs were processed.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 11 JUN, a Kinney Co SO Deputy was dispatched regarding a burglary at a ranch east of Brackettville. A subject had stolen a rifle and a 1995 Chevrolet Silverado pickup. A USBP Agent encountered the vehicle at the Uvalde Checkpoint, and the driver failed to yield. A THP Trooper and Uvalde Co SO Deputies assisted in the pursuit. The subject threw several objects from the vehicle. A Uvalde PD Officer recovered the rifle. A Sabinal PD Officer spiked the vehicle's tires, and the vehicle stopped west of Sabinal. The subject bailed out. Uvalde Co Deputies and USBP Agents apprehended the subject, who was identified as an IA. The subject had eight rounds of ammo and \$26.69 of stolen US currency in his pockets. The subject was arrested and processed.

On 18 JUN, USBP Agents found three subjects on a ranch east of Eagle Pass. The Agents detained two IAs, but the third subject absconded. A few minutes later, an additional Agent observed a 2008 Dodge Ram pickup circle around a rest stop, east of Eagle Pass. The Agent inspected the vehicle in La Pryor. The Agent detained the USC driver and an IA passenger, who admitted they were the human smugglers for the IAs who had been found on the ranch. The three IAs and USC driver were processed. The vehicle and driver were released.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 25 JUN, USBP Agents were dispatched to a ranch near FM 481, east of Eagle Pass, regarding an emergency call from two subjects in distress. The Agents located the subjects, who were identified as two IAs. The IAs were taken to a hospital for treatment, and were processed.

On 25 JUN, USBP Agents found an IA in distress on a ranch near FM 481, east of Eagle Pass. The IA was taken to a hospital for treatment, and was processed.

On 24 JUN, a USBP Agent apprehended five IAs who had been hiding in a field near US-277 in Eagle Pass. The Agent identified a juvenile IA and an adult IA as the human smugglers. The Agent arrested the adult smuggler, and the remaining IAs were processed.

On 23 JUN, a Kinney Co SO Deputy found three IAs on a ranch near US-277, west of Spofford. The IAs were detained and processed by USBP.



On 26 JUN, a USBP Agent detained 15 IAs who had been hiding in brush on a ranch near FM 1665 in Normandy. One of the IAs was identified as an MS-13 gang member. The IAs were processed.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 13 JUN, Webb Co. Constable Pct. 3 Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a black 2003 Chevrolet TrailBlazer traveling on US-359 near Aguilares, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence and was later found abandoned. USBP Agents responded and found two IAs in the area. The driver was not located.



RIO GRANDE VALLEY



A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch on FM 3066 regarding a deceased person. The body was transported to a funeral home.

A Brooks Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch in northern Hidalgo County regarding the discovery of human remains. The remains were transported to the Webb Co Medical Examiner.



On 23 JUN, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in northwestern Brooks County regarding the discovery of skeletal remains. The remains were taken to the Brooks Co SO.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY



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On 14 JUN, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in western Brooks County regarding the discovery of a deceased person.



RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 18 JUN, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in northwestern Brooks County regarding the discovery of a deceased person.



On 16 JUN, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in northwestern Brooks County regarding the discovery of a deceased person.



On 22 JUN, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch on CR 107 regarding the discovery of skeletal remains.

On 26 JUN, a Starr Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch on FM 755 regarding an abandoned 2005 Jeep Liberty that had damaged two fence lines. The vehicle had been involved in a pursuit and bailout earlier with USBP. Four IAs were apprehended, and the vehicle was seized.

On 28 JUN, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch south of Falfurrias regarding a deceased person. The body was sent to the Webb Co Medical Examiner.



COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 04 JUN, Bee Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a white 2002 Chevrolet Suburban in Beeville. The vehicle failed to yield and a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch gate and nine subjects absconded into a wooded area. The vehicle was seized.

On 25 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a black 2013 Ford F-250 pickup near Beeville, when a pursuit ensued. The driver disregarded two stop signs, crossed the center median, and drove onto ranch property, hitting two fences. The vehicle was found abandoned on the property with its rear axle stuck in mud. No arrests were made. The vehicle was reported stolen from Beeville.



Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY2014 - Present)*

Event	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	3	92	664	407	1,689	605	3,460
Bailouts	5	104	846	718	1,548	570	3,791

** Totals include all incidents reported by the JOICs, not merely those that are ranch-related*





OPERATION DRAWBRIDGE

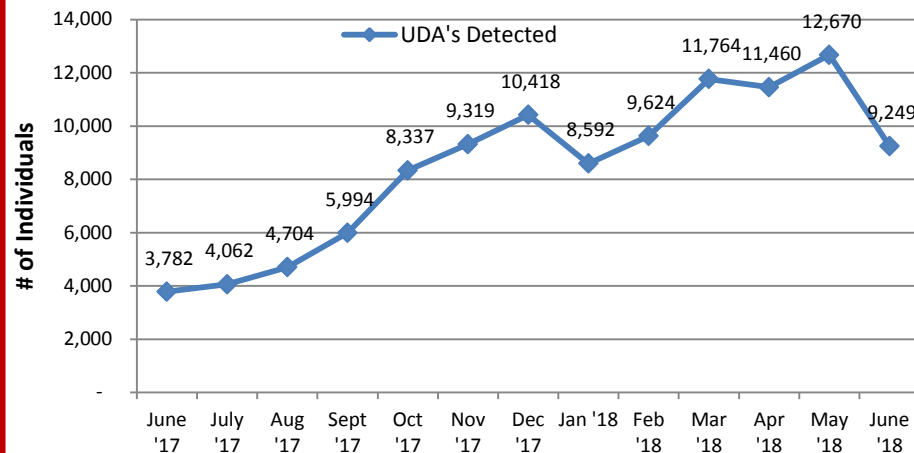
Statistical Summary – JUN 2018



Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



Drawbridge Stats



Operation Drawbridge Totals: JAN 2012 – JUN 2018

Detections	411,537
Marijuana Seized	473,130 lbs (>236 tons)
Cocaine Seized	294 lbs
Methamphetamine Seized	20 lbs
Heroin Seized	2 lbs
Firearms Seized	33

Operation Drawbridge Totals: CYTD 2018

Detections	63,628
Narcotics Seized	35,304 lbs (>17 tons)

Note: Figures are based on initial reporting and are subject to change.



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