

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

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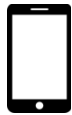
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

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.



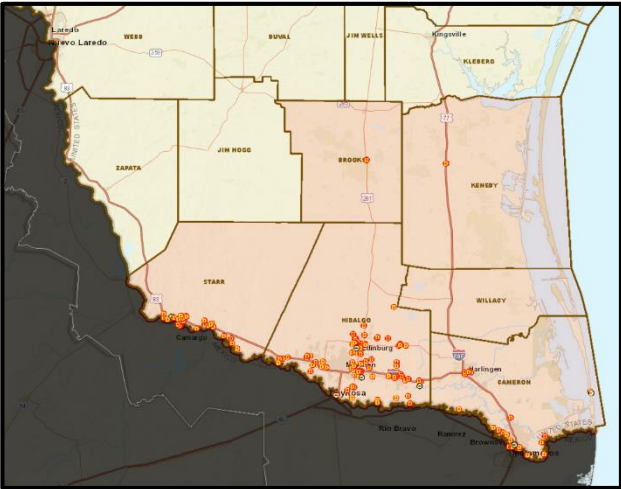
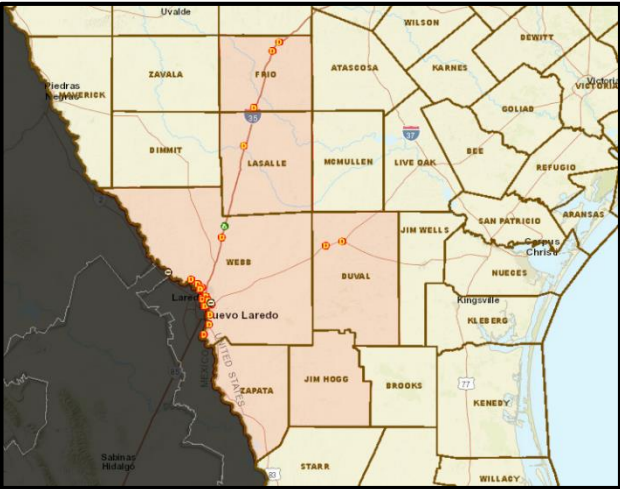
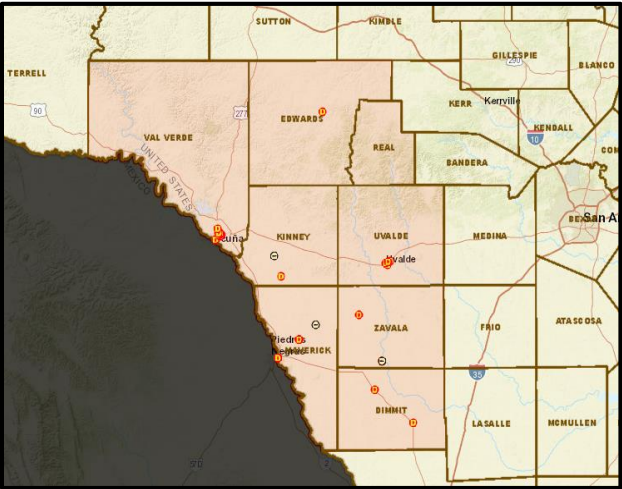
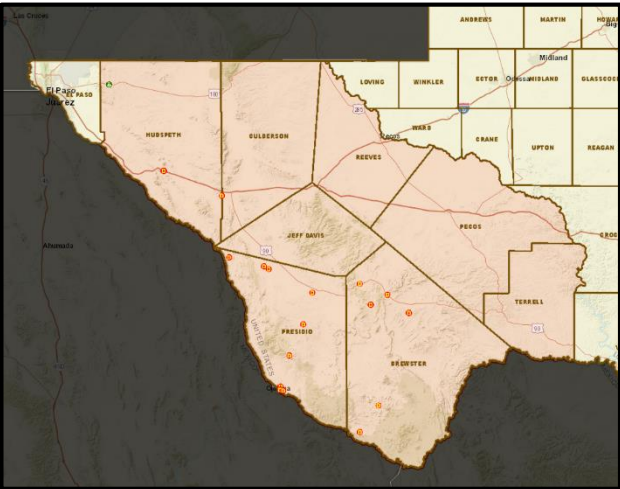
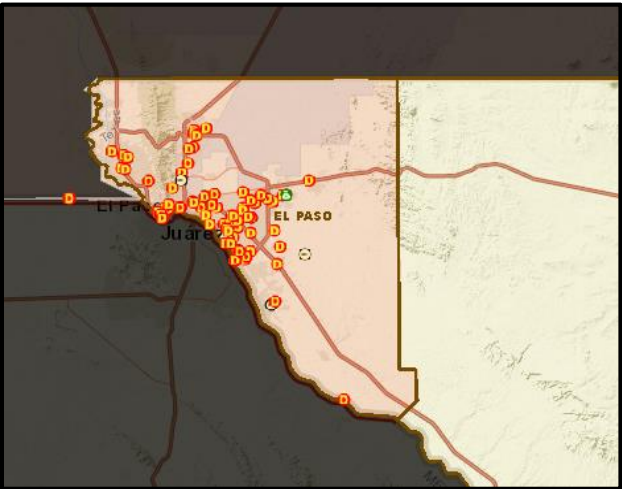
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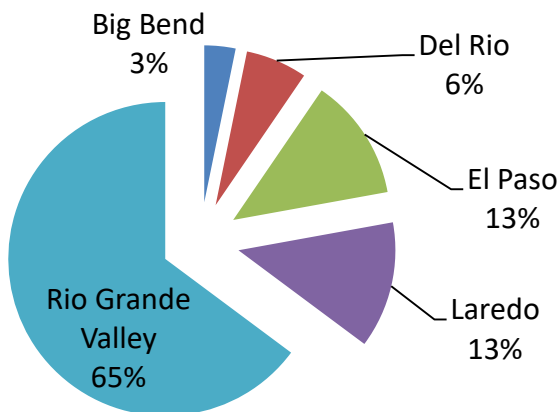
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Seizures – CYTD 2019	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Marijuana (lbs)	48,519	27,464	5,517	102,759	126,629	1,215	312,102
Cocaine (lbs)	887	61	223	1,413	4,680	576	7,840
Methamphetamine (lbs)	2,249	234	1,586	7,754	10,222	118	22,162
Heroin (lbs)	282	5	94	495	404	< 1	1,280

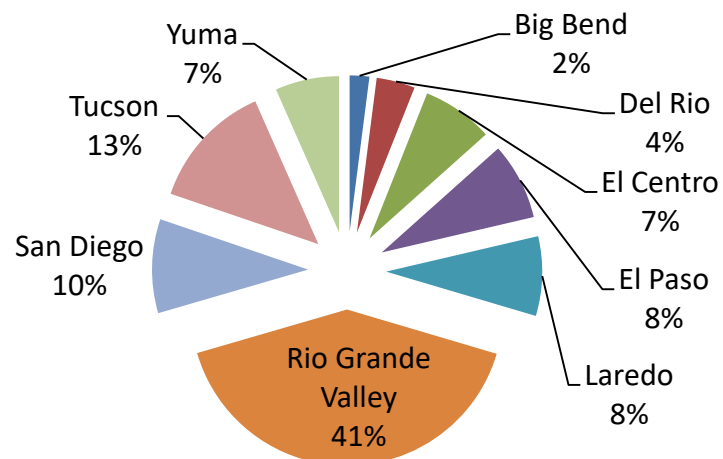




**Texas Border Sector Apprehensions
FY2018 (OCT-SEP)**



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

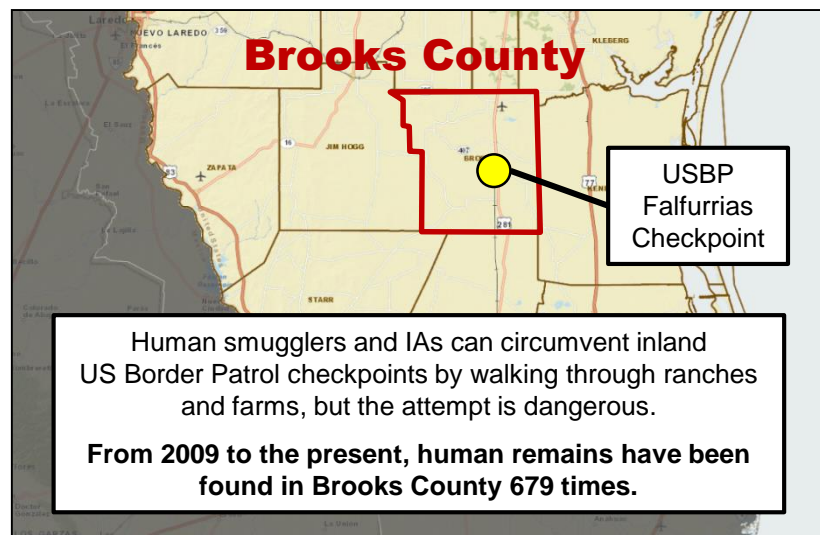


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Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2019	121,414	8,022	49,107	34,692	278,295	0	491,530

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2019	106,602	5,244	41,365	10,501	252,281	0	415,993

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 01 OCT, Brewster Co SO Deputies and USBP Agents seized a 2005 black Chevrolet Silverado pickup and 1,375 lbs of marijuana, and apprehended an IA and a USC fugitive following a bailout on a ranch northwest of Marathon. The subjects had cut gate locks and fences during the narcotics-smuggling attempt. The marijuana was found in 88 bundles throughout the vehicle. The USC driver had a warrant for his arrest in Midland Co. The case was referred to Alpine DEA.



BIG BEND SECTOR

On 03 OCT, USBP Agents, assisted by CBP OAM, seized 155.37 lbs of marijuana found abandoned on a ranch northeast of Shafter. The marijuana was found in three large sugar sacks. Three subjects are believed to have absconded. The marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.



On 07 OCT, Brewster Co SO Deputies apprehended an IA along a ranch road north of Study Butte. The subject claimed that he had been part of a group of 25, and had fallen behind due to an injured leg. The IA was referred to USBP and processed.

BIG BEND SECTOR

On 09 OCT, USBP Agents, assisted by DPS AVN and CBP OAM, seized 0.081 lbs of marijuana and apprehended six IAs on a ranch north of Candelaria. The subjects were processed, and the marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.



On 12 OCT, Brewster Co SO Deputies detained an IA on a ranch near Marathon. The subject was referred to USBP.

On 12 OCT, Brewster Co SO Deputies detained four IAs on a ranch near Marathon. The subjects were referred to USBP.

On 26 OCT, Brewster Co SO Deputies detained five IAs on a ranch east of Marathon. The subjects were referred to USBP.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 03 OCT, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy and a TPWD Game Warden were dispatched to a ranch west of Carrizo Springs regarding a wanted subject. The Deputy arrested the subject for a warrant.

On 05 OCT, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch west of Asherton to assist USBP Agents who had found a deceased person.

On 05 OCT, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy was dispatched to FM 1556 in Carrizo Springs regarding a witness observing six subjects load into a white 2015 GMC Sierra pickup. The Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence onto a ranch west of Brundage, and the seven occupants bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was stolen from Houston, but a handgun that was also reported stolen was not located. The vehicle was impounded.

On 05 OCT, USBP Agents and CBP OAM were dispatched to a ranch near Catarina regarding a group of subjects who had called for help. The Agents apprehended four IAs, but a fifth subject had died prior to the Agents' arrival. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy and a Justice of the Peace were dispatched to assist, and the deceased subject's body was referred to a funeral home. The surviving IAs were processed.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 15 OCT, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy observed a blue 2016 Chevrolet Silverado pickup driving in tandem with a 1997 Ford F-150 pickup east of Carrizo Springs. The Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the Ford, when a pursuit ensued. The Chevrolet continued along the road, but the Ford was driven through a ranch fence, and the Deputy lost sight of the vehicle. CBP OAM found the Ford abandoned. Another Deputy found five IAs hiding in a culvert on SH-85. The IAs admitted to being passengers in the Ford, and were referred to USBP.

On 26 OCT, a USBP Agent apprehended a subject who was hiding in the brush on a ranch east of Quemado. Other USBP Agents found two additional subjects who were hiding in the brush on a ranch west of Brackettville. The Agents identified the subjects as three IAs, and one of the IAs was identified as an MS-13 gang member. A Kinney Co SO Deputy arrested the three subjects for warrants. The gang member was arrested for a warrant from Maryland for armed carjacking. A second subject was arrested for a Hopkins Co warrant for bond forfeiture, and the third subject was arrested for a Tarrant Co warrant for probation violation.

On 28 OCT, USBP Agents conducted an inspection on a white 2013 Infinity JX3 in Carrizo Springs, when the vehicle failed to yield. Dimmit Co SO Deputies responded to assist. The pursuit continued into Webb Co, and the vehicle crashed through a ranch fence along US-83. All of the occupants bailed out and absconded into the brush.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 19 OCT, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado pickup north of Catarina, when a pursuit ensued. The Silverado was driven through a ranch fence and was found abandoned. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from Houston, was impounded.

On 26 OCT, a concerned citizen informed USBP Agents about a red 2015 Chevrolet Silverado pickup loading up with subjects coming out of the brush. USBP Agents conducted an inspection on the Silverado on FM 481 south of Uvalde, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and was found abandoned. Four IAs passengers were later apprehended.

On 26 OCT, THP Troopers, along with Cotulla USBP Agents, were traveling east of FM 468 in Cotulla when a white 2018 Chevrolet Silverado pickup was driven off the road onto a ranch. USBP Agents located the abandoned vehicle in the brush. The vehicle, which was identified as stolen from Houston, was seized.

DEL RIO SECTOR



On 31 OCT, USBP Agents found an abandoned white 2016 Ford F-350 pickup on a ranch south of Catarina.

The vehicle's door lock had been tampered with, and a records check revealed that the vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy impounded the vehicle.

On 26 OCT, a USBP Agent found an abandoned backpack on a ranch south of Brackettville. The Agent seized a GLOCK 26 9mm handgun, a magazine, and 12 rds of ammo from inside the backpack.

On 31 OCT, a USBP Agent found five IAs hiding in the brush on a ranch near Del Rio. The Agent identified one of the IAs as the human smuggler. The IAs were processed.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 03 OCT, a Webb Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a blue 2015 Ford F-150 SuperCrew pickup near Laredo, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and the occupants bailed out. USBP Agents assisted and apprehended four IAs. The vehicle was stolen from San Antonio.

On 04 OCT, Frio Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a white 2014 Ford F-350 Super Duty pickup near Pearsall, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and the 20 occupants bailed out and fled. Four IAs were detained and referred to USBP. The vehicle was stolen from San Antonio.

On 07 OCT, a Webb Co SO Deputy assisted a THP Trooper with a pursuit of a black Chevrolet Malibu. The vehicle crashed into a fence line near Laredo. Several IAs bailed out, but were apprehended and referred to USBP. The female driver was arrested.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 09 OCT, a Webb Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a pickup near a ranch near Laredo. Several occupants bailed out and absconded. The Deputy detained three IAs who were hiding in the bed of the truck. The three subjects were referred to USBP Agents, and the driver was arrested.

On 12 OCT, Encinal PD Officers conducted a traffic stop on a white 2012 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch and was later found abandoned with the assistance of USBP. The vehicle was recovered.

On 15 OCT, Freer USBP Agents encountered a stolen blue 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup on a ranch near Laredo. The vehicle, which was stolen from San Antonio, was seized by THP.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 26 OCT, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a white 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup on US-83 S in Laredo, when a pursuit ensued. The driver turned east off the roadway as if preparing to drive through a property fence on US-83 near Laredo. The vehicle came to a stop just before the fence line, and the driver bailed out and fled into the brush. The Trooper seized 276 lbs of marijuana from the bed of the pickup and in the rear seat of the pickup. The driver was later located and taken into custody.

On 30 OCT, Freer USBP Agents encountered an abandoned white 2019 Ford F-250 pickup on a ranch near Freer. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio. Freer PD Officers seized the vehicle.

On 31 OCT, Webb Co Constable Pct. 3 Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a white 1993 Chevrolet Beauville van on a ranch near Laredo. The Deputy interviewed the driver and the two passengers, identified them as three IAs, and referred them to USBP.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 01 OCT, DPS AVN assisted USBP Agents with a group of IAs, and six IAs were apprehended. AVN also assisted USBP Agents in Brooks Co regarding two IAs trying to get into a house, as reported by a rancher. AVN was first on the scene and scanned around the house. The IAs were located and apprehended by USBP Agents.

On 02 OCT, DPS AVN assisted Hidalgo Co SO Deputies with a group of IAs on the north side of FM 1017. AVN located the group, and guided Deputies to the location, where nine IAs were detained. A ranch employee provided a photo of a license plate of the load vehicle.

On 26 OCT, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a report of human remains found on a ranch near Falfurrias. The Deputy made contact with USBP and was taken to the location of the remains.

On 28 OCT, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a call concerning the discovery of human remains on a ranch near Falfurrias, and was escorted to the site of the remains.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 10 OCT, Rio Grande City USBP Agents seized 37.27 lbs of marijuana. The Agents responded to a concerned-citizen call from a rancher who had found a large bundle while working in a field. The Agents responded and recovered the bundle. DEA assumed custody of the narcotics.



COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 06 OCT, a Live Oak Co SO Deputy was dispatched to SH-72 in Three Rivers regarding possible trespassers. Upon arrival, the Deputy made contact with the complainant, who suspected that people had been camping on his property without his permission. The complainant also advised the Deputy that he had discovered two vehicles, which appeared to have been stripped and abandoned, on his property. The Deputy located a black 2017 Ford F-250 pickup on the property, and identified it as stolen from Harris Co. A THP Trooper arrived to assist and located a brown 2011 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup with no LPs. The Dodge was identified as stolen from Live Oak Co. Both vehicles were impounded.

On 11 OCT, a Live Oak Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a red 2016 Ford F-250 pickup in Mathis, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch gate along CR 343, and several subjects bailed out and absconded into the brush. A THP Trooper, TPWD Game Wardens, USBP Agents, and a K-9 handler conducted a search of the area. Three IAs were apprehended in the initial search, and seven more were apprehended later in the day. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio. USBP Agents took the 10 IAs into custody.



On 02 OCT, Laredo North USBP Agents responded to a Drawbridge camera activation on a ranch near Laredo. The Agents apprehended a subject who was later identified as an IA, and seized 383.65 lbs of marijuana. The subject was processed, and the marijuana was referred to DEA.





Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY2014 - Present)*

Event	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	5	124	921	567	1,994	714	4,325
Bailouts	5	132	1,140	1,061	1,786	694	4,818

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

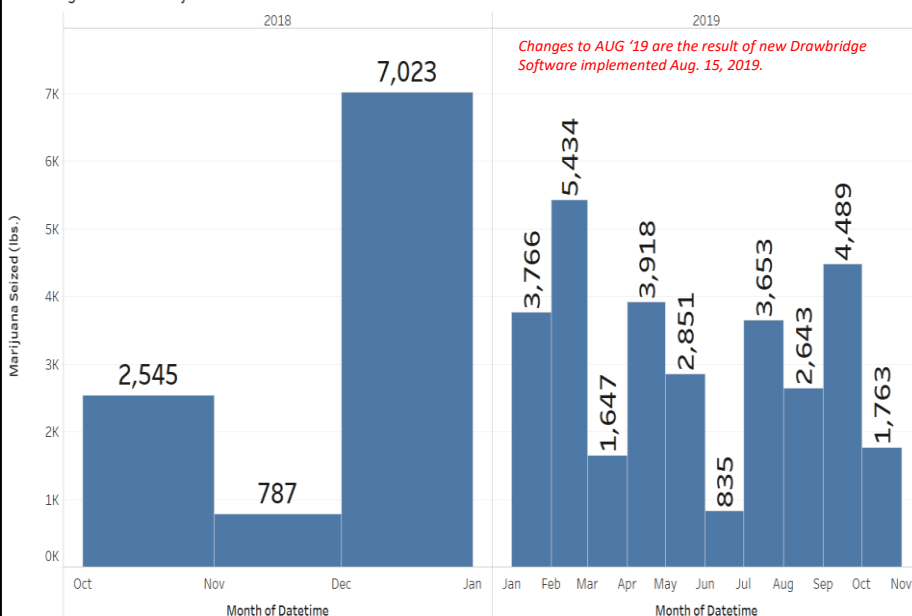




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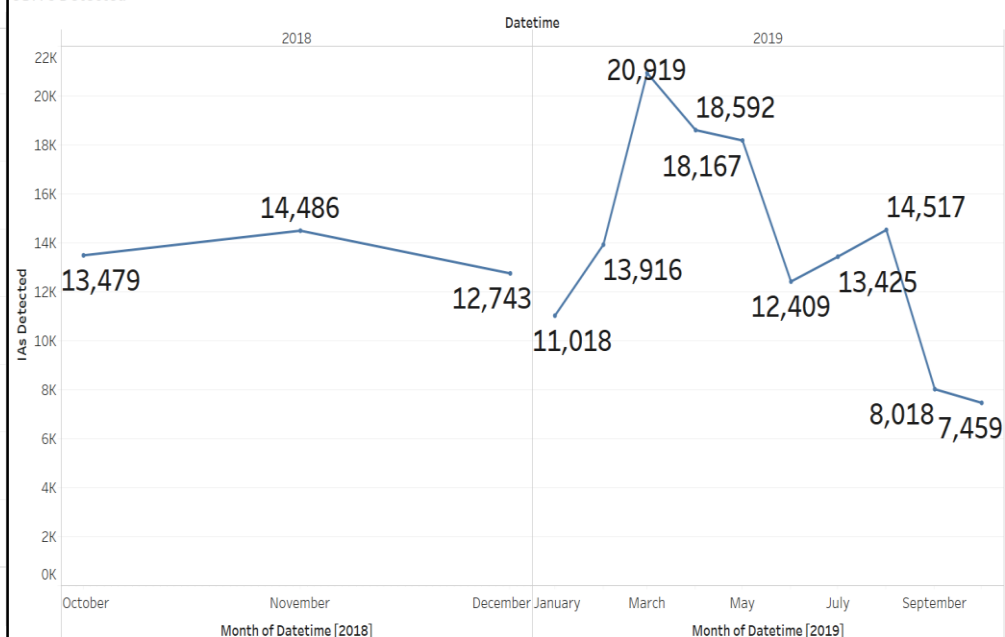


Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



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 Oct to Oct.

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 members.

Operation Drawbridge Totals JAN 2012 - OCT 2019

	Datetime Grand Total
IAs Detected	620,474
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	525,352
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	549
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	4
Meth Seized (lbs.)	32
Firearms Detected	46

Operation Drawbridge Totals: CYTD 2019

	Datetime Grand Total
IAs Detected	138,440
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	30,999
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	40
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	2
Meth Seized (lbs.)	0
Firearms Detected	9

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

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