



The most significant public safety and homeland security vulnerability in Texas is an unsecured border with Mexico, which has enabled the Mexican Cartels to become multi-billion dollar international crime syndicates that dominate the U.S. drug and human smuggling and trafficking markets. They employ terrorist tactics and corruption to expand or defend their criminal enterprise activities, and they work closely with transnational and Texas-based gangs to further their criminal operations throughout Texas and the nation.

### Mexican Cartels Operating in Texas

Juarez Cartel | La Familia Michoacana  
Gulf Cartel (CDG) | Sinaloa Federation  
Beltran Leyva Organization (BLO) | Los Zetas  
Knight Templar (Templarios Caballeros)

Cartel Operatives transporting drugs and people in the Rio Grande Valley are directed to flee once detected by law enforcement. Driving recklessly at high rates of speed and utilizing cartel blocking and chase vehicles are tactics used to thwart law enforcement. Load vehicles are typically stolen, minimizing cost to the Cartels.

| Marijuana (lbs) | El Paso        | Marfa          | Del Rio        | Laredo         | RGV              | Coastal Bend   | TOTAL            | ONDCP 2012 Values       |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>YTD-2015</b> | 29,105         | 11,977         | 6,586          | 56,643         | 213,419          | 4,949          | 322,679          | <b>\$1,958,340,101</b>  |
| CY-2014         | 89,955         | 29,904         | 29,791         | 147,932        | 827,376          | 9,949          | 1,134,906        | <b>\$6,887,747,172</b>  |
| CY-2013         | 80,205         | 30,958         | 33,973         | 180,859        | 1,068,331        | 49,155         | 1,443,481        | <b>\$8,760,483,937</b>  |
| CY-2012         | 109,839        | 43,399         | 63,999         | 219,797        | 1,128,943        | 44,711         | 1,610,689        | <b>\$9,775,273,198</b>  |
| CY-2011         | 71,910         | 62,548         | 62,283         | 169,658        | 1,175,657        | 96,476         | 1,638,532        | <b>\$9,944,252,146</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>381,014</b> | <b>178,786</b> | <b>196,632</b> | <b>774,887</b> | <b>4,413,727</b> | <b>205,241</b> | <b>6,150,288</b> | <b>\$37,326,096,555</b> |

| Cocaine (lbs)   | El Paso      | Marfa      | Del Rio      | Laredo       | RGV           | Coastal Bend | TOTAL         | ONDCP 2012 Values      |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|
| <b>YTD-2015</b> | 269          | 6          | 75           | 449          | 2,002         | 302          | 3,103         | <b>\$190,743,946</b>   |
| CY-2014         | 471          | 49         | 142          | 1,611        | 3,691         | 392          | 6,356         | <b>\$390,738,822</b>   |
| CY-2013         | 818          | 6          | 214          | 1,435        | 7,588         | 829          | 10,890        | <b>\$669,531,824</b>   |
| CY-2012         | 641          | 39         | 206          | 1,223        | 5,006         | 637          | 7,752         | <b>\$476,575,248</b>   |
| CY-2011         | 1,218        | 308        | 1,132        | 1,738        | 6,389         | 972          | 11,757        | <b>\$722,817,333</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>3,416</b> | <b>408</b> | <b>1,769</b> | <b>6,456</b> | <b>24,676</b> | <b>3,133</b> | <b>39,858</b> | <b>\$2,450,407,173</b> |

| Meth (lbs)      | El Paso      | Marfa      | Del Rio    | Laredo       | RGV          | Coastal Bend | TOTAL         | ONDCP 2012 Values      |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|
| <b>YTD-2015</b> | 306          | 11         | 101        | 601          | 1,977        | 5            | 3,000         | <b>\$261,381,578</b>   |
| CY-2014         | 502          | 54         | 74         | 1,299        | 2,616        | 71           | 4,616         | <b>\$402,119,701</b>   |
| CY-2013         | 176          | 109        | 220        | 711          | 1,697        | 206          | 3,118         | <b>\$271,596,743</b>   |
| CY-2012         | 78           | 15         | 86         | 603          | 1,975        | 269          | 3,026         | <b>\$263,645,139</b>   |
| CY-2011         | 94           | 33         | 39         | 869          | 982          | 59           | 2,077         | <b>\$180,945,232</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>1,156</b> | <b>222</b> | <b>519</b> | <b>4,083</b> | <b>9,247</b> | <b>610</b>   | <b>15,837</b> | <b>\$1,379,688,394</b> |

| Heroin (lbs)    | El Paso    | Marfa     | Del Rio    | Laredo       | RGV          | Coastal Bend | TOTAL        | ONDCP 2012 Values    |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| <b>YTD-2015</b> | 19         | 0         | 14         | 115          | 168          | 0            | 317          | <b>\$40,809,339</b>  |
| CY-2014         | 249        | 33        | 9          | 192          | 133          | 1            | 616          | <b>\$79,284,768</b>  |
| CY-2013         | 88         | 11        | 61         | 235          | 662          | 114          | 1,171        | <b>\$150,654,569</b> |
| CY-2012         | 64         | 5         | 26         | 295          | 212          | 41           | 644          | <b>\$82,851,122</b>  |
| CY-2011         | 3          | 3         | 2          | 280          | 186          | 22           | 495          | <b>\$63,695,944</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>423</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>1,118</b> | <b>1,361</b> | <b>177</b>   | <b>3,243</b> | <b>\$417,295,742</b> |

| 2014 - YTD 2015 | EP | MR | DR  | LR  | RGV | CB  | TOTAL |
|-----------------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Pursuits        | 0  | 27 | 221 | 146 | 740 | 415 | 1,549 |
| Bailouts        | 0  | 38 | 302 | 197 | 722 | 371 | 1,630 |

| DRUG      | ONDCP 2012 Values |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Cocaine   | \$61,479          |
| Heroin    | \$128,661         |
| Marijuana | \$6,069           |
| Meth      | \$87,117          |

ONDCP 2012 Values adjusted for purity and retail value

HOME INVASIONS (RGV) 2012-15  
**187**

Illegal Alien (IA) Stash House EXTORTIONS (Texas Border) 2008-15  
**110 Incidents**  
**3,260 Victims**

STASH HOUSES 2014 - 15 (Texas Border)  
HUMAN DRUGS  
**171** **106**

CARTEL-RELATED ARRESTS (Statewide) 2007-15  
**447**

SHOOTINGS AT LAW ENFORCEMENT (Texas Border) 2009-15  
**93 Incidents**  
**122 Officers**

CARTEL-RELATED HOMICIDES (Statewide) 2007 - 14  
**44**

CARTEL COUNTER-MEASURES\* 2014 - YTD 2015  
**481**

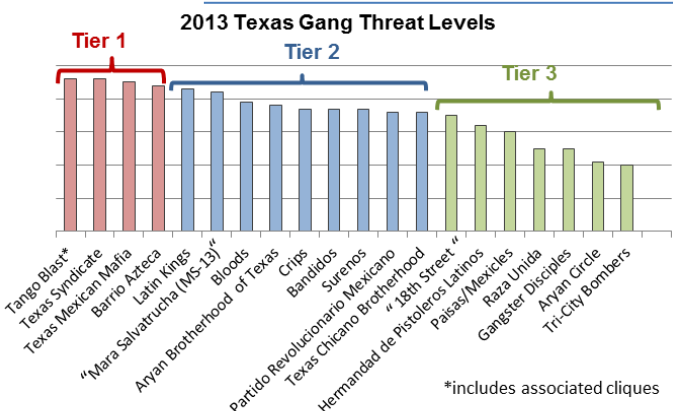


The number of Illegal Alien (IA) annual arrests across the U.S./Mexico border has been as high as 1,643,679 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2000, which **decreased 74% to 420,789** in (FY) 2010. In Texas, the number of IA apprehensions for Calendar Year (CY) 2011 was 112,426, which **increased 48% to 166,449** in CY 2012, and **increased 46% to 242,669** in CY 2013, and **315,886** in CY 2014 as of December. 67% of IA apprehensions in Texas in 2014 YTD are Other Than Mexican Nationals (OTMs). There are five Border Patrol sectors in Texas, and the RGV Sector is the Border Patrol's busiest sector in the nation.

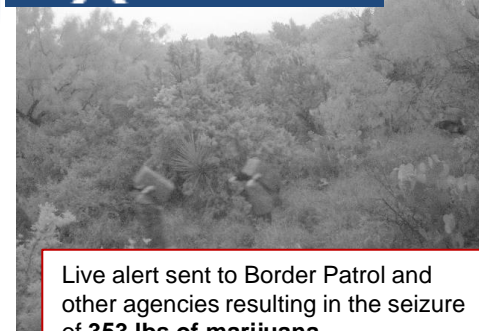
| IAs      | El Paso | Marfa  | Del Rio | Laredo  | RGV     | Coastal Bend | TOTAL   |
|----------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|---------|
| YTD-2015 | 4,670   | 1,107  | 6,203   | 11,867  | 44,279  | 0            | 68,126  |
| CY-2014  | 12,248  | 2,589  | 22,564  | 35,289  | 243,196 | 0            | 315,886 |
| CY-2013  | 10,998  | 2,647  | 21,576  | 38,010  | 169,438 | 0            | 242,669 |
| CY-2012  | 9,843   | 2,600  | 21,973  | 34,505  | 97,528  | 0            | 166,449 |
| CY-2011  | 10,044  | 2,427  | 14,249  | 31,047  | 54,590  | 69           | 112,426 |
| TOTAL    | 47,803  | 11,370 | 86,565  | 150,718 | 609,031 | 69           | 905,556 |

| OTMs     | El Paso | Marfa | Del Rio | Laredo | RGV     | Coastal Bend | TOTAL   |
|----------|---------|-------|---------|--------|---------|--------------|---------|
| YTD-2015 | 840     | 450   | 2,157   | 2,690  | 27,399  | 17           | 33,553  |
| CY-2014  | 2,274   | 535   | 12,808  | 15,351 | 180,149 | 260          | 211,377 |
| CY-2013  | 1,309   | 309   | 9,453   | 17,977 | 110,938 | 557          | 140,543 |
| CY-2012  | 679     | 278   | 9,261   | 14,409 | 50,547  | 569          | 75,743  |
| CY-2011  | 673     | 180   | 4,715   | 7,709  | 22,460  | 171          | 35,908  |
| TOTAL    | 5,775   | 1,752 | 38,394  | 58,136 | 391,493 | 1,574        | 497,124 |

| Unaccompanied Alien Children | FYTD-2015 | FY-2014 | FY-2013 | FY-2012 | FY-2011 |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Texas Border                 | 11,689    | 58,312  | 27,827  | 15,485  | 9,871   |



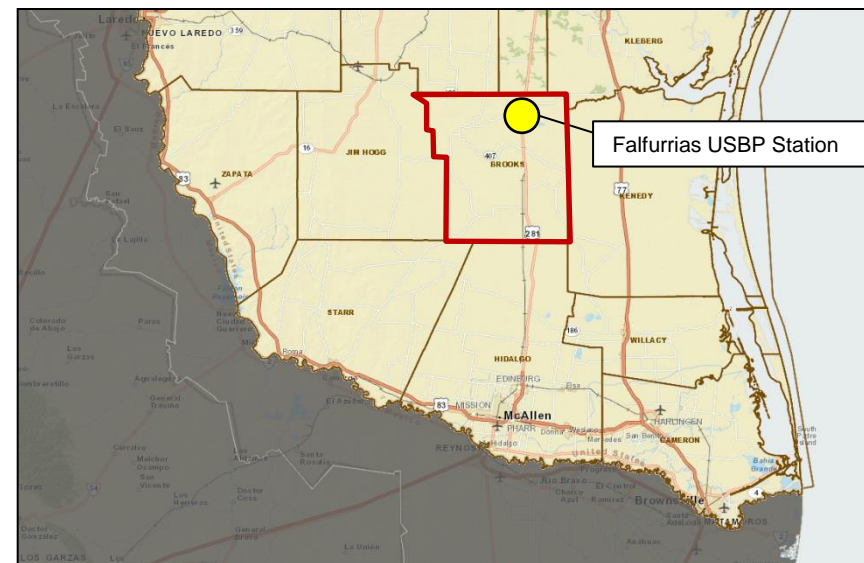
In 2014, **121 "MS-13"** and **34 "18th Street"** gang members have been apprehended while being smuggled into Texas.



Live alert sent to Border Patrol and other agencies resulting in the seizure of **353 lbs of marijuana**.

Drawbridge is a state funded camera project that uses motion activated game cameras to detect and report drug and human smuggling events in real time. Since January 2012, Drawbridge has detected **127,293** people that resulted in **58,156** apprehensions and the seizure of **117.9** tons of drugs.

Human smugglers circumvent inland U.S. Border Patrol checkpoints by easily walking around them through ranch and farmland. Too often, smugglers abandon illegal aliens in these remote areas who develop medical conditions, resulting in their death. Since 2009, at least **440** sets of human remains have been recovered in Brooks County.



Smuggling people into Texas is highly profitable for Mexican Cartels, costings as much as **\$2,000 to \$20,000 per person**.



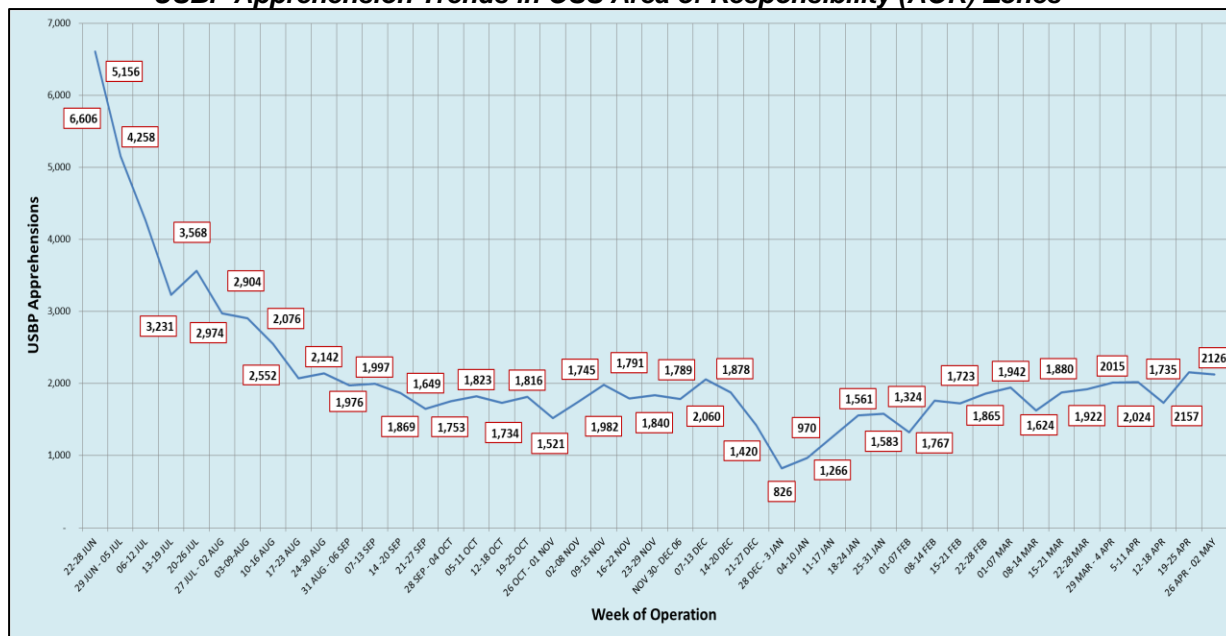
On June 18, 2014, the State Legislature and Texas leadership directed the Department of Public Safety to conduct a multiagency surge operation in the Rio Grande Valley, which began on June 23, 2014. The goal of Operation Strong Safety is to prevent Mexican Cartels, their operatives, transnational gangs, criminal aliens, potential terrorists and drugs from entering Texas between the Ports of Entry (POEs) through sustained, around-the-clock, ground, air and marine saturation patrols on the Texas/Mexico border, and in doing so, reduce transnational crime throughout Texas.

| Operation Strong Safety 2014<br>(Zone 1-13)<br>(06/23/2014 – 05/02/2015) | Weight (lbs) | Price per lbs | Total Price            |
|--|--------------|---------------|------------------------|
| <b>Marijuana Totals</b>  | 469,628.20   | \$6,069       | \$2,850,173,546        |
| <b>Cocaine Totals</b>  | 1,103.75     | \$61,479      | \$67,857,446           |
| <b>Meth Totals</b>   | 1,161.77     | \$87,117      | \$101,209,917          |
| <b>Heroin Totals</b>   | 111.22       | \$128,661     | \$14,309,676           |
| <b>Total Value of Contraband Seized</b>                                  |              |               | <b>\$3,033,550,586</b> |

Sufficiently resourced surge operations directly on the border enables the immediate detection and interdiction of people and drugs between the POEs before they can be hidden and transported to destination points throughout the state and nation.

| Operation Strong Safety 2014<br>Marijuana Seized<br>(06/23/2014 – 05/02/2015) (in lbs) |                   |                        |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|
| Zone 1   | 65914.43          | \$400,034,676          |
| Zone 2   | 116122.44         | \$704,747,088          |
| Zone 3   | 101509.20         | \$616,059,335          |
| Zone 4   | 59552.59          | \$361,424,669          |
| Zone 5   | 16343.59          | \$99,189,248           |
| Zone 6   | 30655.99          | \$186,051,203          |
| Zone 7   | 10229.76          | \$62,084,413           |
| Zone 8   | 8818.80           | \$53,521,297           |
| Zone 9   | 7092.25           | \$43,042,865           |
| Zone 10  | 25011.48          | \$151,794,672          |
| Zone 11  | 15086.36          | \$91,559,119           |
| Zone 12  | 8194.72           | \$49,733,756           |
| Zone 13  | 3455.30           | \$20,970,216           |
| Zone UNK/Pending   | 1641.30           | \$9,961,050            |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>469,628.20</b> | <b>\$2,850,173,546</b> |

**USBP Apprehension Trends in OSS Area of Responsibility (AOR) Zones\***



\*Numbers are constantly changing as dispositions are received.