

Border Operations Sector Assessment

Texas Ranch Edition

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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.



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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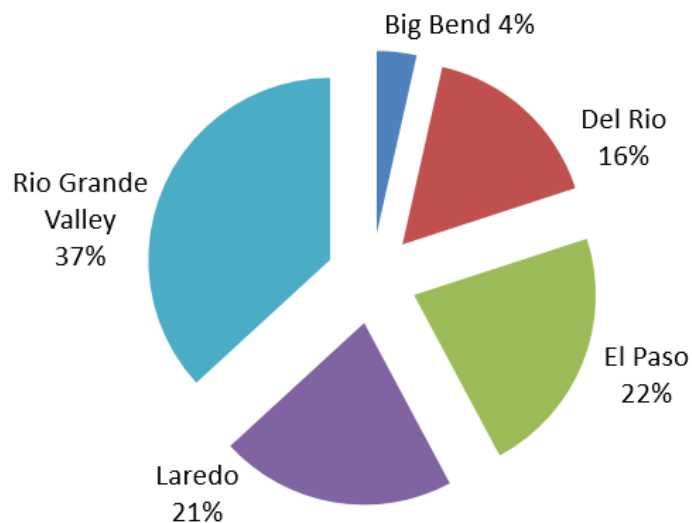


Sector Apprehension Comparisons



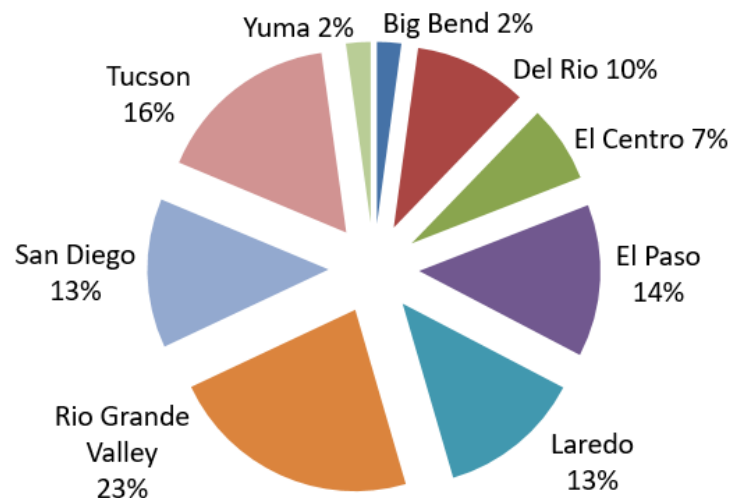
Texas Border Sector Apprehensions

FY2020 (OCT-SEP)



Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions

FY2020 (OCT-SEP)

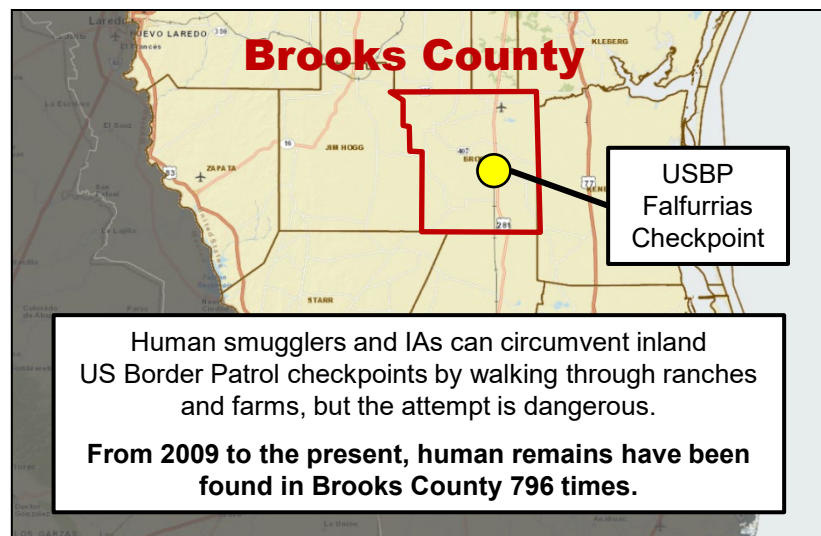


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Total UA wT42	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2020	119,543	27,992	184,898	77,714	431,303	--	841,450

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2020	84,486	13,554	137,517	25,157	377,271	--	637,985

Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs)	FY 2020	FY 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017	FY 2016
Texas Border	20,459	57,603	34,383	31,827	47,192



On 05 AUG, Van Horn USBP Agents began tracking foot sign near a ranch, 20 miles west of Valentine and apprehended three IAs and seized 150.20 lbs of marijuana. The subjects admitted to transporting the bundles. The subjects and marijuana were referred to Alpine DEA.

On 09 AUG, a Presidio PD Officer responded to a call from a concerned citizen regarding subjects on his property. The Officer detained four IAs and referred them to USBP.

On 22 AUG, USBP Agents were notified of activity on a ranch, west of Valentine, and were assisted by CBP AMO. CBP AMO observed burlap bundles. The Agents apprehended five IAs and seized five bundles containing 205.47 lbs of marijuana. The subjects and marijuana were referred to Alpine DEA.

On 02 AUG, a Uvalde Co SO Deputy was dispatched to FM 2690 regarding possible IAs on private property. The Deputy arrived and detained two IAs lying in a field. The IAs were referred to USBP.

On 03 AUG, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence onto private property. The pursuit was terminated and USBP was contacted. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from Balcones Heights, was found abandoned.

On 04 AUG, Freer USBP Agents recovered a stolen 2021 Ford F-350 pickup from a ranch near Freer. A USC human smuggler was arrested, and nine IAs were apprehended. The vehicle was stolen from San Antonio.

On 05 AUG, Freer USBP Agents responded to a business near CR 401 and SH-44 in Freer. An employee stated that there was a 2012 Dodge Ram 3500 abandoned on a local ranch. The Agents met with Webb Co SO Deputies and found that the vehicle was stolen from San Antonio. The vehicle was recovered.

On 07 AUG, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2017 Chevrolet pickup. The vehicle was driven away when the Trooper approached, and the Trooper lost visual contact briefly, but located it stopped at a gated entrance to a ranch. The vehicle was driven away again, and a pursuit ensued. The driver attempted to cause the Trooper to crash, but was unsuccessful. The driver surrendered after discarding narcotics evidence. The driver, who is a registered sex offender, was arrested.

On 10 AUG, a Webb Co Constable Pct. 3 Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2010 Toyota Titan near Oilton, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven onto an abandoned property in Oilton, where the occupants bailed out. The Deputy detained 10 IAs and apprehended the driver, who had fled. The IAs were referred to USBP. The driver was arrested.

On 11 AUG, a Zapata Co SO Deputy interviewed a subject walking along US-83 near a ranch in Zapata. The subject, who was an IA, was referred to USBP.

On 17 AUG, a THP Trooper conduct a traffic stop, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence onto private property, and the pursuit was terminated.

On 18 AUG, Encinal PD Officers conducted a traffic stop on a stolen 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 on IH-35, when a pursuit ensued. The pursuit ended on a ranch. The driver bailed out and absconded. USBP Agents apprehended three IAs. Encinal PD impounded the vehicle.

On 18 AUG, USBP Agents assisted Encinal PD Officers after a bailout from a stolen 2015 Chevrolet Silverado near IH-35. The Agents found the vehicle abandoned on a ranch property. Encinal PD assumed custody of the vehicle.

On 19 AUG, Freer USBP Agents responded to a Drawbridge alert that resulted in a bailout from a 2017 Dodge Ram 550 on a ranch near Freer. The Agents searched the area and apprehended nine IAs. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio. Freer PD assumed custody of the vehicle.

On 23 AUG, Freer USBP Agents encountered a stolen 2017 Ford F-350 on SH-16 north of Freer. The vehicle was driven through a fence onto a ranch near Freer. One subject was apprehended. Freer PD assumed custody of the vehicle.

On 24 AUG, Webb Co Constable Pct. 3 Deputies observed a white Saturn Vue in the brush just east of FM 2050 near a ranch in Bruni. The vehicle, which was found locked, had been pushed up into the brush. The vehicle was impounded.

On 24 AUG, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop, and the vehicle was driven through a fence onto private property. The occupants bailed out and fled. USBP Agents apprehended 11 IAs. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio.



On 05 AUG, a Brooks Co SO Deputy assumed custody of human remains that were found on a ranch near Falfurrias.

On 06 AUG, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of a deceased subject found on a ranch in Falfurrias. Brooks Co SO assumed custody of the body.



On 07 AUG, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of human remains found on a ranch in Falfurrias. Brooks Co SO assumed custody of the remains.



On 09 AUG, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of a deceased subject found on a ranch in Falfurrias. Brooks Co SO assumed custody of the body.

On 09 AUG, Rio Grande City USBP Agents seized 35 lbs of marijuana. The Agents discovered the abandoned marijuana on private property in Rio Grande City. DEA assumed custody of the narcotics.



On 10 AUG, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of a deceased subject found in Falfurrias. Brooks Co SO assumed custody of the body.



On 13 AUG, a Palmview PD Officer conducted a traffic stop, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle traveled north on Bentsen Palm Drive, and then was driven onto private property. The occupants bailed out, and nine subjects absconded. An IA was referred to USBP.

On 15 AUG, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch regarding a deceased subject discovered by USBP Agents. Brooks Co SO assumed custody of the remains.

On 15 AUG, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in Encino where a deceased subject was discovered. A funeral home assume custody of the remains.

On 01 AUG, a George West PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado pickup, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence onto a ranch. The Officer found the vehicle abandoned in a creek bed.

On 01 AUG, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2016 Dodge Ram 1500 in Jackson, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven into the ditch on private property, and multiple subjects bailed out.



On 12 AUG, a Refugio Co SO Deputy found human remains in Woodsboro. The body appeared to have been dumped on the ground and dragged into a ditch on private property. It appeared that the subject may have been sexually assaulted. It is presumed that the subject was an IA who had been smuggled into the US.

On 17 AUG, a Live Oak Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a gray 2018 Toyota Tundra pickup on IH-37 near George West, when a pursuit ensued. The Deputy terminated the pursuit after losing visual contact with the vehicle on private property along US-281.

On 17 AUG, a Live Oak Co SO Deputy assisted a THP Trooper with a pursuit of a black 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe on IH-37 near George West. The Deputy and the Trooper located the vehicle abandoned in the brush several hundred yards inside private property. The vehicle, which had been stolen from Houston, was impounded.

On 18 AUG, a George West PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a black 2015 Chevrolet Suburban on US-281, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven onto private property, and the driver bailed out and absconded. The vehicle, which had been stolen from Harris Co, was impounded.

On 21 AUG, a Jim Wells Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a blue 2007 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 on CR 320 near Alice, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence and crashed into the brush on a ranch in Nueces Co. All occupants bailed out and absconded. Later that day, a Deputy US Marshal advised the Deputy of the apprehension of four IAs on the ranch.

On 24 AUG, a Live Oak Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white Ford F-150 pickup on IH-37, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence onto private property near Dinero and evaded the Deputy.



Total Pursuits and Bailouts – CYTD *

Event	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	8	87	528	296	377	164	1,460
Bailouts	2	149	742	299	330	135	1,657

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

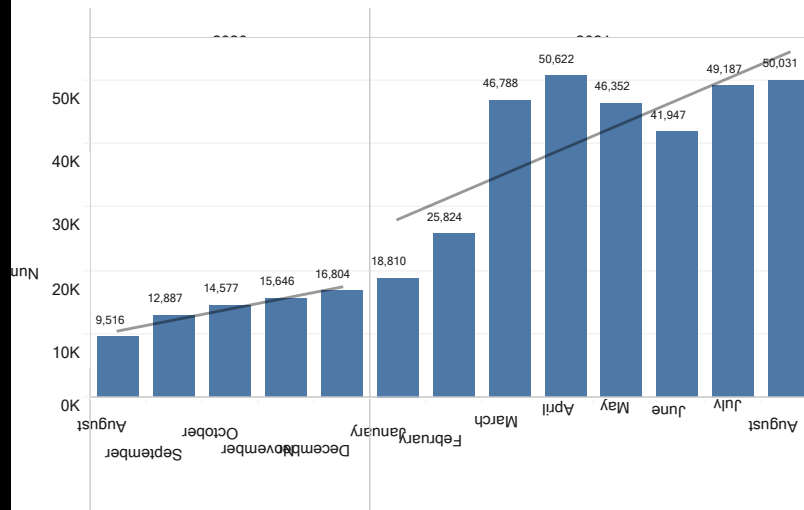




Statistical Summary – AUG 2021



Drawbridge IA Detections

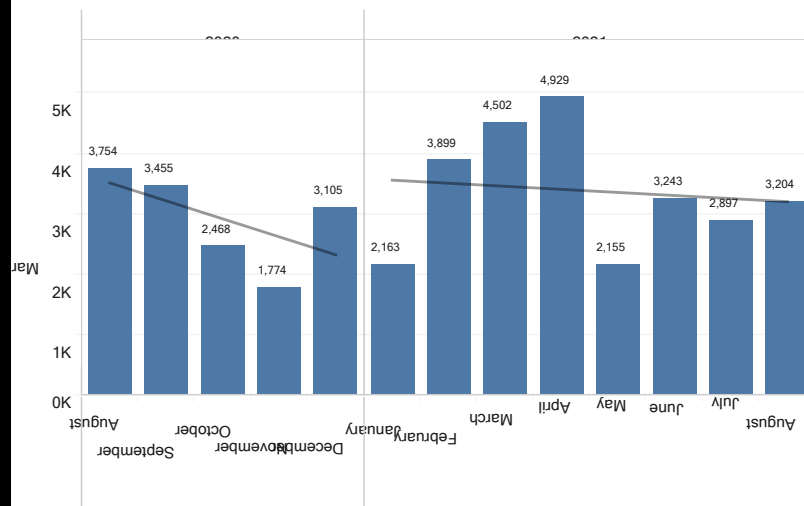


Operation Drawbridge Totals: AUG 2020 - AUG 2021

	Grand Total
IAs Detected	398,991
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	41,548
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	0
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	0
Meth Seized (lbs.)	157
Firearms Detected	12

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

Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



Operation Drawbridge Totals: JAN 2012 - AUG 2021

	Grand Total
IAs Detected	1,078,768
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	602,959
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	1,156
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	40
Meth Seized (lbs.)	201
Firearms Detected	65

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