

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

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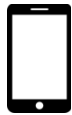
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

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.



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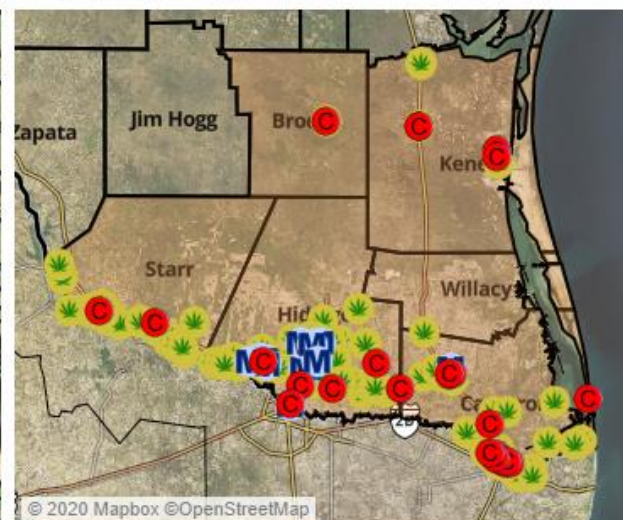
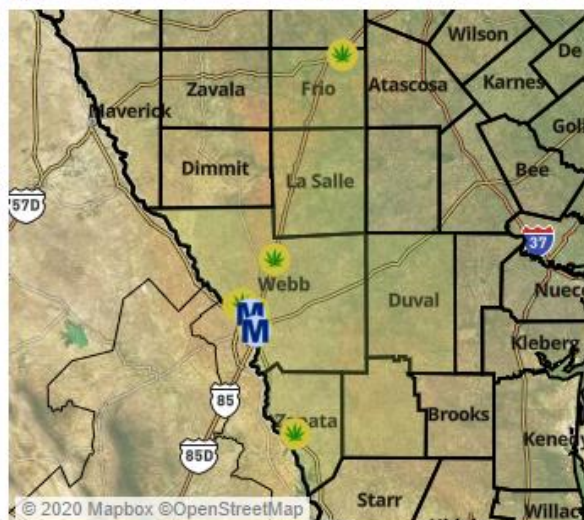
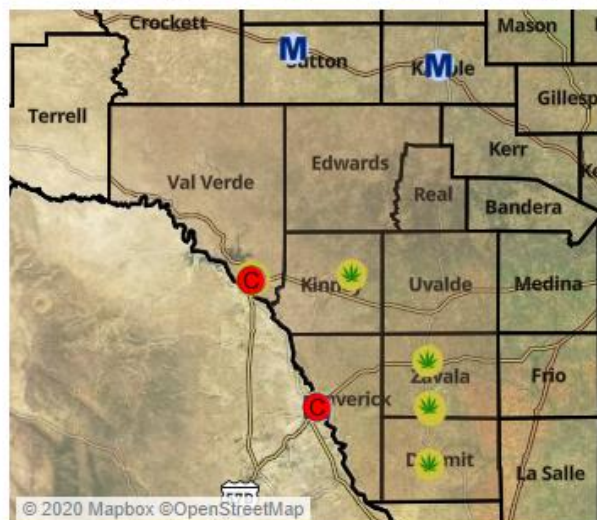
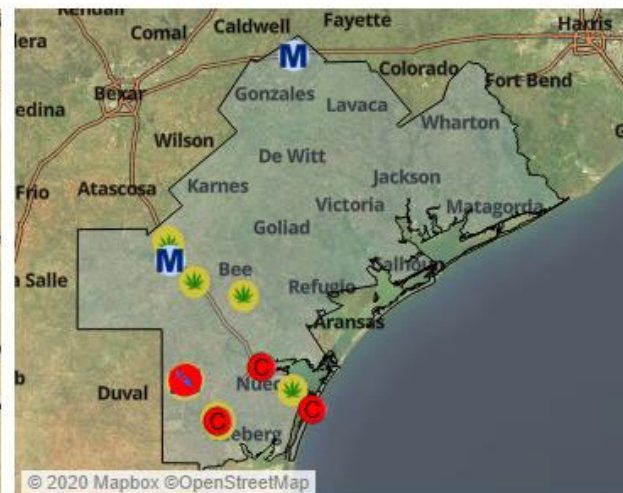
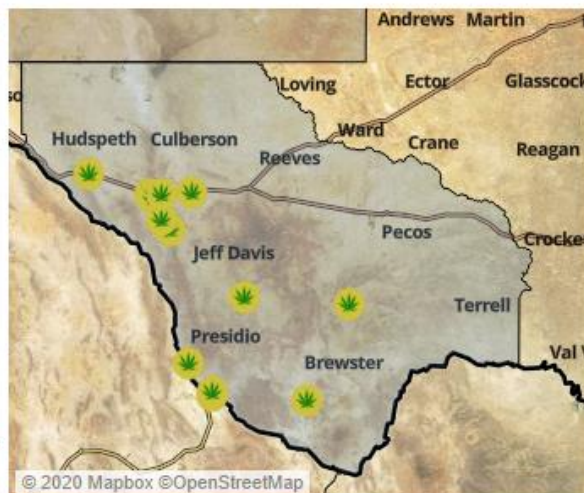
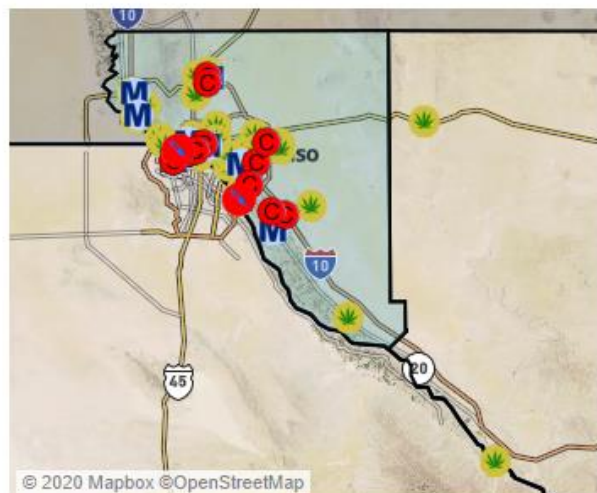
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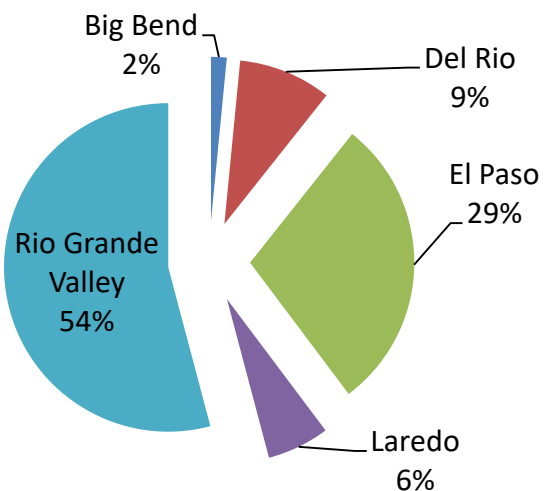
CYTD 2020	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	Total
Marijuana (lbs)	11,888	9,350	674	26,889	43,919	44	92,762
Cocaine (lbs)	235	12	178	320	1,441	118	2,305
Methamphetamine (lbs)	2,176	3	323	4,126	3,421	3	10,053
Heroin (lbs)	3	10	0	24	184	11	232



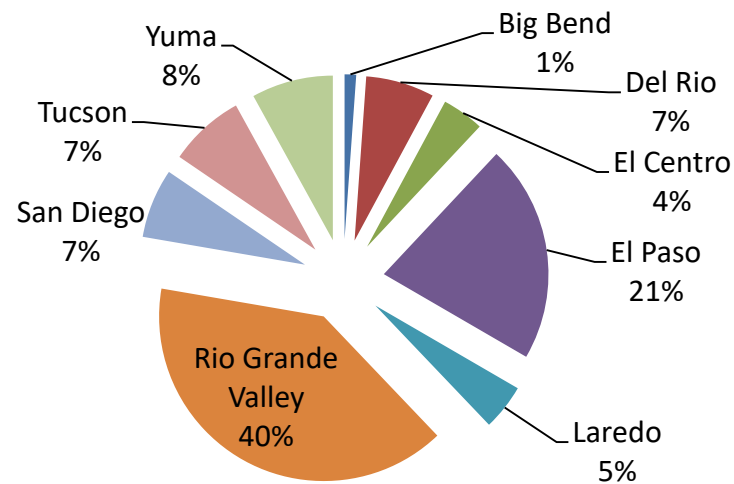
Maps depict narcotics seizures during the respective reporting month



**Texas Border Sector Apprehensions
FY2019 (OCT-SEP)**



**Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions
FY2019 (OCT-SEP)**

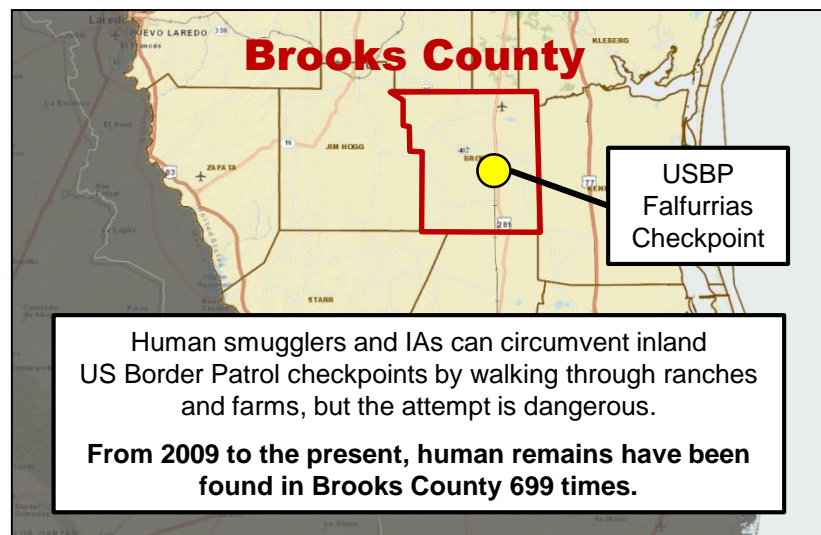


For more information, visit the USBP website at: <https://www.cbp.gov>

Illegal Aliens by JOIC (CY2020 - Present)

	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Total
Illegal Aliens (IAs)	11,401	1,845	9,073	13,698	23,825	59,842
Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	7,106	930	4,449	3,072	14,504	30,061

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 02 APR, Brewster Co SO Deputies assisted USBP Agents with the apprehension of 12 IAs on a ranch southwest of Marathon. The subjects were processed.

On 28 APR, USBP Agents apprehended five IAs on a ranch southwest of Sierra Blanca. One of the subjects was identified as a Sureños gang member. The subjects were processed.

On 28 APR, Brewster Co SO Deputies seized 200 lbs of marijuana and apprehended three IAs near a ranch north of Terlingua. One additional subject absconded to MX. The case was referred to Alpine DEA.



DEL RIO SECTOR

On 04 APR, a Kinney Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2004 Ford F-150 pickup on RR 674, north of Brackettville. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and eight subjects bailed out. After a two-day search, six IAs were detained.

The IAs were processed, and the vehicle was impounded.



On 08 APR, Dimmit Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a 2016 Dodge Ram pickup that was reported stolen from San Antonio, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence and was later found abandoned. The vehicle was missing its back seat, the front handle showed signs of tampering, and the license plate was from another vehicle. The vehicle was impounded.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 15 APR, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a silver 2012 Honda Civic on US-57, east of La Pryor, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and the occupants bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was impounded.



On 16 APR, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2016 Ford F-150 pickup on SH-85 in Brundage, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle turned onto FM 65, was driven through a ranch fence, and was later found abandoned. USBP Agents assisted, but no subjects were found. The vehicle was impounded.

On 18 APR, Zavala SO Deputies observed a white 2007 GMC Sierra pickup and a gray 2018 GMC Sierra pickup traveling in tandem on FM 1025, east of Crystal City. A Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the white Sierra on FM 582, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven onto an oil-field site off FM 582 and was later found abandoned. No subjects were found in the area. Also on FM 582, a second Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the gray Sierra. The driver admitted being a scout for the white Sierra. The driver of the gray Sierra was given traffic citations and released with the vehicle. The white Sierra was impounded.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 19 APR, a USBP Agent conducted an inspection on a white 2003 Ford F-550 pickup on SH-85 in Brundage, when the vehicle failed to yield. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy was dispatched to assist. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and the occupants bailed out. The rear seats of the vehicle had been removed, and the driver-side door lock showed signs of tampering. The Deputy impounded the vehicle.



On 28 APR, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2013 Ford F-150 pickup in Batesville, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and the driver and six passengers bailed out. The Deputy detained one of the subjects, who was identified as an IA. The IA was referred to USBP, and the vehicle was impounded.

On 30 APR, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy observed USBP Agents searching a fence line near US-277, east of Eagle Pass. As the Deputy continued driving toward Carrizo Springs, the Deputy observed a subject cross the roadway. The Deputy detained the subject, who was identified as an IA. The subject was referred to USBP and processed.



LAREDO SECTOR

On 06 APR, Freer USBP Agents encountered a stolen gray 2015 Ford F-250 pickup on a ranch near SH-44. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, was impounded.

On 24 APR, Cotulla USBP Agents were notified by a rancher of an unknown vehicle on his property northwest of Dilley. The Agents, along with Frio Co SO Deputies, found the vehicle to be a stolen black 2006 Ford F-350 pickup. Frio Co SO assumed custody of the vehicle.

On 26 APR, a Frio Co SO Deputy observed two vehicles parked in front of a ranch gate near Pearsall. The Deputy made contact with the driver of a black 2015 Dodge Ram pickup and detected the odor of marijuana. A search revealed 0.12 lbs of marijuana. The driver and the passenger were issued citations and released.

COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 04 APR, Goliad Co SO Deputies responded to reports of a 2001 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 pickup that had been found abandoned in a field near Goliad. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from Victoria, was identified as having been used in an ATM theft earlier that morning. The vehicle was recovered.

On 05 APR, an Alice PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a black 1985 Chevrolet Monte Carlo on US-281, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven off the roadway into a ditch. The driver bailed out and fled into an open field, but was taken into custody. The Officer conducted a vehicle search and seized 0.42 lbs of marijuana, 0.008 lbs of methamphetamine, and 0.003 lbs of cocaine. The driver was arrested.

On 15 APR, Jim Wells Co SO Deputies responded to reports of an abandoned 2016 Nissan Frontier pickup on a property near Alice. The vehicle, which was stolen from Jim Wells Co, was recovered. No arrests were made.

On 27 APR, a Live Oak Co SO Deputy was dispatched to CR 164 east of George West, where the property owner had found two stolen vehicles on his property: a white 2015 Dodge Ram 3500 pickup, and a brown 2006 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup. Both vehicles were stolen from Jim Wells Co.



Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY2020 - Present)*

	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	Total
Pursuits	7	8	73	16	53	23	180
Bailouts	2	12	96	19	35	17	181

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

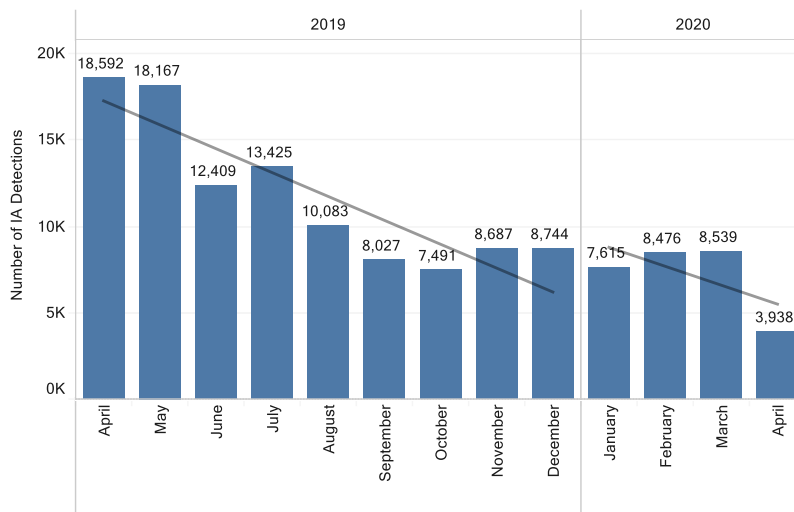




Statistical Summary – APR 2020



Drawbridge IA Detections

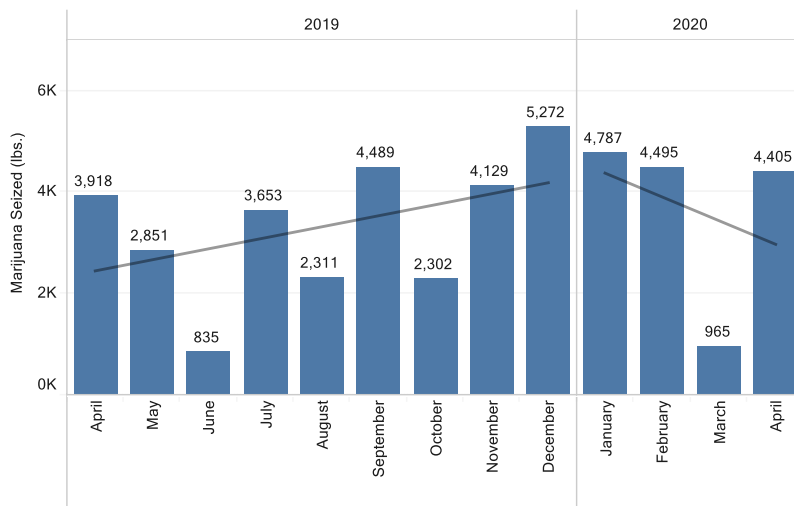


Operation Drawbridge Totals: Fiscal YTD 2020*

	Grand Total
IAs Detected	61,517
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	30,844
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	0
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	0
Meth Seized (lbs.)	0
Firearms Detected	5

* Figures are based on initial reporting and are subject to change.
* Fiscal Year is defined as September 1st through August 31st.

Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



Operation Drawbridge Totals: JAN 2012 - APR 2020

	Grand Total
IAs Detected	662,080
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	549,612
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	549
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	40
Meth Seized (lbs.)	32
Firearms Detected	53

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