

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

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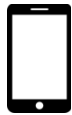
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

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.



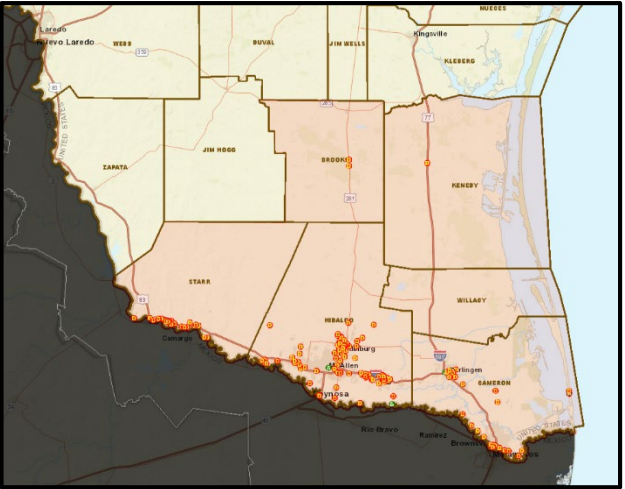
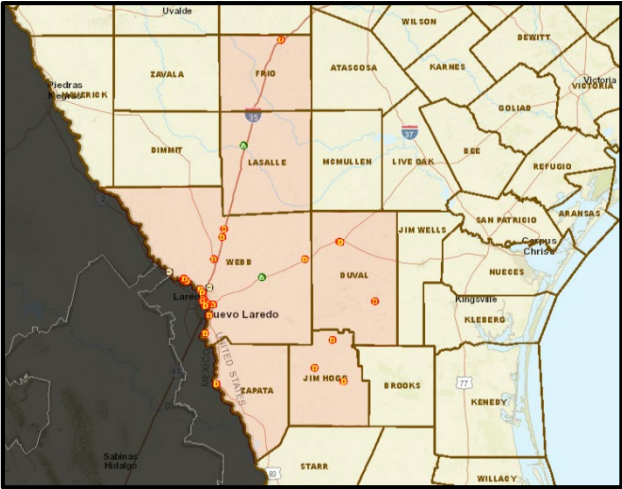
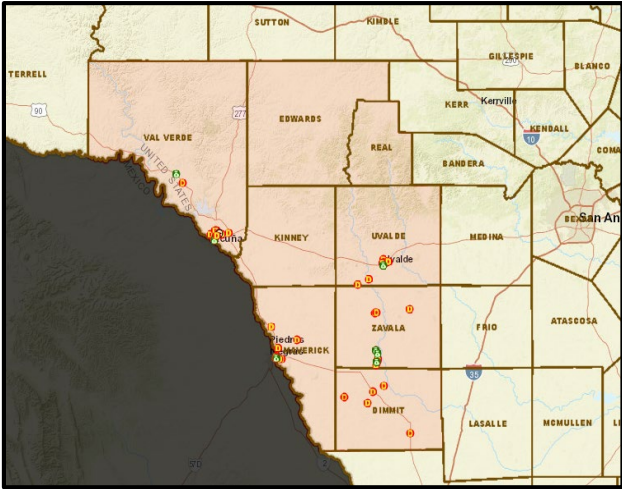
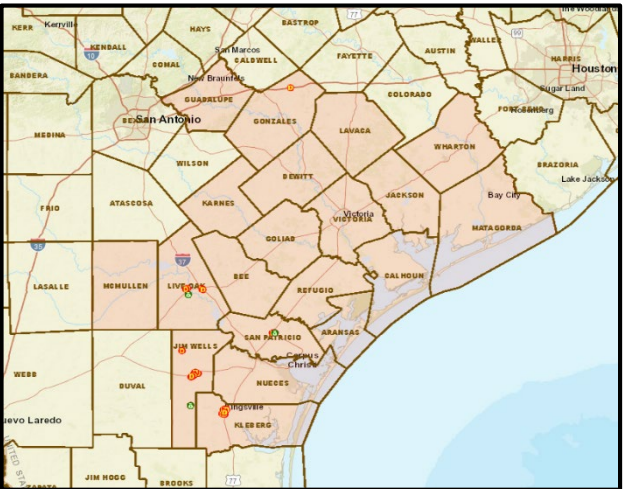
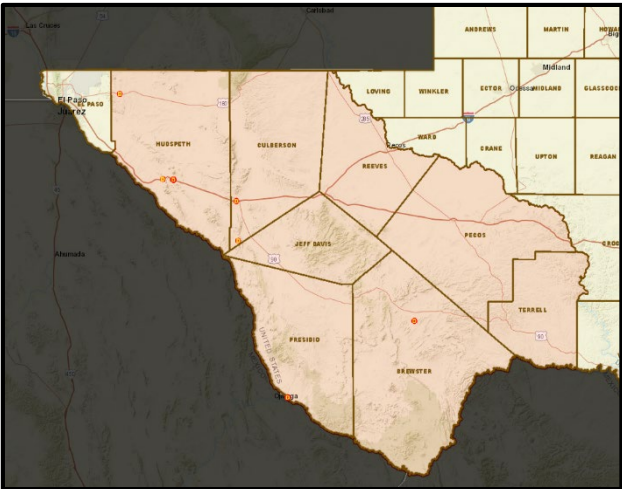
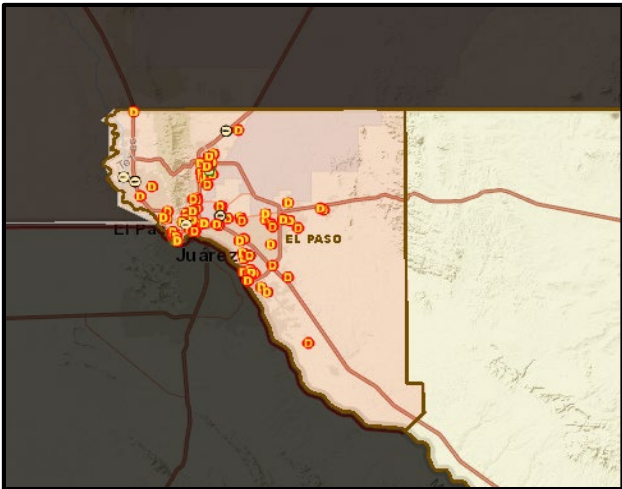
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OPERATION BORDER STAR

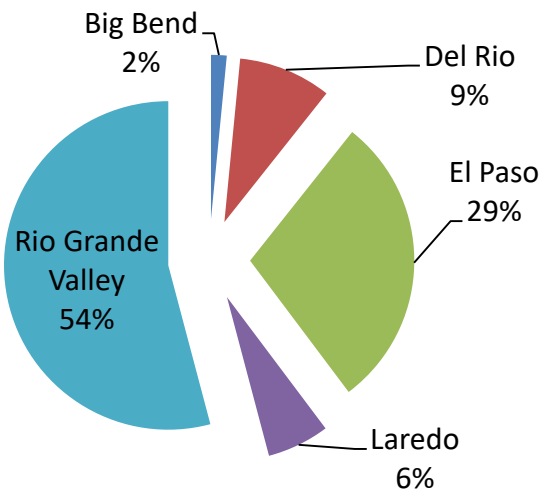
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Seizures – CYTD 2019	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Marijuana (lbs)	53,729	29,611	5,529	112,976	156,949	1,252	360,047
Cocaine (lbs)	1,025	74	245	1,591	5,381	579	8,895
Methamphetamine (lbs)	2,458	234	2,149	8,542	10,753	119	24,254
Heroin (lbs)	314	5	134	504	447	< 1	1,403

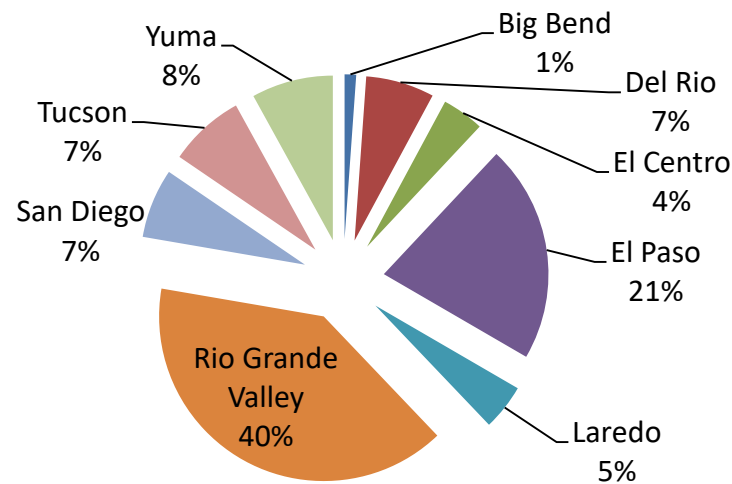




Texas Border Sector Apprehensions FY2019 (OCT-SEP)



Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions FY2019 (OCT-SEP)

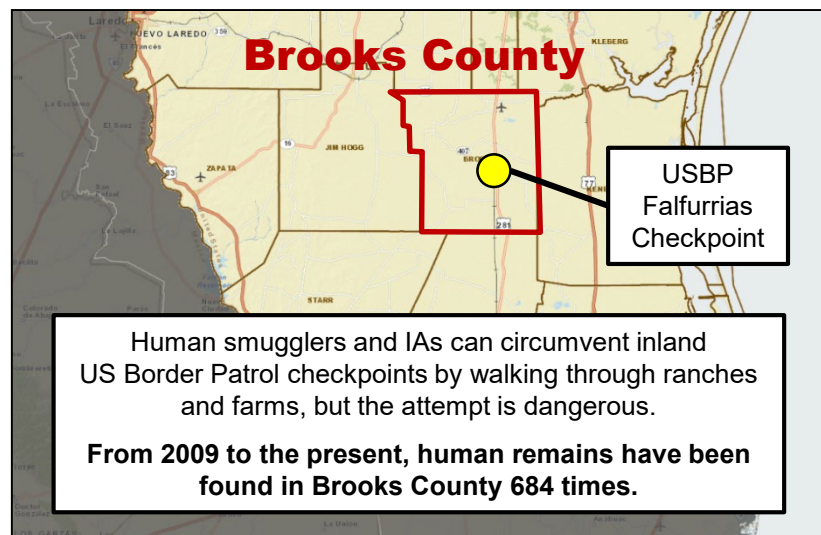


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Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2019	130,407	8,934	54,121	40,896	294,144	0	528,502

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2019	112,727	5,640	44,814	12,087	263,768	0	439,036

Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs)	FY 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017	FY 2016	FY 2015
Texas Border	57,603	34,383	31,827	47,192	31,109



BIG BEND SECTOR

On 01 DEC, USBP Agents seized 404.12 lbs of marijuana that was found abandoned on a ranch south of Allamore. Seven subjects were observed with bundles, but they absconded. The marijuana, which was found in seven large bundles wrapped in duct tape, was referred to Alpine DEA.



On 09 DEC, USBP Agents seized 0.02 lbs of marijuana and apprehended three IAs on a ranch southeast of Marfa. The subjects were processed, and the marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.

On 13 DEC, Brewster Co SO Deputies detained a total of 12 IAs in two incidents at a ranch south of Marathon. The subjects were referred to USBP.

On 25 DEC, USBP Agents seized 192.73 lbs of marijuana and apprehended three IAs on a ranch south of Van Horn. An additional subject absconded. The marijuana was found in four large burlap backpacks. The case was referred to Alpine DEA.



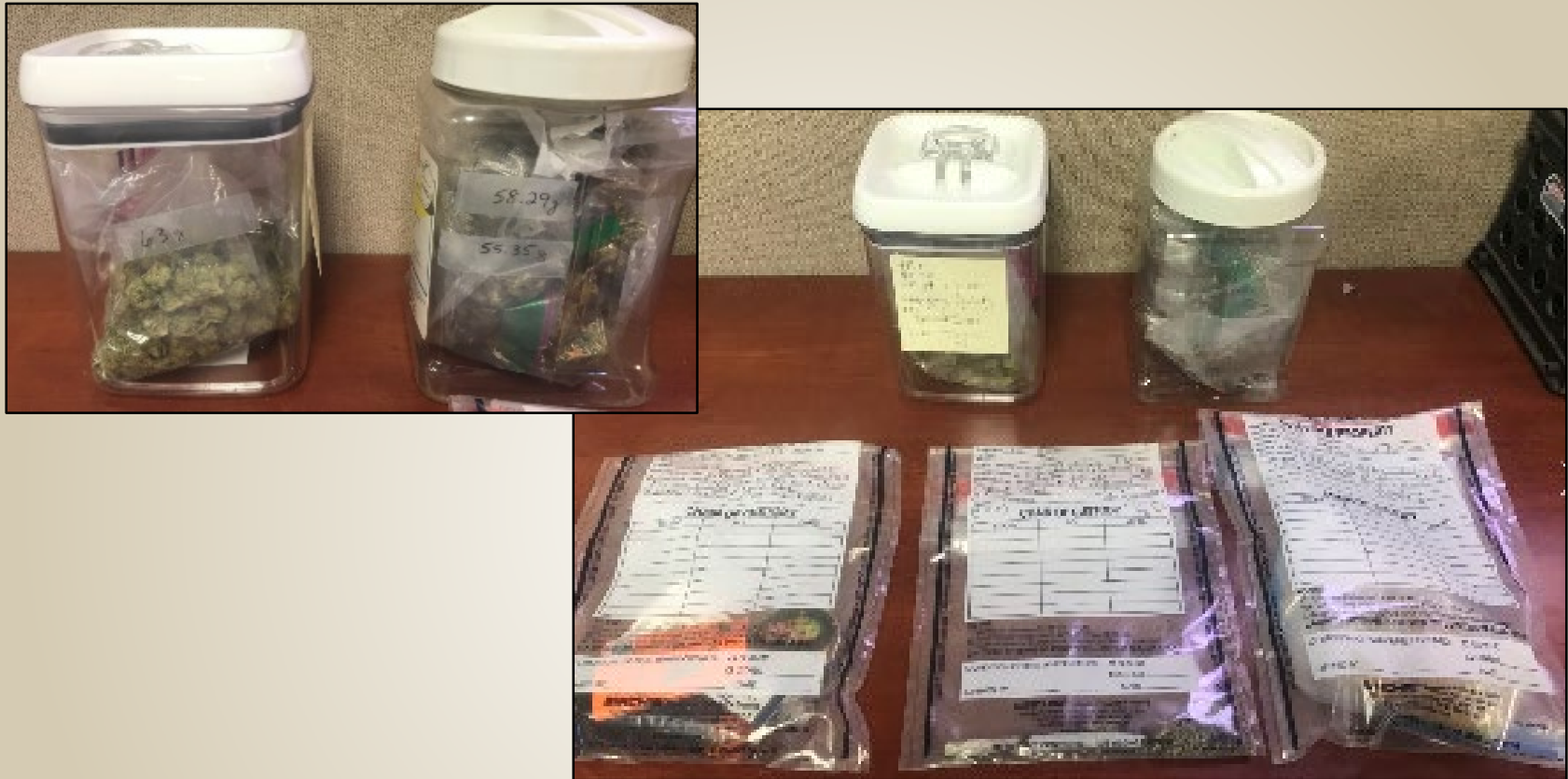
DEL RIO SECTOR

On 07 DEC, a USBP Agent apprehended 10 IAs who were hiding in the brush on a ranch west of Brackettville. One of the IAs was identified as the guide/human smuggler.

On 09 DEC, a USBP Agent apprehended two IAs who were walking across a ranch by US-277 near Eagle Pass. One of the IAs was identified as a convicted sex offender and arrested for Re-entry After Deportation. The other IA was processed.

On 14 DEC, a USBP Agent conducted a vehicle stop on a white 2014 Chevrolet Silverado K2500 pickup on RR 674 near Brackettville, when the vehicle failed to yield. A Kinney Co SO Deputy assisted with the pursuit. When the vehicle stopped, the occupants bailed out onto a ranch near Rocksprings. The Agent detained nine IAs; however, the driver absconded. The IAs were processed, and an Edwards Co SO Deputy impounded the vehicle.

DEL RIO SECTOR



On 15 DEC, a TPWD Game Warden was dispatched to a ranch near Big Wells regarding a suspicious subject. The Game Warden found 0.40 lbs of marijuana, 0.14 lbs of THC edibles, and assorted drug paraphernalia in a mobile home. The resident was arrested for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Controlled Substance.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 18 DEC, a USBP Agent apprehended six IAs who were walking across a ranch near US-90, west of Comstock. The Agent identified one of the IAs as the guide/human smuggler. The guide was arrested for Alien Smuggling, and the remaining IAs were processed.

On 18 DEC, a USBP Agent conducted an inspection on a brown 2008 Chevrolet Silverado pickup on RR 674, south of Rocksprings, when the vehicle failed to yield. A THP Trooper was dispatched to assist. The vehicle crashed and rolled over on a ranch, and the occupants bailed out. The Agent apprehended an IA, but the driver and other occupants absconded. The vehicle had a fictitious license plate, and was reported stolen from San Antonio. An Edwards Co SO Deputy impounded the vehicle, and the Agent processed the IA.

On 28 DEC, a Real Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch on RR 377 in Real Co to investigate a complaint about trespassing. The Deputy encountered five subjects in a 2013 Ford F-250 pickup on the property. The Deputy seized a handgun and three rifles. USBP Agents assisted and identified the occupants of the vehicle as five IAs. The Deputy impounded the vehicle, and the Agents processed the IAs.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 03 DEC, Jim Hogg Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a 2017 Ford F-350 pickup by a ranch near Hebbronville, when a pursuit ensued.

The vehicle attempted to drive through a ranch gate. The Deputies observed several subjects abscond, and detained eight IAs. The vehicle was reported stolen from Beeville. The subjects were referred to USBP.

On 03 DEC, Jim Hogg Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a 2017 Ford F-350 pickup by a ranch near Hebbronville, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle attempted to drive through a ranch gate. The Deputies observed several subjects abscond and detained eight IAs. The vehicle was reported stolen from Beeville. The subjects were referred to USBP.

On 04 DEC, Freer USBP Agents encountered an abandoned 2018 Dodge Ram 3500 pickup on a ranch near Hebbronville. The vehicle was reported stolen from Montgomery.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 05 DEC, Encinal PD Officers conducted a traffic stop on a white 2013 Chevrolet 3500 pickup, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a high fence onto a ranch and was later found abandoned. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, was recovered.

On 07 DEC, Laredo North USBP Agents following foot sign on a ranch near Laredo discovered 291.78 lbs of abandoned marijuana wrapped in black plastic. The narcotics were referred to DEA.



RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 16 DEC, a Rio Grande City PD Officer responded regarding a report of a suspicious subject in an open field. The Officer detained an IA and referred him to USBP.

On 24 DEC, DPS AVN assisted THP Troopers and USBP Agents with a pursuit of a 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe near the intersection of Mile 2 West and Mile 13 North. The driver and several passengers bailed out and fled into a sugar field. The Troopers and USBP Agents located all of the subjects and took them into custody. A total of 141 lbs of marijuana was found in the vehicle.

COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 09 DEC, Jim Wells Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a gray 2011 Ford F-150 pickup on US-281 in Alice, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence. The Deputies, along with TPWD Game Wardens, located a group of five IAs and a guide. As USBP Agents arrived on the scene, the subjects absconded into the brush. No further apprehensions were reported, but the vehicle was seized.

On 11 DEC, a Bee Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2013 Ford F-150 pickup near Beeville, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and the IA driver bailed out. The driver was detained and referred to USBP. A handgun, 10 rds of ammo, and \$1,725 USD were seized.

On 19 DEC, a Gonzales Co SO Deputy was dispatched regarding a vehicle that had been driven through a fence. The Deputy found the vehicle abandoned. The vehicle was reported stolen from Guadalupe Co.

On 22 DEC, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2016 Ford F-150 pickup near Corpus Christi, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence and came to a stop. Several subjects bailed out. Two IAs were detained and referred to USBP. The vehicle was reported stolen from Live Oak Co.



Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY2014 - Present)*

Event	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	5	127	944	586	2,032	728	4,422
Bailouts	5	133	1,165	1,082	1,822	704	4,911

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

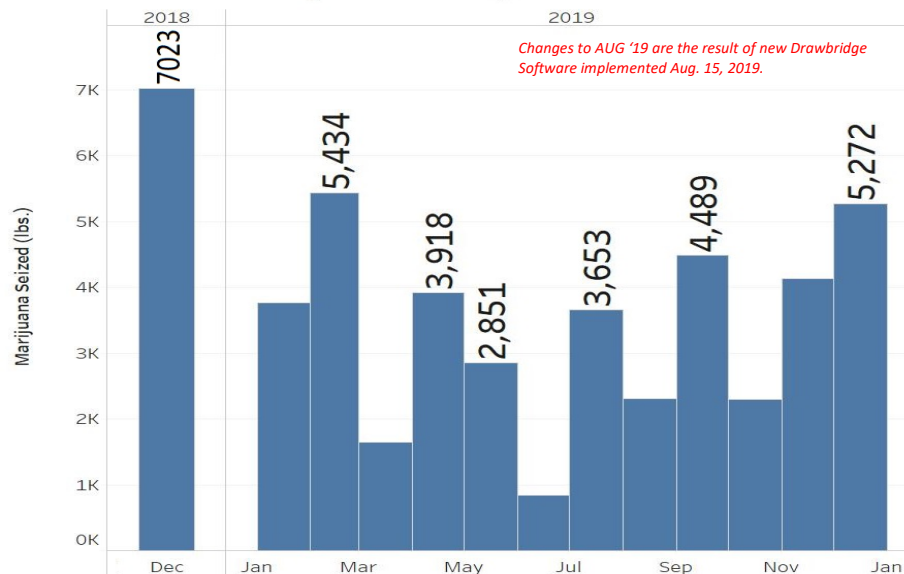




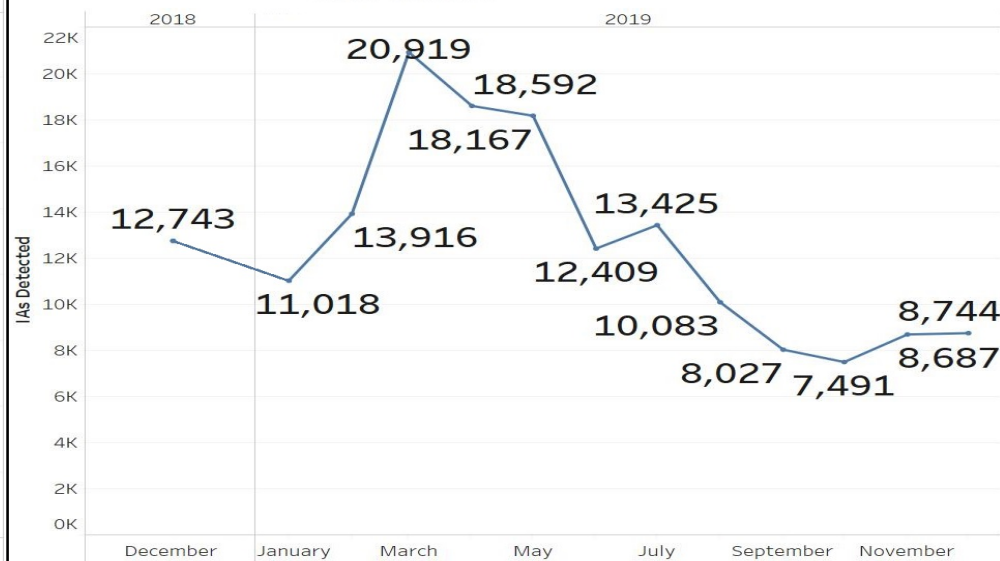
Statistical Summary – DEC 2019



Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



UDA's Detected



Operation Drawbridge Totals JAN 2012 - DEC 2019

	Datetime Grand Total
IAs Detected	633,512
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	534,960
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	549
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	40
Meth Seized (lbs.)	32
Firearms Detected	52

Operation Drawbridge Totals: CYTD 2019

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

	Datetime Grand Total
IAs Detected	151,478
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	40,607
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	40
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	38
Meth Seized (lbs.)	0
Firearms Detected	15

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