

# **Border Operations Sector Assessment**

South Texas  
Ranch Edition

**June  
2019**

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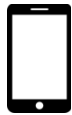
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

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.



You may use the [Texas DPS iWatch](#) to report suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate criminal or terrorist activity, such as drug smuggling, human smuggling, oil field thefts, and other criminal activity. Every report will be reviewed by analysts. You may also contact DPS at 1-866-786-5972, or through the JOIC contacts listed below.

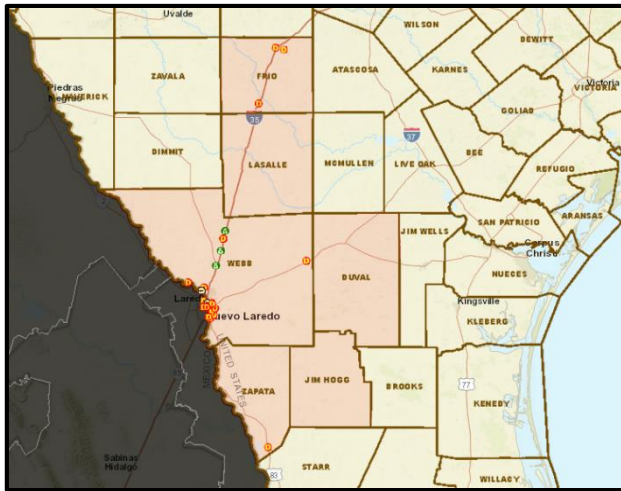
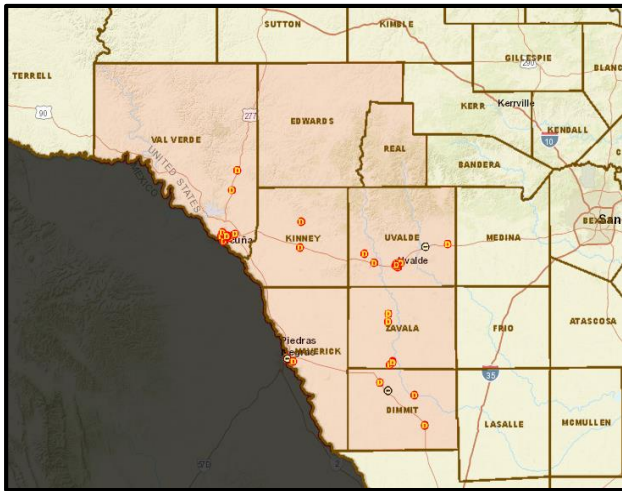
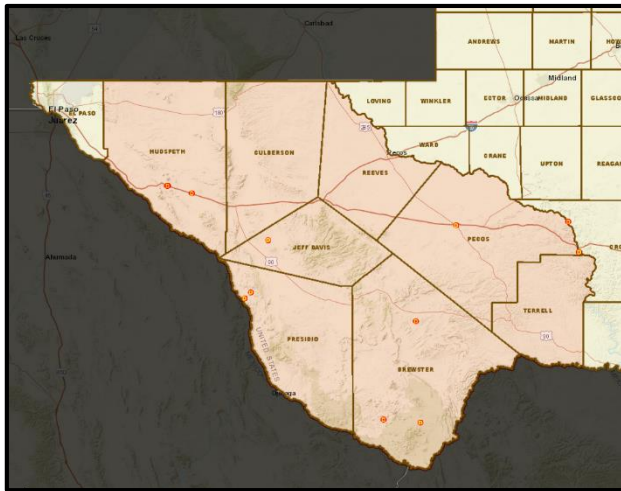
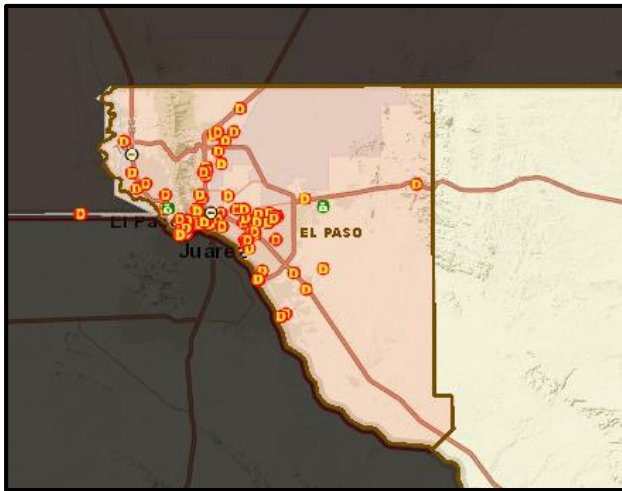


## OPERATION BORDER STAR

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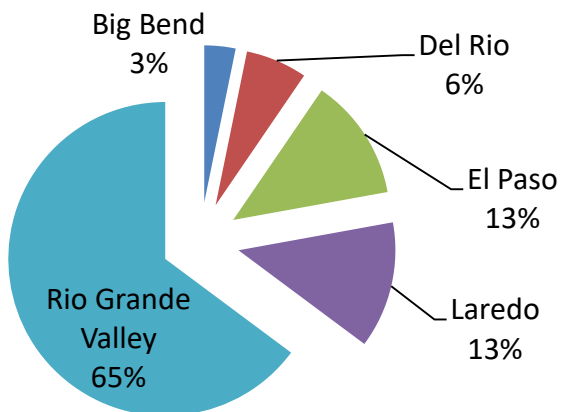


Seizures – CYTD 2019	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
<b>Marijuana (lbs)</b>	31,601	14,494	3,947	79,639	71,922	999	<b>202,601</b>
<b>Cocaine (lbs)</b>	502	56.72	155	855	2,461	276	<b>4,306</b>
<b>Methamphetamine (lbs)</b>	1,492	200	310	2,784	6,452	118	<b>11,355</b>
<b>Heroin (lbs)</b>	76	5	23	151	201	< 1	<b>455</b>

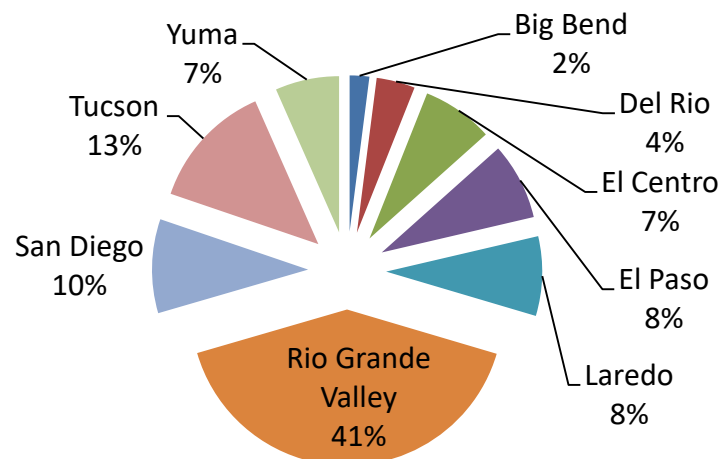




**Texas Border Sector Apprehensions  
FY2018 (OCT-SEP)**



**Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions  
FY2018 (OCT-SEP)**

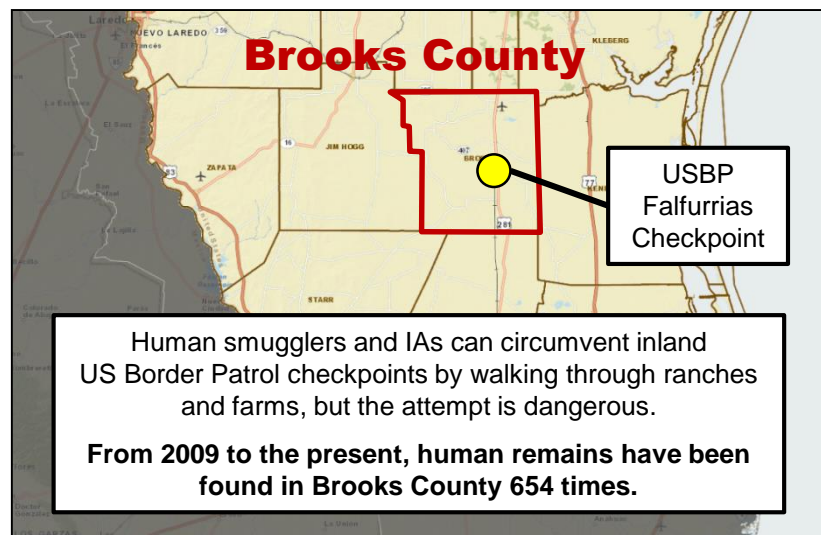


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Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2019	89,237	5,094	30,961	22,053	192,220	0	339,565

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2019	82,214	3,263	26,189	6,894	176,302	0	294,862

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 05 JUN, USBP Agents seized 175.70 lbs of marijuana in three large burlap backpacks and apprehended three IAs on a ranch north of Candelaria. The case was referred to Alpine DEA.



On 07 JUN, a Presidio Co SO Deputy detained an IA near a ranch north of Shafter. The subject was referred to USBP.



On 08 JUN, USBP Agents seized 286 lbs of marijuana in five large burlap backpacks and apprehended three IAs on a ranch northwest of Valentine. An additional two subjects absconded. The case was referred to Alpine DEA.

# MARFA SECTOR



On 08 JUN, USBP Agents seized 169.31 lbs of marijuana in three large backpacks and apprehended three IAs on a ranch north of Candelaria. The case was referred to Alpine DEA.

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On 09 JUN, USBP Agents seized a 2003 Ford Explorer and apprehended three human smugglers and 12 IAs following a vehicle stop that resulted in a vehicle rollover near a ranch east of Van Horn. The case was referred to Alpine HSI.

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On 13 JUN, Brewster Co SO Deputies responded to a call from a rancher and detained an IA on a ranch near La Linda. The subject was referred to USBP.

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On 14 JUN, USBP Agents apprehended 10 IAs on a ranch northeast of Candelaria. One of the IAs was a convicted sex offender who had been charged with sexual assault of a child. The subjects were processed.



# DEL RIO SECTOR

On 05 JUN, a USBP Agent was dispatched to a ranch west of Catarina. The Agent found an IA who was severely dehydrated, and also a deceased person. On 07 JUN, another Agent found a second deceased person nearby. The IA was taken to a hospital for treatment and processed. The bodies of the deceased persons were referred to local authorities.

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On 09 JUN, a USBP Agent detained an IA who was walking through the brush on a ranch west of Uvalde. On 17 JUN, a Uvalde Co SO Deputy was dispatched to the Uvalde PD Station and arrested the IA for a Round Rock PD warrant for Aggravated Assault/Family Violence. The IA will be processed.

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On 13 JUN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a black 2014 Chevrolet Silverado pickup on US-83 in Catarina, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, the occupants bailed out, and an IA was detained. The IA was in possession of 0.001 lbs of cocaine, and was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance. A search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of \$125 USD. The vehicle, which was displaying fictitious license plates and was identified as stolen from Harris Co, was impounded.

# DEL RIO SECTOR

On 17 JUN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2019 Ford F-250 pickup on US-83, south of Catarina, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence onto a ranch and later found abandoned. The two subjects whom the Deputy had seen in the vehicle were not found in the area. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, was impounded.



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On 18 JUN, a USBP Agent apprehended two IAs who were walking on a ranch near FM 1024, north of Comstock. One of the IAs was a wanted subject. Both IAs were processed. On 19 JUN, a Val Verde Co SO Deputy arrested the fugitive for a Miami, FL warrant for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

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On 20 JUN, a USBP Agent apprehended two IAs who were walking through an orchard near SL-480 in Eagle Pass. One of the IAs had been convicted of capital murder in 2001. The subject was arrested for Re-entry after Deportation, and the second IA was processed.



# DEL RIO SECTOR

On 19 JUN, a Dimmit Co SO Investigator advised that two vehicles had possibly loaded with IAs on US-83, south of Catarina. Deputies located the two vehicles, a white 2015 GMC Sierra pickup and a red 2018 Chevrolet Silverado pickup on FM 2522, south of Asherton. After both vehicles turned onto FM 1557, the GMC Sierra was driven into the brush, and its occupants bailed out. USBP Agents and CBP OAM responded to assist. Two subjects were apprehended, but multiple subjects absconded. The vehicle was bearing fictitious plates, but both license plates and the registration stickers matched. The VIN identified the vehicle as stolen from Corpus Christi. The Chevrolet continued on FM 1557, and the Deputies conducted a traffic stop on FM 190, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, where the occupants bailed out. Eleven subjects were apprehended. The Chevrolet was bearing fictitious plates that did not match the vehicle, and a registration check identified the vehicle as stolen from Houston. The 13 IAs were processed, and the vehicles were impounded.

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On 23 JUN, a Kinney Co SO Deputy encountered a group of subjects on a ranch near US-277, west of Brackettville. USBP Agents apprehended three IAs.

# DEL RIO SECTOR

On 24 JUN, USBP Agents conducted an inspection on a white 2018 Ford F-250 pickup on US-83, south of Catarina, when the vehicle failed to yield. Dimmit Co SO Deputies responded to assist. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, where the occupants bailed out and absconded. The vehicle had a punched-out door lock, the rear seats had been removed, and it was reported stolen from San Antonio. Dimmit Co SO impounded the vehicle.

On 29 JUN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a blue 2005 Toyota 4Runner on US-83, south of Carrizo Springs, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle crashed through a ranch gate, and the occupants bailed out. USBP Agents assisted, but the subjects had absconded.



On 30 JUN, USBP Agents were dispatched to a ranch near SH-131 east of Quemado regarding a subject in distress. The Agents located an IA who was severely dehydrated. The IA was taken to a hospital for treatment and processed.

# LAREDO SECTOR

On 05 JUN, Webb Co SO Deputies assisted USBP Agents in searching a property in Rio Bravo. The Deputies and Agents apprehended a subject who was later identified as an IA. The subject was processed by USBP.

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On 08 JUN, a Duval Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a brown 2001 Ford F-150 pickup for speeding on SH-359 in Benavides. The vehicle was driven through a gate, and the occupants bailed out and absconded. Empty food bags were found in the vehicle, suggesting that it was being used for human smuggling.

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On 23 JUN, Jim Hogg Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a maroon 2010 Nissan Armada on SH-16 near Hebbronville, when a pursuit ensued. The Deputies observed two subjects abscond into the brush on a ranch. The driver was arrested, and the vehicle was seized.



# RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 01 JUN, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a report of a deceased subject found on a ranch in Falfurrias. The Deputy was escorted to the site along with USBP Agents.



On 03 JUN, Fort Brown USBP Agents seized 252.10 lbs of marijuana. The Agents intercepted a Ford Explorer that had been floated across the River near a ranch east of Brownsville. The vehicle contained several bundles. The driver of the vehicle bailed out and absconded to MX. DEA assumed custody of the narcotics, and the vehicle was seized.

# RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 10 JUN, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in northern Brooks Co regarding a deceased person found by a ranch hand. The Deputy met with USBP Agents and was taken to the remains.

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On 22 JUN, a Kenedy Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in Armstrong regarding a deceased person found on the property. The Deputy was escorted by USBP Agents to the remains.

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On 22 JUN, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch near Falfurrias regarding a deceased person found on the property. The Deputy was escorted by USBP Agents to the remains.

# COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 04 JUN, Jim Wells Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a black 2010 Ford F-150 pickup on US-281 and CR 473 in Alice, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle traveled approximately a mile north, and was then driven through a fence along US-281 and came to a stop. The occupants bailed out and absconded. The Deputies detained an IA, who was referred to USBP.

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On 07 JUN, Live Oak Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a 2011 Ford F-250 pickup near Three Rivers, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence and was found abandoned. The Deputies detained an IA who was found nearby. The subject was referred to USBP, and the vehicle was identified as stolen.

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On 11 JUN, a Jim Wells Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup in Alice, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch gate. The Deputy and USBP Agents tracked the vehicle and found it abandoned, and apprehended nine IAs.



# COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 12 JUN, Jim Wells Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a 2017 Ford F-250 pickup near Premont, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through several ranches and then back onto the roadway. Later, the vehicle was found abandoned on a ranch. The vehicle was reported stolen from Houston. A search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of a handgun and 30 rounds of ammo.

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On 13 JUN, a Jim Wells Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2013 Ford F-250 pickup in Alice, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a gate and the occupants bailed out as the vehicle slowed to a stop. The Deputy observed two additional subjects bail out of the vehicle when it stopped, leaving the engine running with the keys in the ignition. The Deputy detained three IAs, who were referred to USBP.

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On 15 JUN, Jim Wells Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a white Chevrolet Silverado pickup near Tilden, when a pursuit ensued. After several miles, the vehicle was driven through a fence and abandoned in the brush. The Deputies detained an IA, who was referred to USBP. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio.

# COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 16 JUN, a McMullen Co SO Deputy was notified by a ranch owner near Tilden that a subject was on his property. The Deputy detained an IA and referred the subject to USBP.

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On 18 JUN, a Gonzales Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white Ford pickup near IH-10 when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence along FM 2814 and continued through the ranch and two other properties before evading the Deputy.

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On 20 JUN, a Live Oak Co SO Deputy encountered a 2011 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup near IH-37 and SH-72 in George West that had the license plates of another pickup. A pursuit ensued, and the vehicle was driven through several ranch gates. The two occupants absconded.

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On 20 JUN, Jim Wells Co SO Deputies were in a pursuit of a gray 2010 Ford Escape that extended into Live Oak Co near FM 3162 in Sandia. The vehicle crashed through a fence line, Live Oak Co SO Deputies assisted, and the vehicle was found abandoned in the brush with the keys in the ignition and the engine running. The vehicle was seized.



## Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY2014 - Present)\*

Event	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	3	117	871	515	1,931	687	<b>4,124</b>
Bailouts	5	124	1,080	1,029	1,742	681	<b>4,661</b>

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





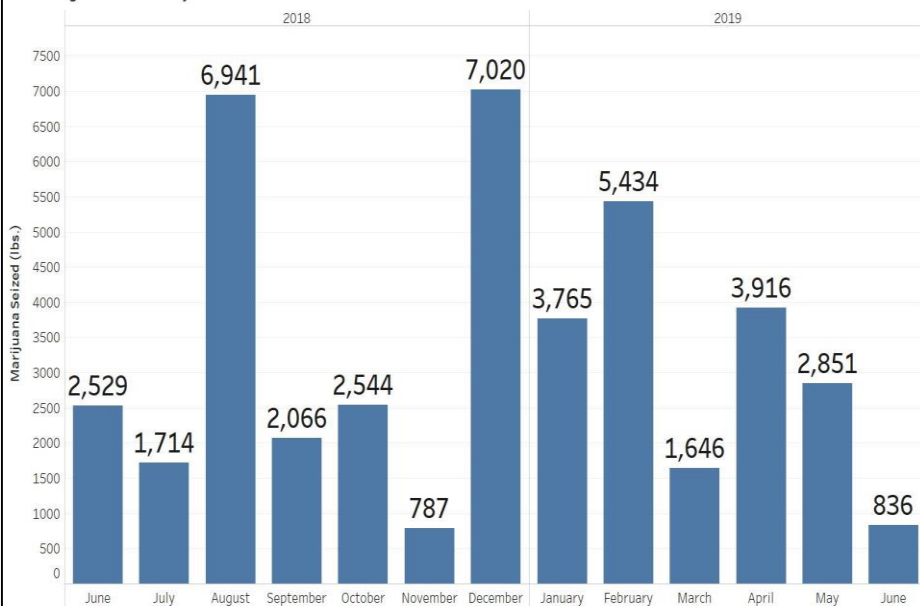


# OPERATION DRAWBRIDGE

Statistical Summary – JUN 2019

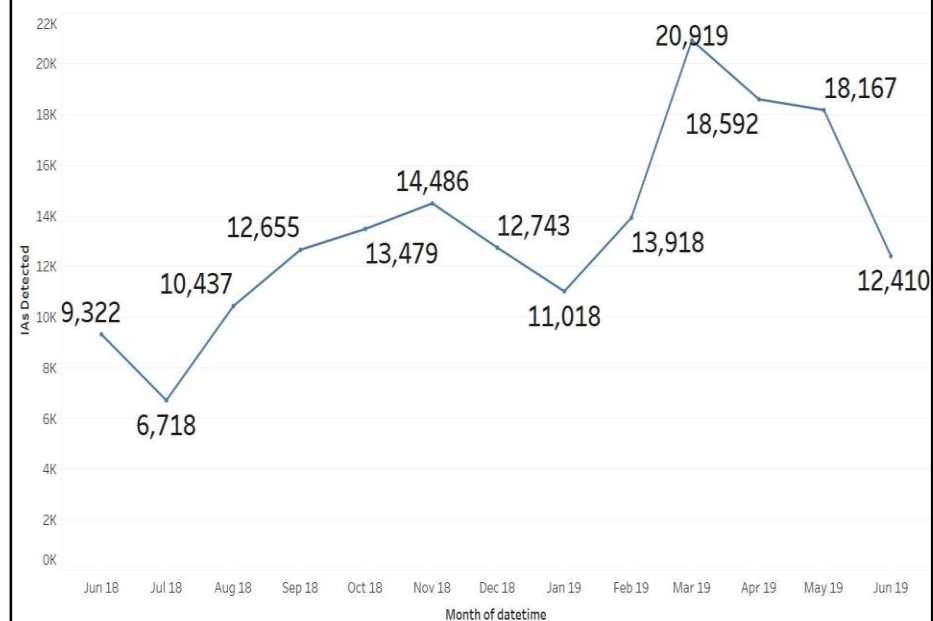


Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



Sum of Marijuana Seized (lbs.) for each datetime Month broken down by datetime Year. The data is filtered on datetime Month, which ranges from June 2018 to June 2019. The view is filtered on datetime Year, which keeps 2018 and 2019.

UDA's Detected



The trend of sum of IAs Detected for datetime Month. The view is filtered on datetime Month, which ranges from Jun 18 to Jun 19.

## Operation Drawbridge Totals: JAN 2012 – JUN 2019

Detections	577,058
Marijuana Seized	513,604 lbs (>256 tons)
Cocaine Seized	550 lbs
Methamphetamine Seized	32 lbs
Heroin Seized	4 lbs
Firearms Seized	43

## Operation Drawbridge Totals: CYTD 2019

Detections	101,183
Narcotics Seized	19,570 lbs

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



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