

# **Border Operations Sector Assessment**

South Texas  
Ranch Edition

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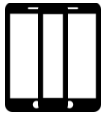
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.



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.

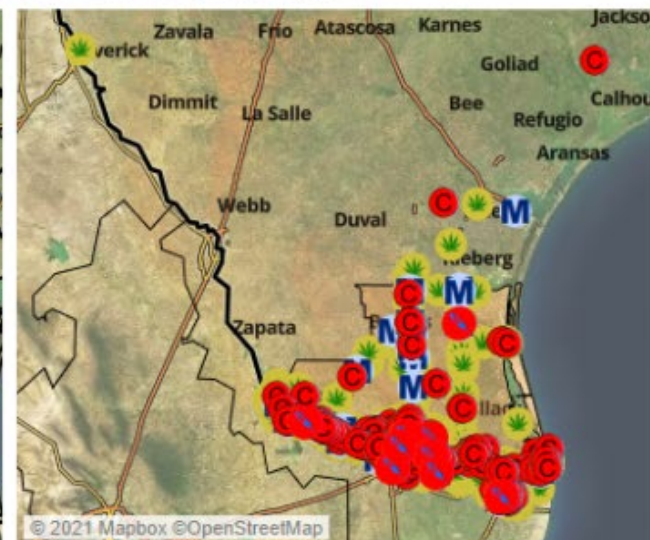
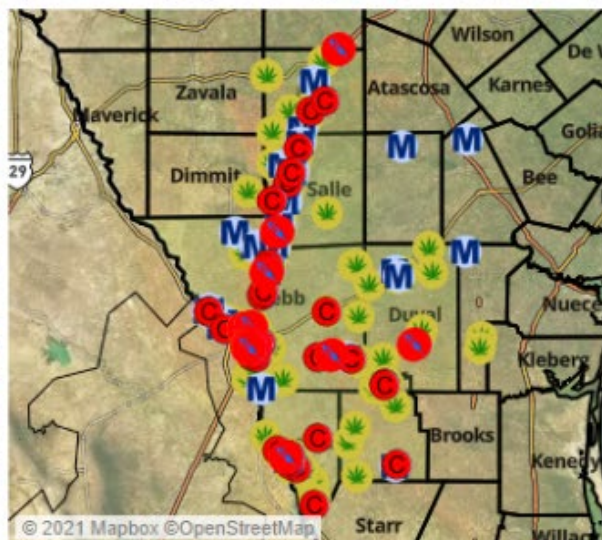
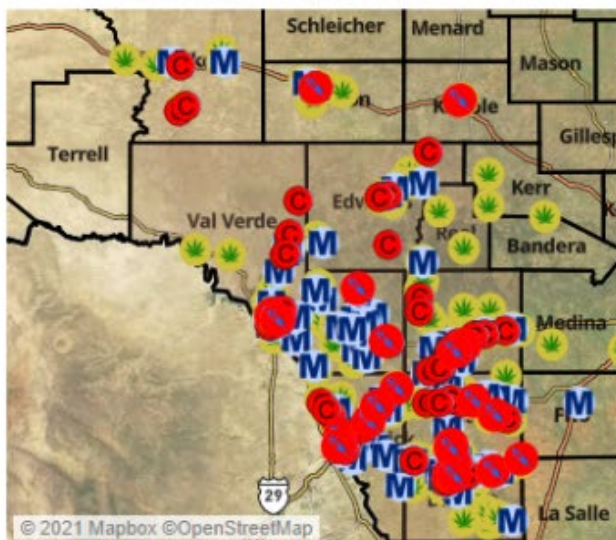
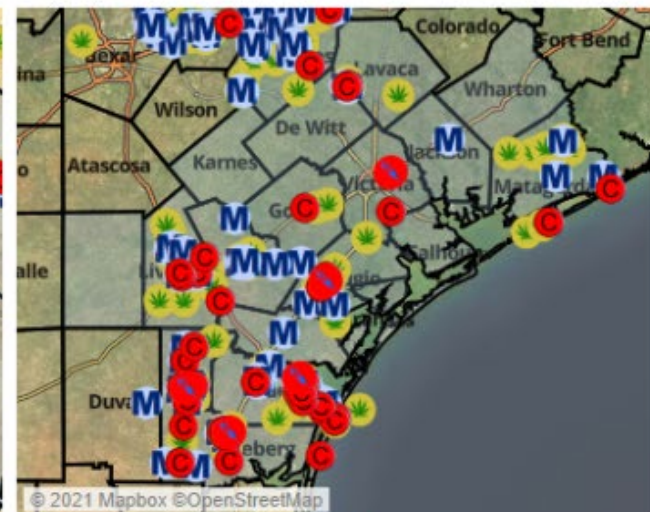
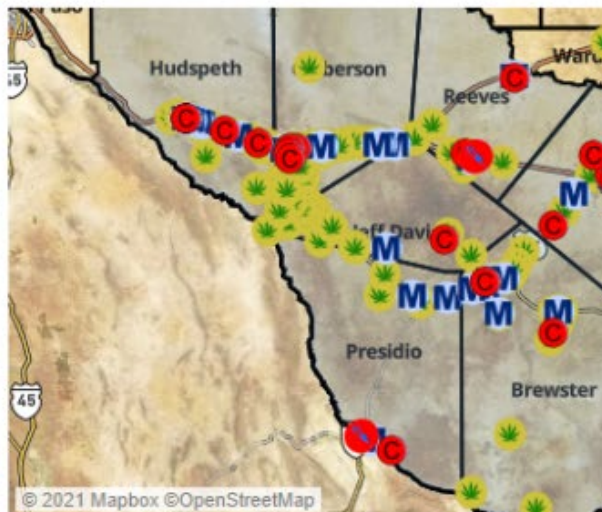
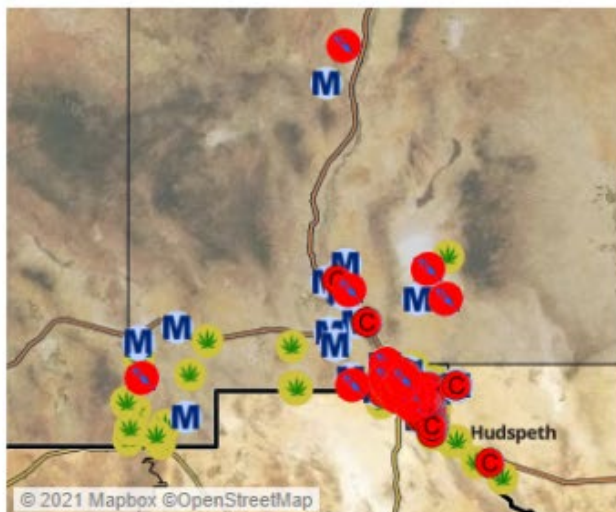


## OPERATION BORDER STAR

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CYTD 2021	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Va..	Coastal Bend	Total
Marijuana (lbs)	6,345	17,947	75	31,069	80,790	1,805	138,030
Cocaine (lbs)	2,070	174	228	1,876	6,294	318	10,961
Methamphetamine (lbs)	4,950	113	2,022	10,315	13,736	110	31,247
Heroin (lbs)	175	5	102	287	463	15	1,047



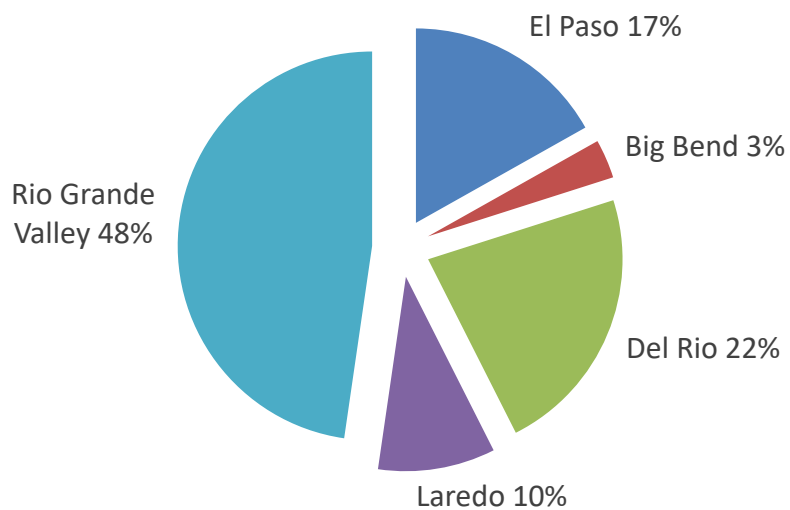
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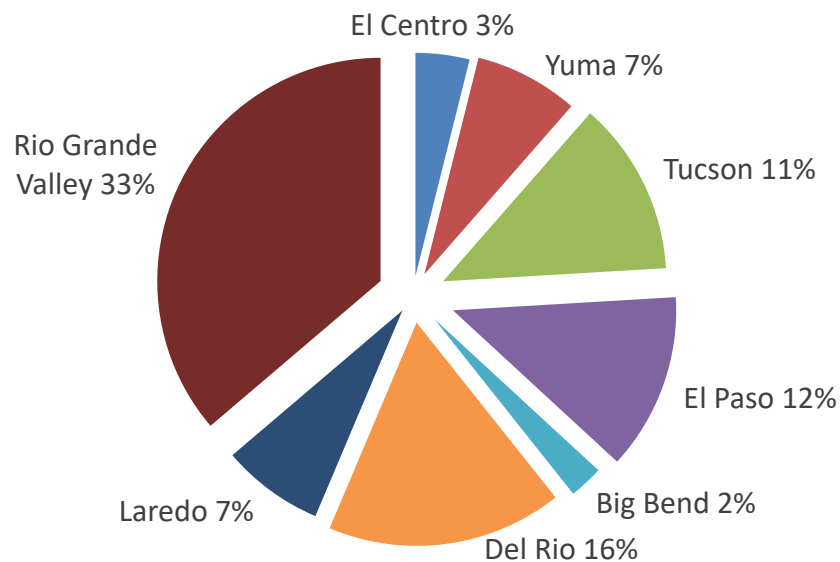
# Sector Apprehension Comparisons



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



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

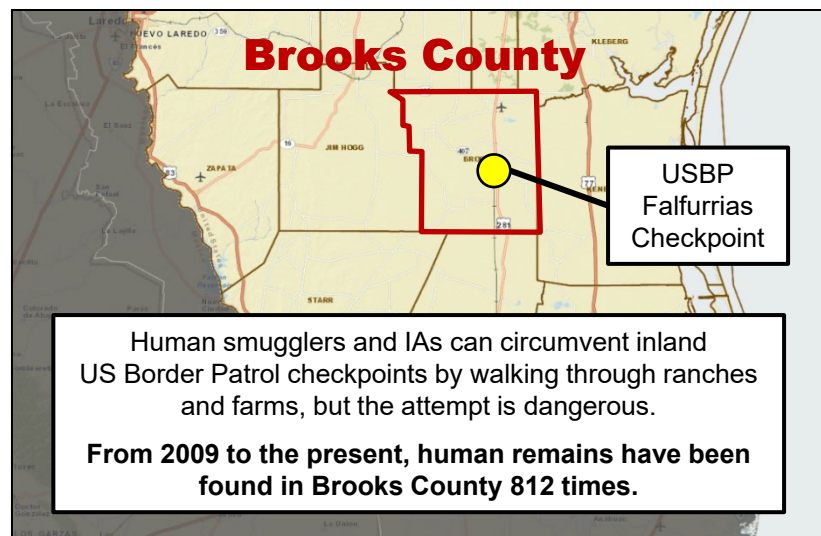


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Total UA wT42	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2021	150,488	33,666	251,481	92,872	529,195	--	1,057,702

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2021	102,931	15,931	188,322	29,533	460,787	--	797,504

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 05 OCT, Marfa USBP Agents apprehended a group of six IAs at a ranch, 18 miles west of Marfa. The guide was referred to Big Bend Prosecutions.

On 05 OCT, Marfa USBP Agents apprehended a group of five IAs at a ranch, 34 miles southwest of Marfa. The guide was referred to Big Bend Prosecutions.

On 10 OCT, Marfa USBP Agents apprehended an undisclosed number of IAs and an IA guide at a ranch 7 miles southeast of Marfa.

On 15 OCT, Sanderson USBP Agents apprehended a group of 43 IAs with a human smuggler near a ranch south of Dryden. The subjects were processed.

On 12 OCT, a Brewster Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch regarding three IAs. The subjects were detained and referred to USBP.

On 22 OCT, Van Horn USBP Agents seized 84.08 lbs of marijuana found in an abandoned backpack at a ranch 24 miles south of Van Horn. The narcotics were referred to Alpine DEA.

On 19 OCT, Sanderson USBP Agents apprehended 49 IAs on a ranch near the railroad tracks north of US-90, 15 miles southeast of Dryden.

On 26 OCT, a Presidio Co SO Deputy, along with a TPWD Game Warden, responded to a ranch near Candelaria. The Deputy encountered an IA with blisters on his feet stating he was surrendering. The subject was referred to USBP.

On 22 OCT, Alpine USBP Agents apprehended a group of six IAs in the brush near a ranch 24 miles southeast of Marathon. Within the group, a load driver was identified from a previous human smuggling event in Sanderson.

On 31 OCT, Brewster Co SO Deputies observed a white 2004 Ford Expedition and a blue 2011 Hyundai Veracruz traveling in tandem headed north on US-385 before turning east onto US-90. The vehicles turned onto a ranch and a traffic stop was conducted. Eight IAs were located inside the Ford with a USC driver, a known human smuggler admitted she was being paid \$900 per IA and \$5000 for transport into the interior of the US. Inside the Hyundai deputies located drug paraphernalia and small quantities of methamphetamine. Three subjects were arrested. The IAs were referred to USBP.

On 10 OCT, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch near FM 133, east of Catarina regarding an abandoned white 2019 Ford F-150. The Deputy found the rear seat was removed and the vehicle was displaying a fictitious license plate. The vehicle was stolen from San Antonio and was impounded.

On 11 OCT, a Crystal City PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a white 2012 Ford F-250, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven into a ranch, and the occupants bailed out and absconded. The Deputy found the rear seats and license plates were removed and a wooden block under the rear axle. The Deputy impounded the vehicle.

On 13 OCT, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2018 GMC Terrain on US-83 north of La Pryor, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle stopped on US-57, and several occupants bailed out. The Deputy detained five IAs in the brush on a ranch and referred them to USBP. The vehicle was impounded.

On 18 OCT, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a gold 2018 Ford F-150 on US-57 east of Batesville. As the Deputy approached the vehicle, it was driven across the highway and through a fence on a ranch. The Deputy located the vehicle abandoned. The vehicle had been stolen from San Antonio. The vehicle was impounded.

On 22 OCT, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2018 Ford F-250 on FM 395 north of Crystal City, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven onto FM 582 and then through a ranch fence where the Deputy later found the vehicle abandoned. The Deputy discovered the license plate belonged to a stolen black Ford Mustang, and a record check on the VIN indicated the vehicle was reported stolen from Medina Co. The vehicle was impounded.

On 20 OCT, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2015 Dodge Ram on FM 481, south of Uvalde, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence on a ranch, and the Trooper found the vehicle after the occupants bailed out and absconded. The Trooper found the rear seat was removed and the vehicle had a fictitious license plate. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio and was impounded.

On 21 OCT, a THP Trooper observed a 2018 Ford F-350 traveling south on FM 481 east of Eagle Pass and turn onto US-57 headed toward La Pryor. The Trooper conducted a traffic stop, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch and was found again on FM 481 headed toward Uvalde. The vehicle was driven through another ranch fence and was later found abandoned. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio and was impounded.

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On 30 OCT, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a silver 2015 Dodge Ram 2500 on FM 117 south of Batesville, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and the Deputy found the vehicle abandoned. The Deputy found a skeleton key inside the vehicle and the rear seat had been removed. The vehicle had been reported stolen from San Antonio and was impounded.

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On 17 OCT, a THP Trooper arrested four IAs for criminal trespass and detained a juvenile IA on a ranch in Kinney Co. The juvenile IA was referred to USBP.

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On 27 OCT, a THP Trooper assisted USBP Agents with an injured IA on a ranch near FM 481 in Maverick Co. The IA was referred to USBP.

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On 27 OCT, a THP Trooper arrested five IAs for criminal trespass and detained an IA on a ranch in Val Verde Co. One IA was referred to USBP.

On 01 OCT, Webb Co Pct. 3 Constable Deputies were dispatched to a ranch in Mirando City regarding a possible domestic disturbance. The Deputies arrested a subject for a warrant out of New York.

On 04 OCT, a Zapata Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch regarding a deceased subject. The subject was unidentifiable and was referred to Webb Co Medical Examiner.

On 11 OCT, an Encinal PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a white Ford F-150 on IH-35. A pursuit ensued and the vehicle drove through a ranch fence. Due to low visibility, the pursuit was terminated.

On 07 OCT, USBP Cotulla Agents responded to a Drawbridge alert of a silver 2012 Dodge Ram 1500 and a white pickup truck. The Agents conducted a vehicle stop and the Dodge drove through a ranch fence. The Dodge was found abandoned and reported stolen from San Antonio. Frio Co SO assumed custody of the vehicle. The white pickup truck absconded.

On 18 OCT, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a stolen Dodge pickup, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence and was lost. The vehicle was found abandoned on another ranch.

On 25 OCT, Cotulla USBP Agents observed a suspicious 2021 Ford F-350 traveling northbound on IH-35 near Cotulla. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio. THP Troopers assisted and conducted a traffic stop. The vehicle exited and was driven through a ranch fence. The Agents found the abandoned vehicle on a ranch near Cotulla.

On 30 OCT, Cotulla USBP Agents were dispatched near FM 469 and FM 468 in Cotulla where a 2014 Chevrolet Silverado was spotted and was reported stolen from San Antonio. The vehicle failed to yield and several subjects bailed out onto a ranch. The vehicle was located and impounded. No subjects were located.

On 31 OCT, Freer USBP Agents encountered an abandoned stolen 2015 Chevrolet Silverado on a ranch in Freer. La Salle Co SO impounded the vehicle.



On 25 OCT, a Zapata Co SO Deputy was advised of a subject running from a ranch and entering a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe. The Deputy conducted a traffic stop by a ranch on US-83. The Deputy found that two USCs were transporting an IA to Laredo. The subjects and the IA were referred to USBP.

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On 26 OCT, a Zapata Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2013 Toyota Tundra on US-83 in Zapata, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch through multiple fences. Once it stopped, several subjects bailed out. The Deputies detained five IAs, who were referred to USBP, and impounded the vehicle.

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On 22 OCT, Cotulla USBP Agents responded to a Drawbridge alert and conducted a vehicle stop on a 2020 Ford F-250 near Cotulla. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence. The Agents found the vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, and apprehended 13 IAs. The vehicle was impounded by La Salle Co SO.

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On 20 OCT, Cotulla USBP Agents responded to a camera alert on a 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 suspected of being involved in IA smuggling. The Agents, with the assistance of CBP AMO, found the vehicle abandoned inside a ranch property near Cotulla. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from Houston, was taken into custody by Frio Co SO.

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On 21 OCT, Cotulla USBP Agents observed a 2017 Ford F-250 and a 2020 Ford F-250 traveling in tandem on IH-35. As the Agents approached, both vehicles exited onto SH-85. The vehicles went in separate directions. THP Troopers were notified of the incident and conducted a traffic stop on the 2017 Ford. The 2017 Ford was driven through a fence and was found abandoned on a ranch. USBP Agents conducted a vehicle stop on the 2020 Ford, when a pursuit ensued. The Agents found the abandoned 2020 Ford on another ranch. The 2017 Ford was reported stolen from San Antonio and was referred to Dimmit Co SO. The 2020 Ford was reported stolen from San Antonio and was referred to Frio Co SO.

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On 19 OCT, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded and took a report of skeletal remains found on a ranch in Falfurrias. A funeral home assumed custody of the remains.



On 19 OCT, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of deceased remains found on a ranch in Falfurrias. Brooks Co SO assumed custody of the remains.



On 20 OCT, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of skeletal remains found on a ranch in Falfurrias. Texas State University assumed custody of the remains.

On 26 OCT, a Kenedy Co SO Deputy detained an IA on a ranch in Sarita. The IA was referred to USBP.

On 22 OCT, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in Falfurrias in reference to discovered deceased remains by ranch workers. The Medical Examiner's Office assumed custody of the remains.

On 08 OCT, a George West PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a 2013 Ford F-250 near US-59, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through several fences onto a ranch and the driver bailed out and absconded into the brush. The vehicle was impounded.





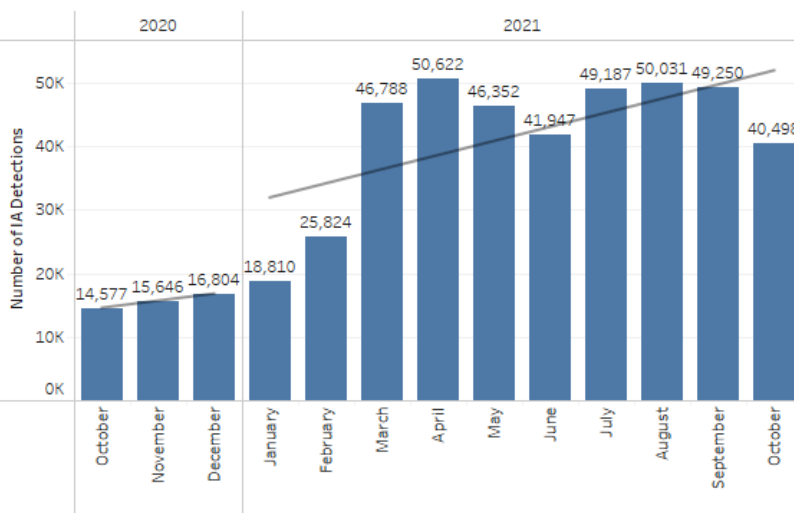


### Total Pursuits and Bailouts – CYTD \*

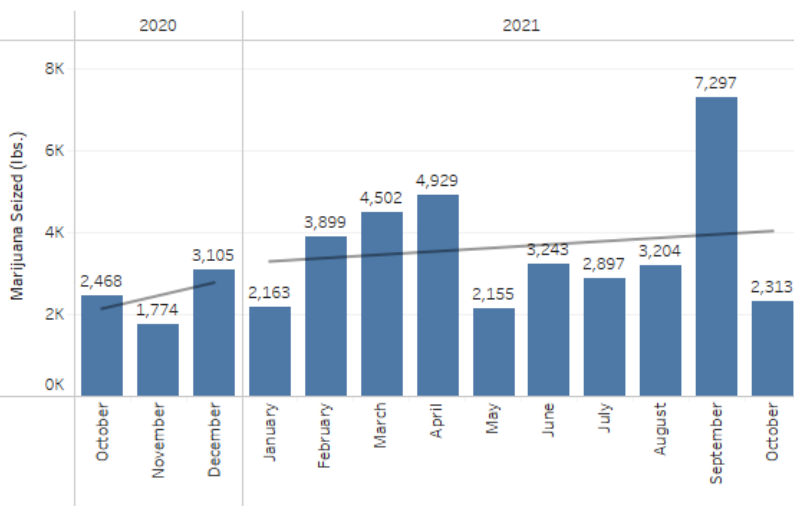
	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	Total
Pursuits	13	105	691	362	484	207	1,862
Bailouts	3	179	951	372	440	169	2,114

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





	Grand Total
IAs Detected	466,336
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	43,949
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	219
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	0
Meth Seized (lbs.)	817
Firearms Detected	31



	Grand Total
IAs Detected	1,168,516
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	612,569
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	1,375
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	40
Meth Seized (lbs.)	861
Firearms Detected	85

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