

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

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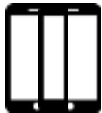
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.



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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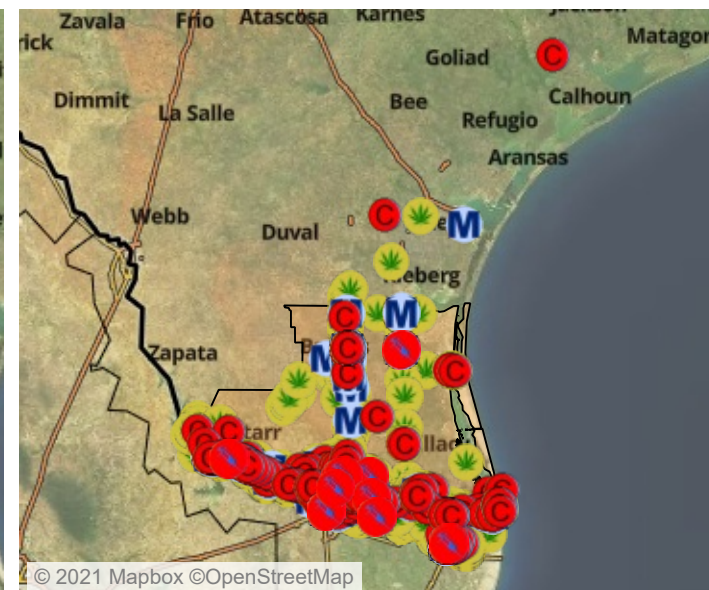
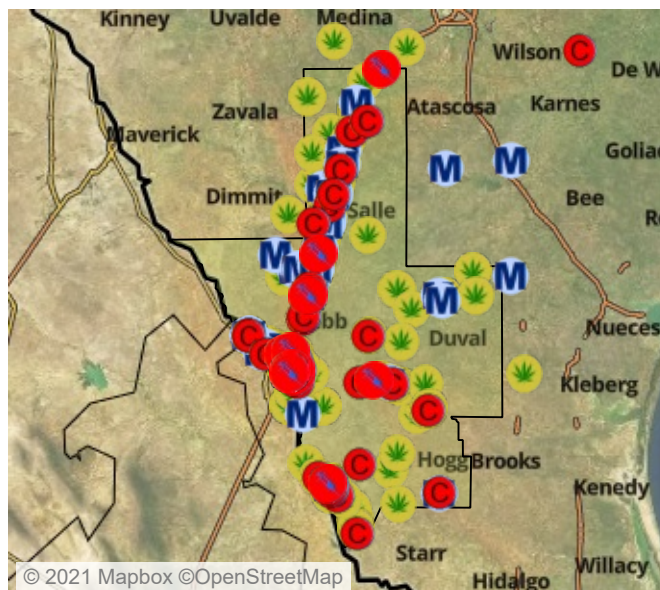
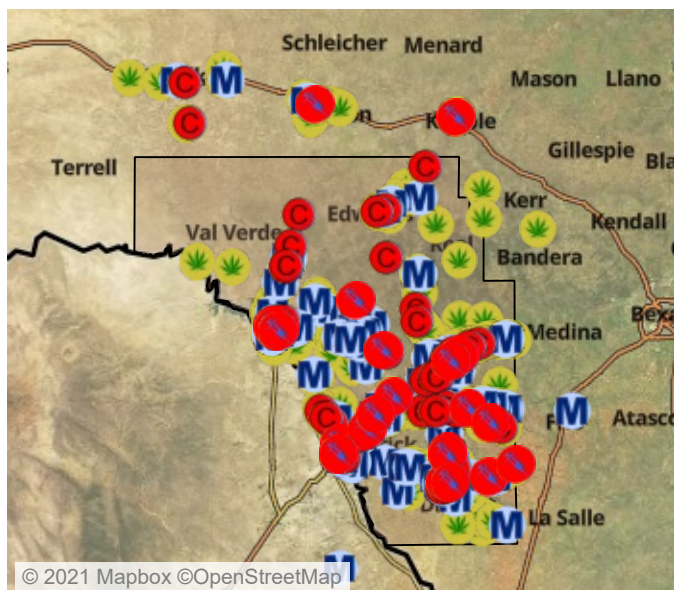
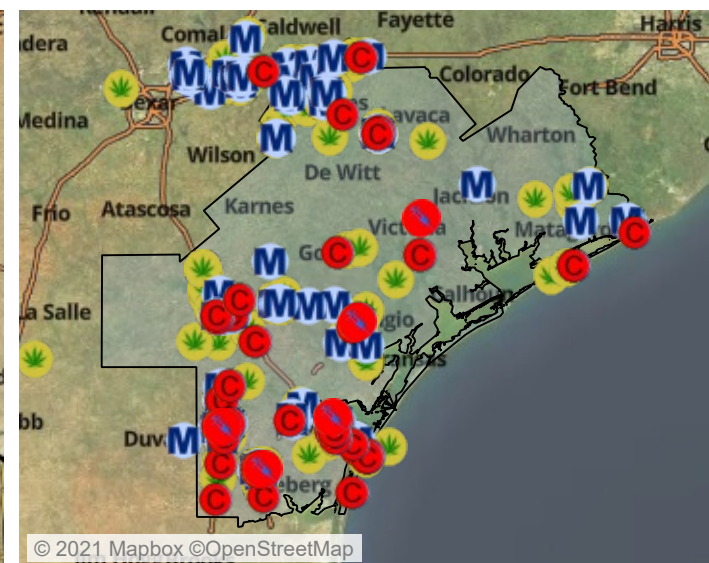
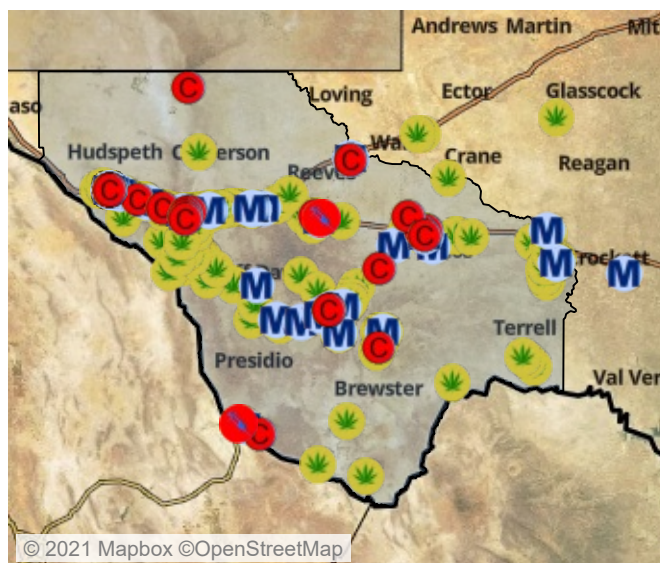
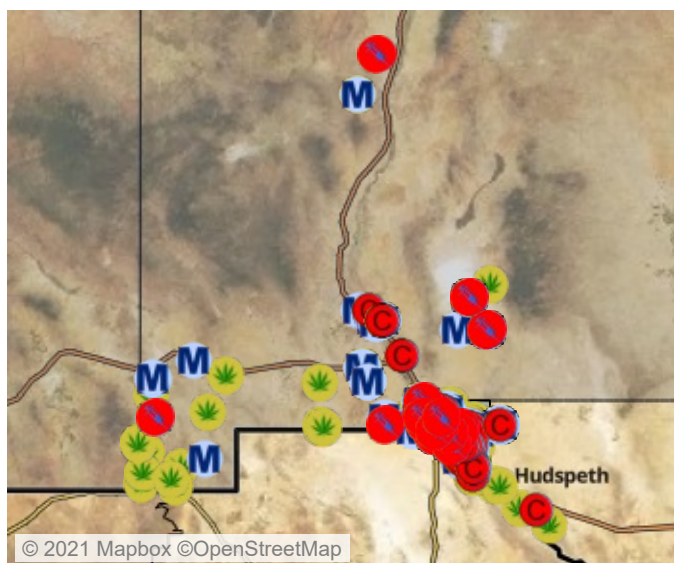
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CYTD 2021	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Va..	Coastal Bend	Total
Marijuana (lbs)	6,092	17,654	73	30,002	75,688	1,803	131,311
Cocaine (lbs)	1,948	174	168	1,834	5,552	318	9,995
Methamphetamine (lbs)	4,531	111	1,837	10,253	9,622	110	26,464
Heroin (lbs)	174	5	97	287	455	14	1,032



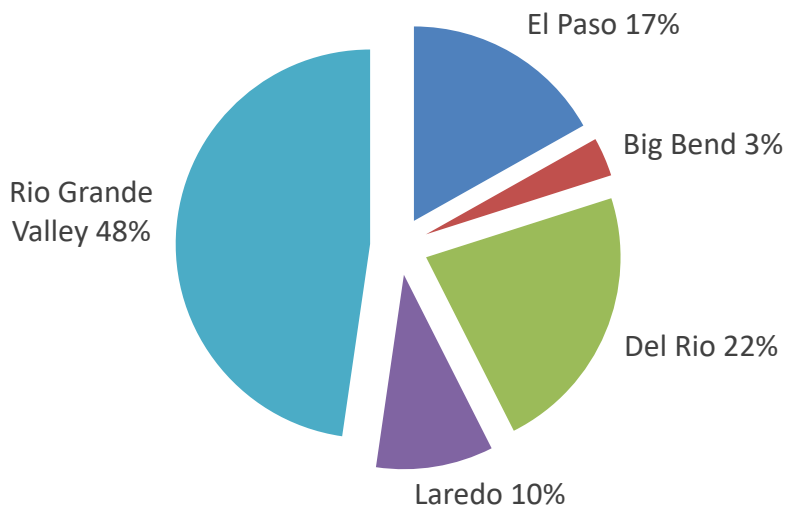
Maps depict narcotics seizures during the respective reporting month



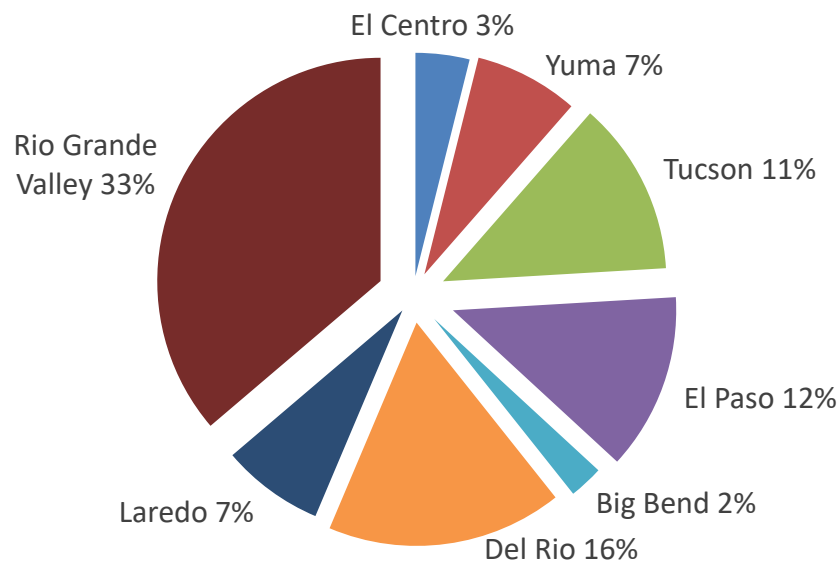
Sector Apprehension Comparisons



**Texas Border Sector Apprehensions
FY2021 (OCT-SEP)**



**Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions
FY2021 (OCT-SEP)**

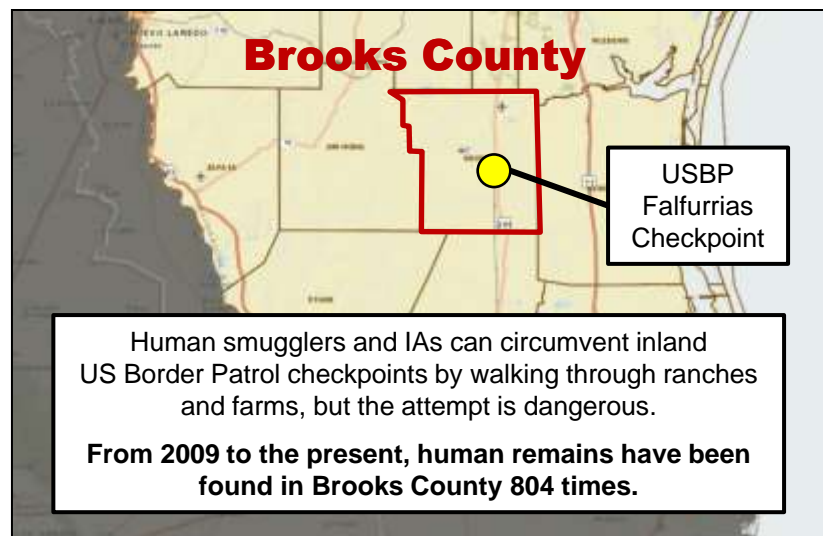


For more information, visit the USBP website at: <https://www.cbp.gov>

Total UA wT42	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2021	165,364	32,142	232,204	86,874	496,927	--	1,013,511

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2021	105,299	13,056	159,969	9,631	413,451	--	701,406

Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs)	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017
Texas Border	113,716	20,459	57,603	34,383	31,827



On 04 SEP, a Brewster Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch, 45 miles southeast of Marathon, regarding an IA detained by the owner of the ranch. The owner explained how he noticed the doors and windows were opened on his ranch house, went to investigate, and encountered the IA, resulting in an altercation due to the IA not cooperating. The owner, fearing for his safety, used force to restrain the IA. The owner advised he wished to file trespassing charges on the subject. The IA was arrested.

On 26 SEP, a Brewster Co SO Deputy encountered two subjects crossing US-90, 3 miles east of Marathon, in front of the Forker Gage Ranch entrance. The subjects were identified as two IAs and were referred to USBP.

On 26 SEP, DPS AVN, in support of Operations Lonestar and Stonegarden, assisted USBP Agents on the Foster Ranch southeast of Dryden. The Agents apprehended 18 IAs.

On 02 SEP, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a Toyota Camry occupied by two subjects, who were subsequently released. The Trooper then assisted with a subject at a ranch. The subject admitted to being in a Lexus used in human smuggling that had evaded and was a blocking vehicle in a convoy of several other vehicles with IAs. The subject, a gang member, stated that his girlfriend was the driver of the Toyota. Charges will be filed against the subject for evading.

On 03 SEP, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch west of Carrizo Springs regarding a suspicious subject. The Deputy detained an IA, who stated he was separated from a larger group. USBP Agents processed the IA.

On 17 SEP, a Kinney Co SO Deputy was dispatched to the JD Cox Ranch west of Spofford regarding a group of subjects in distress. The ranch owner found two subjects who were severely dehydrated. A USBP Agent identified the subjects as **two IAs** who were separated from a larger group. The IAs received medical attention and were processed.

On 19 SEP, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2009 Ford F-150 on US-57. The vehicle crashed into a fence on the Westwind Ranch near US-57, and the eight occupants bailed out and absconded. The Deputy detained **six IAs** inside the vehicle, three of whom were critically injured. A USBP Agent processed three IAs, and the three injured IAs were taken to a hospital for treatment. A THP Trooper discovered the vehicle was reported **stolen** from San Antonio and impounded the vehicle.

On 19 SEP, a Zavala Co SO Deputy was dispatched to the Chaparrosa Ranch near US-57, west of La Pryor, regarding a **deceased person**. A ranch worker stated she said she was separated from her group before she became unconscious. USBP Agents identified the subject as **an IA**. A funeral home assumed custody of the remains.

On 24 SEP, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy was dispatched to FM 1867 in Big Wells regarding an abandoned white 2019 Ford F-350 being found on a ranch. The vehicle was reported **stolen** by San Antonio PD. The vehicle was impounded.

On 02 SEP, a Zapata Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2013 Ford Fiesta on SH-16, north of Zapata, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle crashed into a ranch fence and the driver bailed out. The Deputy found several gallons of water, bottles of Gatorades, and chips inside the vehicle. No apprehensions were made. The vehicle was impounded.

On 02 SEP, Cotulla USBP Agents assisted by Frio Co SO Deputies were in a pursuit of a stolen 2019 Dodge Ram 3500 in Dilley. The vehicle was being used to smuggle IAs. Several subjects bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was located on a property east of Pearsall and was impounded. An Agent apprehended 12 IAs hiding in the brush.

On 03 SEP, a THP Trooper observed a subject trespassing onto private property. Six additional subjects required assistance to the riverbank. Seven IAs were referred to USBP.

On 13 SEP, an Encinal PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a silver 2009 Ford F-150 that was involved in human smuggling, and a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and the occupants bailed out. The vehicle was located abandoned on the ranch and was impounded.

On 16 SEP, Hebbronville USBP Agents conducted a vehicle stop on a 2013 Dodge Ram 3500 that was being used to smuggle IAs. The vehicle failed to yield and was driven through two ranch properties. The vehicle was later found abandoned. The Agents searched and apprehended seven IAs. The vehicle was stolen from San Antonio.

On 24 SEP, Webb Co Pct. 3 Constable Deputies were advised that multiple subjects had surrendered at Vaquillas Ranch. The Deputies detained six IAs inside the ranch. All subjects were referred to USBP.

On 27 SEP, Cotulla USBP Agents encountered a stolen 2017 Dodge Ram 2500 at the El Cazador Ranch near Cotulla during a human smuggling attempt. The driver and several occupants bailed out. A total of 13 IAs were apprehended. THP Troopers assumed custody of the vehicle.

On 27 SEP, THP Troopers conducted a traffic stop on a stolen 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 near Cotulla, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was located several miles inside of a ranch property. The driver bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was impounded.

On 27 SEP, a Jim Hogg Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2004 Ford F-150 on SH-16 at La Perla Ranch near Hebbronville, when a pursuit ensued. Several subjects bailed out and absconded into the brush. The vehicle was seized.



On 02 SEP, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of a deceased subject found on the North Cage Ranch in Falfurrias. A funeral home assumed custody of the remains.

On 06 SEP, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of a deceased subject found on the Las Escondidas Ranch in Falfurrias. A funeral home assumed custody of the remains.



On 22 SEP, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to the Cage Ranch regarding human remains discovered by the ranch owner. The remains were discovered with currency and a passport. Brooks Co SO assumed custody of the remains.

On 23 SEP, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of a deceased subject found on the La India Ranch near Falfurrias. Brooks Co SO assumed custody of the remains.



On 24 SEP, a Kenedy Co SO Deputy, assisted by USBP Agents, seized a vehicle and arrested a subject after receiving a report of a stolen vehicle trying to enter a ranch in Sarita.

On 23 SEP, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of a deceased subject found on the Mariposa Ranch near Falfurrias. Brooks Co SO assumed custody of the remains.



On 30 SEP, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of a deceased subject found hanged from a tree on the Cage Ranch near Falfurrias. A funeral home assumed custody of the remains.

On 01 SEP, a George West PD Officer, assisted by Live Oak Co SO Deputies, conducted a traffic stop on a 2018 GMC Sierra, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a property fence line, and the driver bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was reported stolen from George West.

On 17 SEP, a Live Oak Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a silver 2018 Ford F-150 on IH-37 near Three Rivers, when a pursuit ensued. The Deputy pursued the vehicle through Atascosa and Wilson Counties. The vehicle was driven through three property fences and crashed in a ditch. At least 12 subjects bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was impounded.

On 27 SEP, Live Oak Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a white Ford F-150 on IH-37 in Three Rivers, when a pursuit ensued. The subject drove onto a ranch property. The vehicle was located, and the driver bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was impounded.

On 30 SEP, a George West PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a 2015 Nissan Titan on IH-37, when a pursuit ensued. The driver drove onto a ranch property. The vehicle was located, and the driver bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was impounded.



Total Pursuits and Bailouts – CYTD *

Event	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	10	96	598	328	420	187	1,639
Bailouts	2	159	839	333	367	154	1,854

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





The chart displays the number of IA detections over a 13-month period. The y-axis represents the number of detections in thousands (K), ranging from 0K to 50K. The x-axis lists the months from September 2020 to September 2021. A blue line with circular markers indicates a trend, showing an overall increase in detections over time.

Month	Number of IA Detections (K)
September 2020	12,887
October 2020	14,577
November 2020	15,646
December 2020	16,804
January 2021	18,810
February 2021	25,824
March 2021	46,788
April 2021	50,622
May 2021	46,352
June 2021	41,947
July 2021	49,187
August 2021	50,031
September 2021	49,250

The chart displays the monthly volume of marijuana seized in pounds for the years 2020 and 2021. The y-axis represents the weight in pounds, ranging from 0K to 8K. The x-axis lists the months from September 2020 to September 2021. A line graph is overlaid on the bars, showing a general upward trend in seizures over the period.

Month	Marijuana Seized (lbs.)
September 2020	3,455
October 2020	2,468
November 2020	1,774
December 2020	3,105
January 2021	2,163
February 2021	3,899
March 2021	4,502
April 2021	4,929
May 2021	2,155
June 2021	3,243
July 2021	2,897
August 2021	3,204
September 2021	7,297

	Grand Total
IAs Detected	438,725
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	45,091
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	0
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	0
Meth Seized (lbs.)	817
Firearms Detected	32

Operation Drawbridge Totals:
JAN 2012 - SEP 2021

	Grand Total
IAs Detected	1,128,018
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	610,256
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	1,156
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	40
Meth Seized (lbs.)	861
Firearms Detected	85

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