

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

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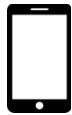
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

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.



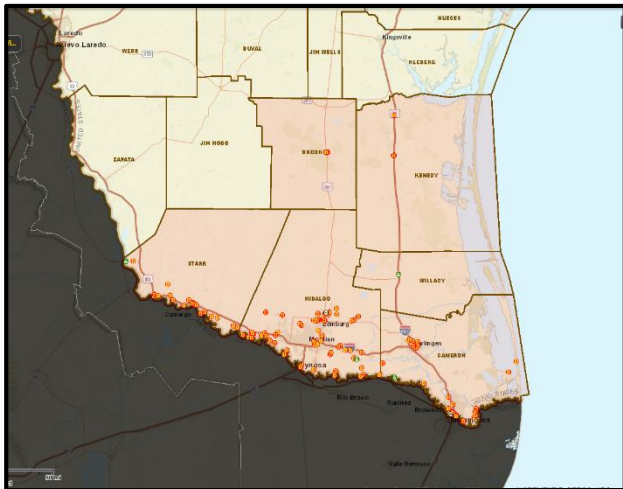
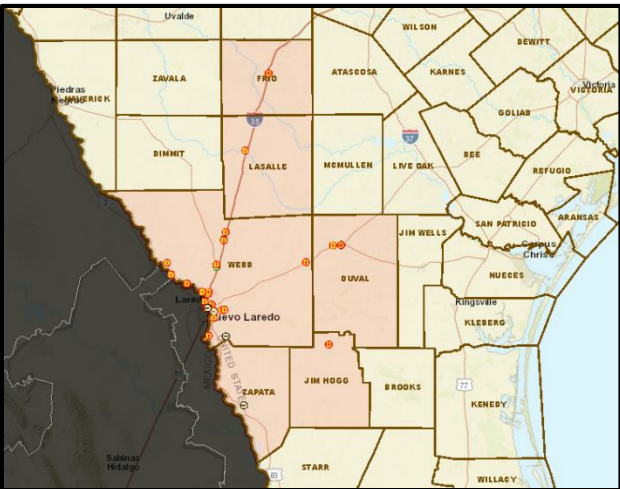
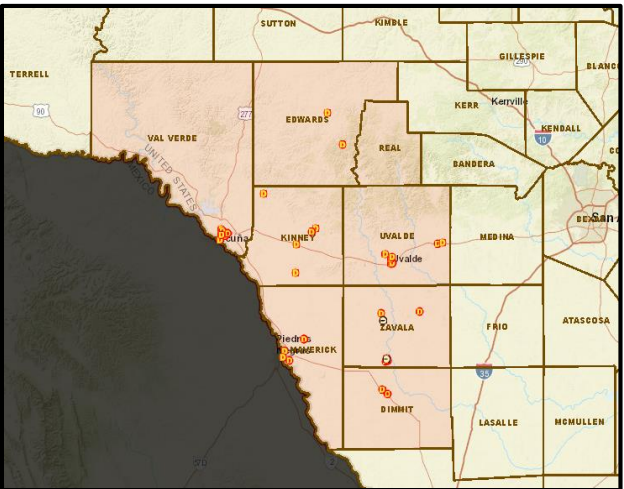
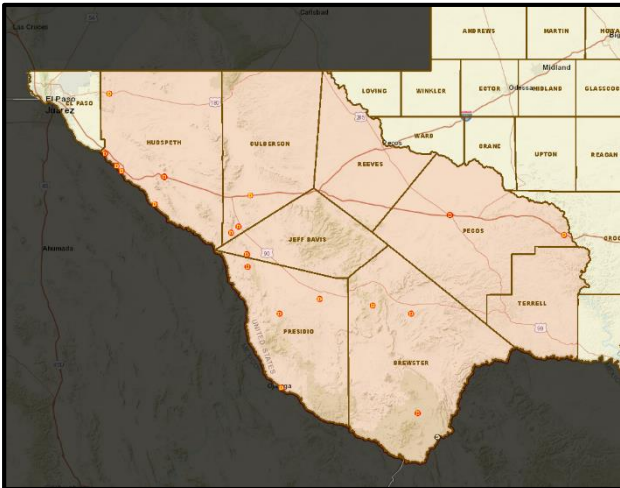
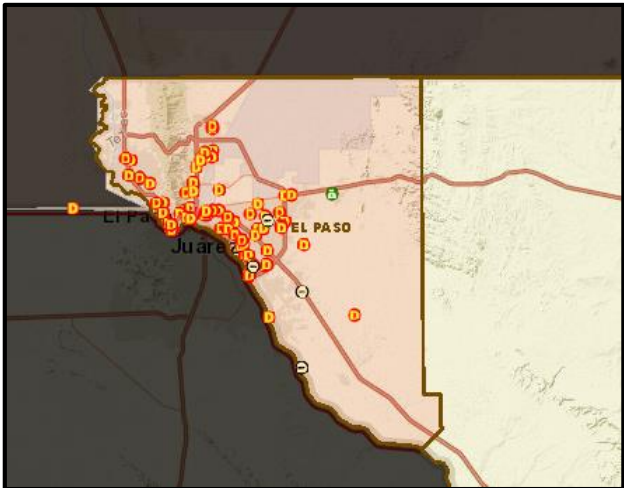
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OPERATION BORDER STAR

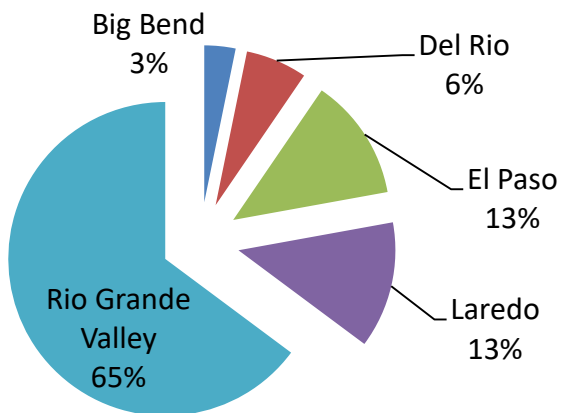
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Seizures – CYTD 2019	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Marijuana (lbs)	39,907	18,215	3,967	89,935	101,208	1,004	254,235
Cocaine (lbs)	651	58	214	1,188	3,419	277	5,807
Methamphetamine (lbs)	1,736	203	666	6,423	7,761	118	16,906
Heroin (lbs)	193	5	68	283	327	< 1	875

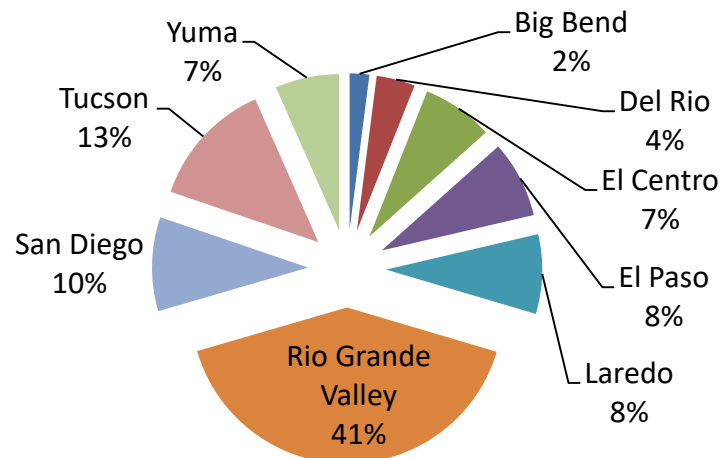




Texas Border Sector Apprehensions FY2018 (OCT-SEP)



Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions FY2018 (OCT-SEP)

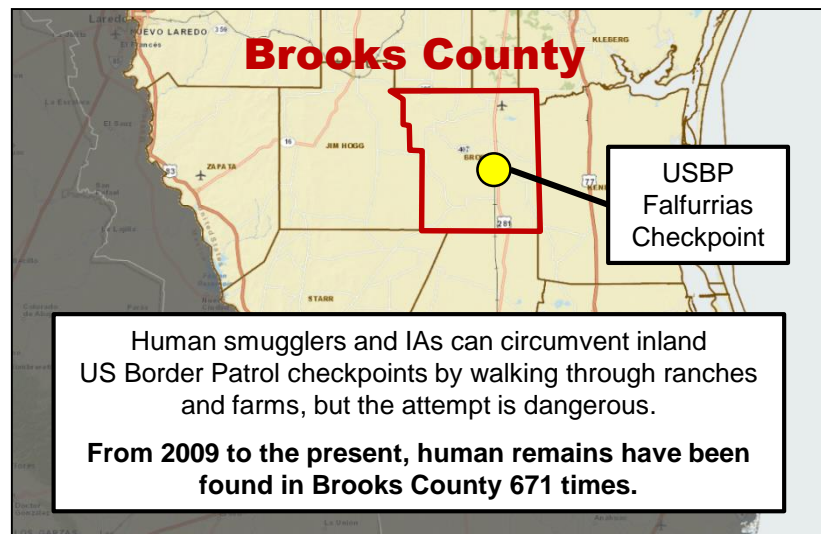


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Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2019	109,619	6,678	41,947	27,572	254,236	0	440,052

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2019	98,767	4,493	35,814	8,747	233,677	0	381,498

Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs)	FY 2018	FY 2017	FY 2016	FY 2015	FY 2014
Texas Border	34,383	31,827	47,192	31,109	58,312



BIG BEND SECTOR

On 09 AUG, a Brewster Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch near Big Bend National Park regarding suspected IAs in the area. The Deputy detained an IA who was referred to USBP at the Alpine Checkpoint. The IA was processed.

On 10 AUG, Brewster Co SO Deputies and USBP Agents located a deceased person on a ranch northeast of Study Butte. The body is pending an autopsy.

On 21 AUG, USBP Agents seized 0.003 lbs of cocaine that had been found abandoned by a rancher who had been picking up trash around his gate near the Marfa Checkpoint. The cocaine was referred to Alpine DEA.

On 28 AUG, USBP Agents seized a 1997 Ford F-150 pickup and apprehended a human smuggler and eight IAs following a failure to yield on FM 2810, south of Marfa. The vehicle was driven through three ranch fences before coming to a stop. The case was referred to Alpine HSI.

BIG BEND SECTOR

On 30 AUG, USBP Agents seized 228.09 lbs of marijuana and apprehended an IA on a ranch east of Van Horn. The marijuana was found in four large burlap backpacks. The case was referred to Alpine DEA.



On 30 AUG, USBP Agents, assisted by DPS AVN, seized 343.88 lbs of marijuana and apprehended six IAs on a ranch west of Valentine. The marijuana was found in six large burlap backpacks. The case was referred to Alpine DEA.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 03 AUG, USBP Agents encountered nine IAs on a ranch near FM 2644 east of Eagle Pass. Several of the IAs were suffering from severe heat exposure and dehydration. EMS personnel were dispatched to assist. One subject became unresponsive and could not be revived. The Agents treated the remaining IAs for heat exhaustion, sent two of them to a hospital for emergency treatment. The IAs were processed, and the deceased subject was referred to Maverick Co SO.

On 04 AUG, a Uvalde Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a John Deere Gator on US-83 that had been stolen from a ranch in Zavala Co. A USBP Agent assisted, and identified the subject as an IA. The vehicle was impounded.

On 07 AUG, a Kinney Co SO Deputy found a group of subjects on a ranch near US-277 west of Spofford. USBP Agents apprehended 10 IAs, including juvenile subjects who were suffering from severe heat exposure and dehydration. The Deputy assisted the Agents and EMS, and after the juvenile subjects were medically cleared, the Agents processed the IAs.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 25 AUG, a USBP Agent observed a white 2016 Chrysler 300 and a silver 2013 Chevrolet Silverado pickup traveling in tandem on RR 674 north of Brackettville. The Agent conducted an inspection on the Chrysler 300, and detained two occupants. The Silverado stopped by a ranch, and several occupants bailed out. The Agent apprehended three IAs and the USC driver, who was identified as the human smuggler. The two occupants of the Chrysler 300 were identified as scouts and human smugglers. The subjects were processed, and a Kinney Co SO Deputy impounded both vehicles.

On 25 AUG, USBP Agents observed three subjects emerge from the River and walk into the brush on a ranch west of Spofford. The subjects were approached and identified as three IAs. One of the subjects was also identified as a registered sex offender and arrested for Re-entry into the US.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 29 AUG, a USBP Agent observed a gray 2007 Nissan Altima driving in tandem behind a gray 2014 Ford Focus on RR 647, north of Brackettville. The Agent conducted an inspection on the Altima, but the Focus failed to yield. The Altima stopped, made a U-turn, and headed south on RR 674. The Agent followed the Focus, but it sped away. The Agent located the Altima abandoned on RR 674, north of Brackettville. No subjects were found in the area. Before the Agent located the Altima, an Edwards Co SO Deputy was dispatched to assist in the search for the Altima. Later, local ranchers gave a ride to a pedestrian who was walking on RR 674 and referred him to the Agent. The pedestrian admitted to having been the driver of the Altima, and also admitted he had IAs in the vehicle with him. The human smuggler also identified the two subjects in the Focus as scouts for his human-smuggling attempt. The driver of the Altima was arrested for human smuggling. Later that day, a USBP Agent detained nine IAs who were walking on a ranch near US-277, south of Del Rio. One of the IAs was identified as the guide/human smuggler. The guide was arrested for human smuggling, and the remaining IAs were processed. The nine IAs were believed to have been passengers from the Altima and Focus.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 01 AUG, Laredo North USBP Agents received information from HSI regarding a narcotics-smuggling event on a ranch near Laredo. The Agents found and seized 221.70 lbs of marijuana, and referred the narcotics to HSI.

On 07 AUG, Webb Co SO Deputies responded to reports of USBP Agents recovering human remains that had been found on a ranch near Laredo.

On 14 AUG, Webb Co SO Deputies assisted USBP Agents with the recovery of a deceased person discovered on a ranch along FM 1472 near Laredo. The deceased person was wearing blue jeans, a long-sleeve shirt, a cap, and a backpack.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 21 AUG, an Encinal PD Officer was dispatched to the SH-44 area to assist USBP Agents with the pursuit of a red 1999 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup. When the vehicle stopped on a ranch, the Agents apprehended the driver/USC human smuggler and four IAs. The vehicle was seized, and the driver was arrested. The Agents assumed custody of the IAs.



On 26 AUG, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a white 2016 Ford F-250 pickup on IH-35 near Laredo, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence at MM18 near Laredo and continued across the property. USBP Agents assisted the Trooper in locating the vehicle, and it was identified as stolen from San Antonio.

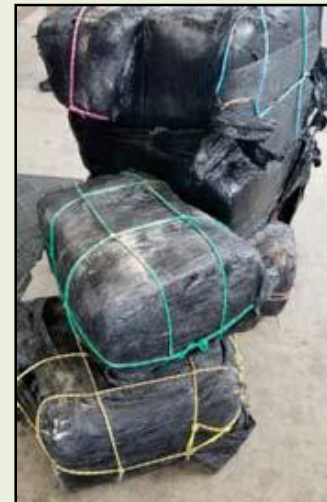
On 27 AUG, Laredo North USBP Agents encountered a stolen blue 2017 Ford F-250 pickup on SH-44 by a ranch near Laredo. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, was referred to THP Troopers.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 25 AUG, a Webb Co SO Deputy was in pursuit of a black 2003 GMC Envoy on US-83 when the driver of a gray 2003 Toyota Sequoia attempted to run the Deputy off the road as the Deputy was in pursuit of the GMC. The Toyota then began to tailgate the Deputy as they continued on US-83 southbound. The GMC pulled up to a ranch gate and several subjects bailed out from the vehicle. The Deputy detained three subjects who were in the back seat of the vehicle and admitted to being IAs. The Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the Toyota on US-83 and detained the driver. The driver was charged for Aggravated Assault on a public servant. The three IAs were referred to USBP, and the driver of the Toyota was transported to Webb Co Jail.



On 30 AUG, Laredo North USBP Agents responded to a Drawbridge camera activation near a ranch north of Laredo involving a purple 2006 Chevrolet HHR. The Agents conducted a vehicle stop on the vehicle on IH-35 and seized 331.90 lbs of marijuana. The driver was arrested, and the vehicle was seized. The case was referred to DEA.



RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 13 AUG, a Kenedy Co SO Deputy responded regarding a deceased person found on a ranch near Sarita. USBP Agents escorted the Deputy to the location of the body, and an inventory was taken of the personal possessions.

On 14 AUG, TPWD Game Wardens detained 16 IAs in Rio Grande City. The subjects were observed in a driveway leading to a farm field. The IAs were referred to USBP.

On 16 AUG, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch west of Falfurrias regarding human remains.

On 17 AUG, a Kenedy Co SO Deputy responded regarding a deceased person found on a ranch in Armstrong. USBP Agents escorted the Deputy to the location of the body.

On 21 AUG, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in central Brooks County regarding a deceased subject. The body was transported to the Webb Co Medical Examiner's Office.

COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 06 AUG, Jim Wells Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a silver 2010 Chevrolet Silverado pickup on US-281 near Ben Bolt, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through the brush and onto a ranch. The vehicle was located abandoned and was seized.





Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY2014 - Present)*

Event	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	4	120	894	536	1,957	704	4,215
Bailouts	5	126	1,107	1,045	1,755	690	4,728

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

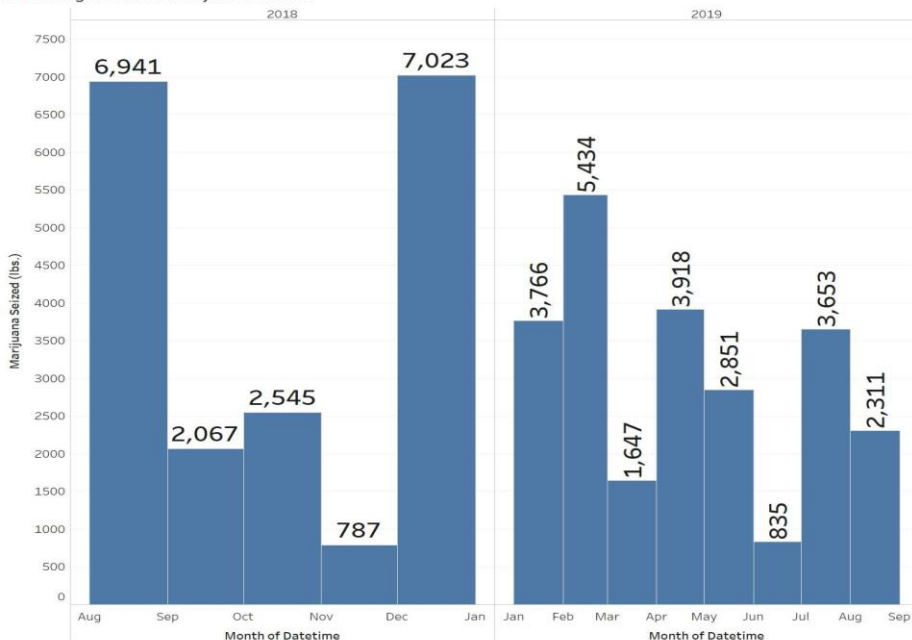




Statistical Summary – AUG 2019

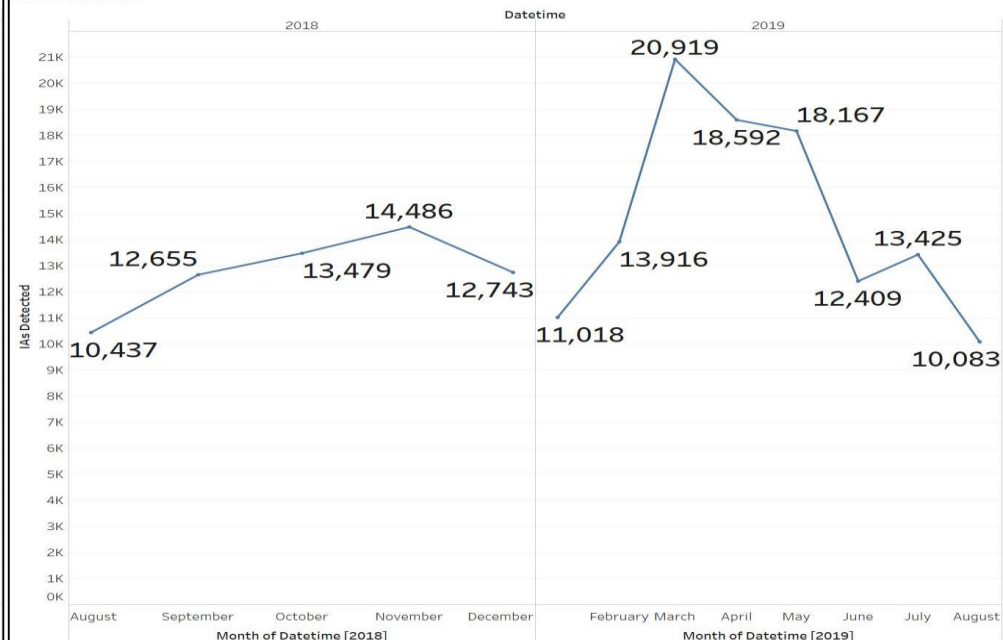


Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



The plot of sum of Marijuana Seized (lbs.) for Datetime Month broken down by Datetime Year. The data is filtered on Datetime Year, which keeps all values. The view is filtered on Datetime Month, which ranges from Aug to Aug.

UDA's Detected



The trend of sum of IAs Detected for Datetime Month broken down by Datetime Year. The data is filtered on Datetime (MY), which keeps 13 of 92 members.

Operation Drawbridge Totals JAN 2012 - AUG 2019

	Datetime Grand Total
IAs Detected	600,563
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	518,768
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	549
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	4
Meth Seized (lbs.)	32
Firearms Detected	46

Operation Drawbridge Totals: CYTD 2019

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

	Datetime Grand Total
IAs Detected	118,529
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	24,415
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	40
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	2
Meth Seized (lbs.)	0
Firearms Detected	9

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