

NEWS ARTICLES ON KEY ISSUES - NOVEMBER 17, 2022

LATEST STATISTICS

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY2019														
USBP	Demographic	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	Total
Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Alien Child	4,964	5,257	4,753	5,105	6,817	8,956	8,880	11,475	7,372	5,554	3,722	3,165	76,020
	Family Units*	23,116	25,164	27,507	24,188	36,530	53,204	58,713	84,486	57,358	42,543	25,049	15,824	473,682
	Single Adult	22,925	21,436	18,491	18,686	23,536	30,673	31,680	36,895	30,172	23,881	21,913	21,518	301,806
Southwest Border Total Apprehensions		51,005	51,857	50,751	47,979	66,883	92,833	99,273	132,856	94,902	71,978	50,684	40,507	851,508

Data Source: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/fy-2019>

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY2020														
USBP	Demographic	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	Total
Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Alien Child	2,841	3,308	3,223	2,680	3,070	2,974	712	966	1,603	2,426	2,998	3,756	30,557
	Family Units*	9,721	9,006	8,595	5,161	4,610	3,455	716	979	1,581	1,989	2,609	3,808	52,230
	Single Adult	22,840	21,210	21,035	21,364	22,397	23,960	14,754	19,648	27,652	34,121	41,676	47,207	317,864
Southwest Border Total Apprehensions		35,402	33,524	32,853	29,205	30,077	30,389	16,182	21,593	30,836	38,536	47,283	54,771	400,651

Data Source: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration-fy2020>

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY2021														
USBP	Demographic	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	Total
Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Alien Child	4,687	4,475	4,852	5,688	9,263	18,716	16,900	13,878	15,022	18,681	18,492	14,180	144,834
	Family Units*	4,634	4,172	4,248	7,066	19,289	53,411	48,297	40,816	50,106	76,572	79,899	62,577	451,087
	Single Adult	59,711	60,522	62,041	62,562	69,091	97,089	108,502	117,960	113,521	105,405	98,123	108,758	1,063,285
Southwest Border Total Apprehensions		69,032	69,169	71,141	75,316	97,643	169,216	173,699	172,654	178,649	200,658	196,514	185,515	1,659,206

Data Source: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters>

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY2022														
USBP	Demographic	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	Total
Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Alien Child	12,625	13,745	11,704	8,607	11,779	13,892	11,857	14,420	14,929	13,003	10,993	11,539	149,093
	Family Units*	41,556	43,279	49,437	30,419	25,165	34,052	37,082	51,166	44,071	42,851	39,305	44,579	482,962
	Single Adult	104,932	109,991	109,461	108,851	122,226	163,237	154,565	158,784	133,399	125,980	131,476	151,479	1,574,381
Southwest Border Total Apprehensions		159,113	167,015	170,602	147,877	159,063	211,181	203,504	224,370	192,399	181,834	181,774	207,597	2,206,436

Data Source: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters>

LATEST NEWS

33 Texas Counties Declare Invasion At Southern Border, More Expected To Follow

By *Bethany Blankley, The Center Square contributor, October 5, 2022*

- ❖ To date, 33 Texas counties have declared an invasion in their county, in the state of Texas, or have expressed support for Texas declaring an invasion at the southern border. More are in the process of making similar declarations, according to sources who've spoken to The Center Square. One county judge has taken a stand for what he says is a dire situation that his small county located roughly 104 miles north of Laredo, Texas, is facing. McMullen County Judge James Teal signed a declaration of disaster on July 11 in which he declared the existence of an invasion in both his county and in Texas. In the month of May alone, "McMullen County law enforcement documented over 4,000 illegal aliens who avoided apprehension by Border Patrol and whose whereabouts are currently unknown," Teal said. McMullen County is the fourth-least populated county in Texas with roughly 600 residents. In his declaration, Teal requested Gov. Greg Abbott "declare the existence of an invasion on its border with Mexico and take necessary actions to preserve and protect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Texas" and to act "under the constitutional authority granted to him under Article 4, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution and Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution and immediately prevent and/or remove all persons invading the sovereignty of Texas and that of the United States." The commissioner's court approved the declaration, and it continues in effect until terminated by the county judge. The judges and commissioners who've signed resolutions or issued declarations of invasion represent the counties of Atascosa, Burnet, Chambers, Clay, Ector, Edwards, Ellis, Goliad, Hamilton, Hardin, Hood, Hunt, Jack, Jasper, Johnson, Kinney, Lavaca, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, McMullen, Montague, Orange, Parker, Presidio, Terrell, Throckmorton, Tyler, Van Zandt, Wharton, Wichita, Wilson, and Wise. The Texas legislature has allocated more than \$4 billion to fund Texas' border security efforts. Since March, Texas law enforcement officials have apprehended 308,700 illegal foreign nationals, made more than 20,200 criminal arrests, including more than 17,900 charged with felonies.
- ❖ News Article Source: https://www.thecentersquare.com/texas/33-texas-counties-declare-invasion-at-southern-border-more-expected-to-follow/article_35be3822-44d3-11ed-8042-9b5c83863b1c.html

Mexico Says Trump-Era Border Program Formally Ends

By *Reuters, October 25, 2022*

- ❖ Mexico's foreign ministry said a Trump-era program that forces asylum seekers to wait in Mexico for U.S. immigration hearings, known as the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP), had come to an end. Mexico will continue to guarantee the adequate stay and protection of the remaining migrants in national territory under the program "at this stage," the ministry said in a statement. In August, the Supreme Court gave a green light to President Joe Biden's administration's rolling back the program. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said then it would no longer enroll new migrants in MPP and those waiting in Mexico would leave the program as they returned to the United States for their court dates. An official at Mexico's foreign ministry, Roberto Velasco, said in a column published that less than 100 MPP cases remained active.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/mexico-says-trump-era-border-program-has-ended-2022-10-25/>

The Story Behind DeSantis's Migrant Flights to Martha's Vineyard

By *Edgar Sandoval, Miriam Jordan, Patricia Mazzei and J. David Goodman, New York Times, October 4, 2022*

- ❖ In June, Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a budget that set aside \$12 million to create a program for transporting unauthorized migrants out of Florida. But just three months later, the money was being used in a place far from Florida, in a very different way: rounding up Venezuelan asylum seekers on the streets of San Antonio and shipping them on private planes to Massachusetts. Florida officials have provided little information about the program or how it was engineered. But details have begun to emerge of the clandestine mission that was carried out without the knowledge of even the Texas governor, Greg Abbott: flights paid for with state money in possible violation of the state law that allocated the money; a charter airline company with political ties to the Florida governor. And, in the middle of it all, a woman [named Perla Huerta] with a background in military counterintelligence who investigators believe was sent to Texas from Tampa in order to fill the planes. In the case of the flights to Martha's Vineyard, Florida state records show that an airline charter company, Vertol Systems, was paid \$615,000 on Sept. 8 and \$950,000 less than two weeks later.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/10/02/us/migrants-marthas-vineyard-desantis-texas.html>

Texas Sheriff Certifies That Migrants Flown To Martha's Vineyard Were Victims Of A Crime

By *Chloe Folmar, The Hill, October 13, 2022*

- ❖ Texas Sheriff Javier Salazar certified that the group of migrants flown to Martha's Vineyard, Mass., last month by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis were victims of a crime, qualifying them to obtain a visa. Salazar, the Bexar County sheriff, submitted certification documents that will allow the nearly 50 migrants to apply for U visas, which grant crime victims nonimmigrant status in the U.S. to ensure that they are available as witnesses during investigations or trials. The Venezuelan nationals transported to Martha's Vineyard were reportedly given false information about where they were going and the support they would receive at the destination. The certification comes a day after the Department of the Treasury announced that it would investigate DeSantis's usage of COVID-19 relief money and the "allowability" of funding migrant transportation with that money or interest earned on it. Salazar opened an investigation into the Martha's Vineyard incident soon after it occurred, claiming that the migrants were "lured" under "false pretenses." The migrants have also filed a class action lawsuit against DeSantis based on allegations of "fraud" and "misrepresentation."
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/3687353-texas-sheriff-certifies-that-migrants-flown-to-marthas-vineyard-were-victims-of-a-crime/>

Border Numbers Worsened In October; Historic Number Of Gotaways

By *Stephen Dinan, The Washington Times, November 5, 2022*

- ❖ Border Patrol agents apprehended nearly 210,000 illegal immigrants at the southern border in October, according to preliminary numbers obtained by the Federation for American Immigration Reform that show yet another rise in the level of chaos along the U.S.-Mexico boundary. Agents tallied another 86,796 "known gotaways" — migrants that they spotted crossing, and know they weren't able to apprehend. That's believed to be the highest number ever detected and paints an even grimmer picture of what's going on at the border. In parts of Arizona, agents have reported missing roughly as many migrants as they managed to catch. The 209,664 illegal border jumpers are up more than 30% compared to October 2021, when agents tallied 159,113 apprehensions. The numbers are labeled preliminary. Homeland Security usually waits until the middle of the month — or later — to release its data.
- ❖ News Article Source: https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2022/nov/5/border-numbers-worsened-october-historic-number-go/?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=SocialFlow

MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTER IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Fewer Venezuelans Crossing Border, But Migrant Flow Hasn't Decreased In San Antonio

By *Raquel Torres, San Antonio Report, November 6, 2022*

- ❖ On Oct. 12, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) passed new rules aimed at drastically reducing the flow of Venezuelan migrants into the United States. Effective immediately, the rule aimed to ease pressure on cities dealing with an influx of migrants along the Southwest border. At San Antonio's migrant resource center, it hasn't. "We have not seen a decrease," said Tara Ford, chief development officer of Catholic Charities, the religious nonprofit that took over operations at the center from the city last month. "We welcomed 1,290 Wednesday." The City of San Antonio told the San Antonio Report in September that 90% of migrants served at the center were Venezuelan. Cubans made up the second largest group, followed by migrants from Nicaragua, Guatemala and Colombia. Ford declined to say whether the center has seen a drop in Venezuelan migrants since the new rules took effect or share the nationalities of those who are still arriving. Similar questions put to the city have yet to be answered. On Monday, Ford said buses transporting migrants arrive at the center on a fluctuating basis. Sister Norma Pimentel, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, which runs the Humanitarian Respite Center there, told the San Antonio Report the migrant flow at the center has slowed this year overall and said the center has not served Venezuelan migrants since the DHS program launched. The first week, Venezuelans who had crossed the border were sent back to Mexico, she said, but no longer. "They're recognizing that if they enter they will be sent back, so they're not coming to the U.S. anymore through the river," she said. Pimentel said the center is serving between 300 and 400 migrants a day. At its peak in 2019, Pimentel said the center served 2,000 a day. A DHS spokesperson said Friday in an email statement to the San Antonio Report that since the new process for Venezuelan migrants took effect, the data shows "substantially reduced attempted irregular entries of Venezuelans at the southwest border," from 1,100 a day on average the week before the announcement to just over 300 a day currently.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://sanantonioreport.org/fewer-venezuelans-migrant-flow-not-decreased-san-antonio/>

San Antonio Spent \$700,000 Transporting Migrants To Other Cities Over Past 3 Months

By Michael Karlis, San Antonio Current, October 28, 2022

- ❖ The City of San Antonio spent nearly \$1 million transporting asylum seekers from the city's Northside Migrant Resource Center to other cities across the country, according to TV station Fox 29. According to figures released by the city, San Antonio spent \$728,701 between July and September of this year on plane and bus tickets for 2,538 asylum seekers housed at the city's Migrant Resource Center located at 7000 San Pedro Ave, the station reports. Still, that's chump change compared to the \$12.7 million Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has spent busing migrants to Democrat-led cities such as New York, Chicago, and Washington, D.C. What's more, Mayor Ron Nirenberg told Fox 29 during an August interview that the city expects to be reimbursed by Federal Emergency Management Agency for those transportation expenditures. City officials told Fox 29 that the responsibility of transporting migrants now lies with local Catholic Charities, which now oversees daily operations of the Migrant Resource Center and case management services for asylum seekers who end up there.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.sacurrent.com/news/san-antonio-spent-700000-transporting-migrants-to-other-cities-over-past-3-months-30199677>

STATE OF TEXAS BUSING MIGRANTS TO NEW YORK CITY, WASHINGTON, D.C. AND CHICAGO

Records Show Texans Have Spent More Than \$20 Million To Bus Migrants Out Of State

By William Joy, ABC News Dallas (WFAA), November 6, 2022

- ❖ New records WFAA obtained through an open records request show Gov. Greg Abbott's plan to bus migrants out of the state has cost Texans more than \$20 million, as of October. Abbott began the program in April, sending migrants seeking asylum to New York City, Chicago and Washington D.C. In a press release, Abbott's office said the buses have transported 8,300 migrants to D.C., over 3,500 to New York City and more than 1,100 migrants to Chicago. The costs average out to about \$1,600 per person. In August, the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) reported the busses had cost Texas \$12 million. The new records from TDEM show that cost nearly doubled to \$20.14 million by October.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.wfaa.com/article/news/local/texas/records-show-texas-spent-more-than-20-million-bus-migrants-out-of-state/287-479329bd-6d5d-4939-a737-e5595696d442>

El Paso Halts Practice Of Busing Migrants To New York And Chicago, Citing New Expulsion Policy

By Camilo Montoya-Galvez, CBS News, October 21, 2022

- ❖ Officials in El Paso, Texas, discontinued this week the practice of transporting migrants to New York City and Chicago by bus, citing a new Biden administration policy designed to deter Venezuelan migrants from crossing the southern border illegally. Laura Cruz-Acosta, the El Paso spokesperson, said the Texas city had stopped chartering buses of migrants to the northern cities, an effort it started this summer to reduce overcrowding in its shelter system, which was overwhelmed by a sharp increase in Venezuelan migrants released from U.S. border custody. Migrant arrivals, however, have decreased since the Biden administration announced last week that it would expel Venezuelan migrants who entered the country illegally to Mexico, while opening a legal pathway for a limited number of Venezuelans to come to a U.S. airport if they have a U.S.-based sponsor, Cruz-Acosta said. Since launching the busing effort on Aug. 23, El Paso transported 10,713 migrants to New York and 3,259 to Chicago, according to city statistics.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/el-paso-stops-busing-migrants-to-new-york-chicago-new-expulsion-policy/>

New York City Opens Another Hotel For Bused-In Migrants

By Steve Bittenbender, The Center Square, November 3, 2022

- ❖ The number of migrants seeking asylum in New York City has waned in recent weeks. However, Mayor Eric Adams said the nation's largest city is still getting enough to open yet another relief center. The third Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Center will soon open 175 rooms at the Hotel Wolcott in Midtown Manhattan with a focus on providing shelter and resources for single women and adult families coming to New York, according to a release from the mayor's office. The release states the estimated number of asylum seekers in the city is at least 22,600. That is a larger population than the city of Ithaca and would be approaching the largest 100 cities in the state. Since the migrants have been arriving in New York from southern states, the city says it has taken action to ensure those individuals receive care and resources. That includes converting 57 hotels into emergency shelters and enrolling kids in the city's public school system. Thursday's announcement followed a story by the New York Post the day before that a nearly empty tent city on Randalls Island that cost \$325,000 to construct was being occupied by more than 100 men from Senegal, an African country.
- ❖ News Article Source: https://www.thecentersquare.com/new_york/new-york-city-opens-another-hotel-for-bused-in-migrants/article_ef609be0-5bb1-11ed-8388-b3a6b7e2ddc1.html

ASYLUM SEEKERS

Biden's New Border Policy Throws Venezuelan Migrants Into Limbo

By Liz Briceño Pazmiño, Axios, November 7, 2022

- ❖ A recent change in the Biden administration's immigration policy has left Venezuelan migrants and asylum seekers attempting to get to the U.S. in limbo. More than 7.1 million people have left Venezuela since 2015 largely due to the country's dire humanitarian crisis, according to the UN. Just this year, 150,000 Venezuelans have arrived at the southern U.S. border — four times as many as in the year prior. Many arrived after making one of the world's most dangerous journeys, crossing the Darién Gap and up through Central America. The Biden administration last month announced that Venezuelans who cross the U.S. southern border between ports of entry, without authorization, after Oct. 12 will be returned to Mexico. Venezuelans who irregularly entered Mexico or Panama after Oct. 12, as well as any Venezuelan who is a dual national of any country other than Venezuela or holds refugee status of any country will not be eligible for entry into the U.S. The Biden administration says the new policy is intended to create "a more orderly and safe process for people fleeing the humanitarian and economic crisis in Venezuela." The expulsions are being made under a pandemic Trump-era policy known as Title 42. The Department of Homeland Security also announced a process to allow up to 24,000 Venezuelans to enter the U.S. through its airports. A record 151,000 migrants and asylum seekers — the vast majority Venezuelan — crossed the Darién between January and the end of September, according to the UN refugee agency. The journey involves traversing the treacherous jungle between Colombia and Panama, avoiding drug traffickers and violence. Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard announced that he had U.S. deported 1,768 Venezuelans to Mexico in the first week under the new policy. The Biden administration hopes that people fleeing Venezuela will remain in neighboring countries rather than trying to make the journey to the U.S. Colombia and Ecuador plan to grant legal status to tens of thousands of Venezuelan migrants.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.axios.com/2022/11/07/biden-venezuela-border-policy-darien-gap>

Nearly 500 Venezuelans Admitted To U.S., Thousands Approved Via New Plan

By Maria Sacchetti and María Luisa Paúl, Washington Post, November 3, 2022

- ❖ Nearly 7,000 Venezuelan migrants have been authorized to travel to the United States since the Biden administration recently created a program for U.S. sponsors to apply for them, and more than 490 have already arrived, Department of Homeland Security officials said. The Biden administration said in mid-October that they would accept 24,000 Venezuelans with U.S. sponsors who can house and support them financially. Since then, officials said the number of Venezuelans apprehended crossing the U.S.-Mexico border illegally has plunged from an average of 1,100 a day to about 300 a day. Venezuelans are part of a record number of 2.3 million border apprehensions last year, exacerbating the long-running partisan feud over immigration enforcement.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2022/11/03/venezuela-migrants-admitted/>

Mexico Warns Venezuelan Migrant Caravans Will Be Turned Away Under New U.S. Policy

By Julia Shapero, The Hill, October 15, 2022

- ❖ Mexico warned Venezuelan migrants that those traveling in caravans will be ineligible for a new U.S. immigration program. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security new program "humanitarian parole program" would allow up to 24,000 Venezuelans to secure work authorization in the U.S. via sponsorship. The United States decided to expand the immigration policy, Title 42, to expel Venezuelans who cross the border with Mexico. Venezuelans were previously not subject to Title 42 expulsions.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://thehill.com/policy/international/3690144-mexico-warns-venezuelan-migrant-caravans-will-be-turned-away-under-new-us-policy/>

Biden Turning To Trump-Era Rule To Expel Venezuelan Migrants

By Colleen Long and Zeke Miller, Associated Press, October 16, 2022

- ❖ President Biden last week invoked Title 42 to deny Venezuelans the chance to request asylum at the border. The rule, first invoked by Trump in 2020, uses emergency public health authority to allow the United States to keep migrants from seeking asylum at the border, based on the need to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Under the new Biden administration policy, Venezuelans who walk or swim across America's southern border will be expelled and any Venezuelan who illegally enters Mexico or Panama will be ineligible to come to the United States. But as many as 24,000 Venezuelans will be accepted at U.S. airports, similar to how Ukrainians have been admitted since Russia's invasion in February. Mexico has insisted that the U.S. admit one Venezuelan on humanitarian parole for each Venezuelan it expels to Mexico, according to a Mexican official who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke condition of anonymity. So if the Biden administration paroles 24,000 Venezuelans to the U.S., Mexico would take no more than 24,000 Venezuelans expelled from the U.S.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.expressnews.com/news/article/Biden-turning-to-Trump-era-rule-to-expel-17512673.php>

Venezuelans Who Left Everything Behind Are Stuck South of U.S. Border

By David Shortell and Julie Turkewitz, *New York Times*, October 24, 2022

- ❖ In Mexico, they are crowded along the United States border, filling makeshift camps and marching in the dust below an international bridge, holding signs that read “S.O.S. HELP.” In Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua they are sleeping on the streets, begging for food and agonizing over their fate. Some have presented themselves to local authorities, asking for safe passage back home. Others have vowed to press on to the United States. Under growing political pressure, the Biden Administration on Oct. 12 announced the expansion of public health rule Title 42, allowing it to turn back Venezuelans arriving at the border. Before the administration announced the new policy, approximately 1,200 Venezuelans were crossing the southwestern border illegally every day, U.S. officials said. In recent days, that number has dropped to about 150 a day. During the first 10 days of the policy, nearly 5,100 Venezuelans were sent back to Mexico, according to the United Nations.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/10/24/world/americas/venezuela-migrants-biden-mexico.html>

Nearly 130,000 Unaccompanied Migrant Children Entered The U.S. Shelter System In 2022, A Record

By Camilo Montoya-Galvez, *CBS News*, October 14, 2022

- ❖ Nearly 130,000 migrant children entered the U.S. government's shelter system in fiscal year 2022, an all-time high driven by record arrivals of unaccompanied minors along the southern border, according to internal federal figures obtained by CBS News. The tally surpassed the 122,000 unaccompanied minors that federal shelters received in fiscal year 2021, when the Biden administration found itself unprepared for a sudden, sharp increase in child migration that led to severe overcrowding in border facilities, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) data show. Under law, HHS' Office of Refugee Resettlement is charged with housing unaccompanied children who lack a legal immigration status until they turn 18 or can be released to a sponsor, who is typically a parent or another close relative living in the U.S. Historically, the vast majority of minors received by the agency are migrant teenagers who crossed the U.S.-Mexico border without their parents or legal guardians. Federal officials along the U.S.-Mexico border processed migrants over 2 million times in fiscal year 2022, the highest level recorded by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Roughly a quarter of all migrant apprehensions involved repeat crossings by the same individuals, the CBP data shows.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/immigration-unaccompanied-migrant-children-record-numbers-us-shelter-system/>

Annunciation House Busing Migrants; Director Wants Border Patrol To Increase Releases

By Jennifer Cuevas, *CBS News El Paso*, November 7, 2022

- ❖ After the City of El Paso stopped busing migrants to other parts of the country, another local non-profit organization stepped in to continue those efforts for a different reason. The Director of Annunciation House, Ruben Garcia, said he is helping bus migrants released directly from Border Patrol because he wants to increase the number of people his network can receive. Garcia explained: Why would we want to increase the number of people that we can receive? To reduce the number of refugees that are in those holding facilities and to avoid the possibility that the holding facilities become so completely overfilled that they start releasing people to the street. In the last week, Garcia sent one bus with migrants to Denver, CO for a cost of \$7,000 funded through donations. The next two buses are scheduled to go to Kansas City and Omaha, Nebraska, according to Garcia. Garcia added the Border Patrol Central Processing Center was built to hold about 1,100 people but due to the current surge of migrants the center is holding up to 4,000 migrants. That is another reason why Ruben wants Border Patrol to increase the number of releases. “We have space to receive 450 refugees in the hospitality site in addition you can release another 50 that we’re going to send to Kansas City, to Omaha and so the total number of refugees that can be released goes up to 500 rather than 450,” said Garcia. The City of El Paso stopped its own busing efforts following a policy change released by the Department of Homeland Security on Oct. 21.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://cbs4local.com/news/local/annunciation-house-busing-migrants-director-wants-border-patrol-to-increase-releases>

DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)

Judge Keeps DACA Immigration Program Alive For Current Recipients — For Now

By Camilo Montoya-Galvez, CBS News, October 14, 2022

- ❖ On October 14, U.S. District Court Judge Andrew Hanen, said he would, for now, allow nearly 600,000 immigrant "Dreamers" enrolled in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) to continue renewing their two-year protections from deportation and work permits while the court case over the policy proceeds. At the same time, the judge said he would continue to prohibit the federal government from approving new DACA requests, a block he first issued in July 2021, when he agreed with arguments presented by several states and declared the program illegal. The regulations, set to take effect on October 31, will replace a 2012 Department of Homeland Security memo that Texas and other states have argued was not the proper way to create DACA.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/immigration-daca-program-can-continue-judge-rules/?ftag=CNM-00-10aac3a>

DHS Begins Limited Implementation Of DACA Under Final Rule

By U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), November 3, 2022

- ❖ On Monday, October 31, 2022, the Department of Homeland Security's final rule to preserve and fortify Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) went into effect. The final rule's implementation means that DACA is now based on a formal regulation, thereby preserving and fortifying the program while the program remains the subject of litigation in court. Previously, DACA was based on a policy memorandum that then-DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano issued on August 15, 2012. Since its inception in 2012, DACA has allowed over 800,000 young people to remain with their families in the only country many of them have ever known and continue to contribute to their communities in the United States. Under the final rule, USCIS will continue to accept and process applications for deferred action, work authorization, and advance parole for current DACA recipients. Due to ongoing litigation, USCIS will continue to accept but cannot process initial DACA requests. The final rule affirms that:
 - ❖ Current DACA recipients' deferred action, employment authorization, and advance parole will continue to be recognized as valid under the final rule.
 - ❖ DACA is not a form of lawful status but DACA recipients are considered "lawfully present" for certain purposes.
 - ❖ Non-citizens who meet eligibility criteria, clear all national security and public safety vetting, and are found to merit a favorable exercise of discretion may be granted deferred action and obtain renewable two-year work authorization. Given pending litigation, however, the Department is currently barred from granting deferred action to any new DACA recipients.
- ❖ On Oct. 5, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed a July 2021 decision of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas declaring the 2012 DACA policy unlawful. The Fifth Circuit, however, preserved the partial stay issued by the district court in July 2021 and remanded the case back to the district court for further proceedings regarding the new DACA rule.
- ❖ Press Release Source: <https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/news-releases/dhs-begins-limited-implementation-of-daca-under-final-rule>

OPERATION LONE STAR

Operation Lone Star Troops Could Owe Feds Tax Money Thanks To State's Payroll Error

By James Barragán, The Texas Tribune, and Davis Winkie, Military Times, October 6, 2022

- ❖ Texas National Guard troops deployed to the border by Gov. Greg Abbott could be stuck paying hundreds or even thousands of dollars in unexpected federal taxes for their work on Operation Lone Star because of a payroll error made by state officials. Officials with the Texas Military Department acknowledged that the payroll system they used for the mission has withheld too little in federal taxes from service members' paychecks since October 2021, when Abbott ramped up the number of troops on the mission from 2,500 to a peak of 6,500 in November. Many of those called up after November came to the mission involuntarily. Officials said they became aware of the issue in July 2022. Previous missteps in 2021 included widespread problems in which soldiers were paid late, too little or not at all for months. Guardsmen have also complained about financial strains due to the unprecedented length of the deployment, which has prevented some members from being able to keep their civilian jobs. In the email, officials explained that the payroll system was set up to pay service members twice a month, rather than once a month, to mirror federal pay periods. Doing so led to the tax withholding error, which may affect 96% of service members on the mission who are paid twice a month, according to documents obtained by the Tribune and Army Times. Officials said all service members on Operation Lone Star will be returned to once-a-month paychecks starting in January to fix the problem.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.texastribune.org/2022/10/06/operation-lone-star-tax-error/>

Texas Diverts \$359.6 Million From Prisons To Keep Greg Abbott's Border Mission Operating

By Karen Brooks Harper, *Texas Tribune*, October 27, 2022

- ❖ Gov. Greg Abbott said that he and other state leaders are pulling \$359.6 million out of the state prison system's budget to fund his Operation Lone Star border security operation through the next 10 months. So far, more than \$4 billion has been spent to keep thousands of Department of Public Safety troopers and Texas National Guard members stationed along the Texas-Mexico border and other areas of the state. This latest infusion was among \$874.6 million in "emergency" budget transfers authorized by Abbott at the request of the Texas Legislative Budget Board, composed of GOP state leaders and budget writers. The transfers will support not only Operation Lone Star but also fund public school security measures, COVID-19 response expenses and a new elementary school in Uvalde, the site of a mass shooting in May, according to the governor's office. The proposal from the Legislative Budget Board said the lack of funds for border security, public health and school security constituted an emergency. The money for Operation Lone Star is being transferred from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice directly into Abbott's disaster fund, which he uses to distribute money for the operation. Of that, \$339 million will go to the Texas Military Department to pay for Texas National Guard troops involved in the operation, while another \$20.6 million will go to other agencies not named in the letter that also support the operation. In addition to border funding, state leaders authorized the use of \$15 million to build a replacement for Uvalde's Robb Elementary, the site of the shooting on May 24 that left 19 students and two teachers dead. Another \$400 million will go toward security measures in school districts statewide — paying for upgrades and replacements to doors, windows, fencing and communications systems at schools. That money would come from a surplus in the Texas Education Agency's Foundation Schools Program, which funds public schools, as allowed in the 2022-23 budget, according to the Legislative Budget Board. To cover COVID-19-related expenses, \$100 million will be moved from the Texas Department of State Health Services to the Texas Division of Emergency Management, which worked closely with DSHS on the state's pandemic response.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.texastribune.org/2022/10/27/operation-lone-star-greg-abbott-budget/>

Operation Lone Star: More Than 100,000 Apprehended In Rio Grande Valley Alone

By Bethany Blankley, *The Center Square*, October 23, 2022

- ❖ Texas National Guard soldiers have apprehended or encountered more than 103,000 illegal foreign nationals in the Rio Grande Valley alone since Operation Lone Star launched last year. According to Texas Military Department Task Force East data, these individuals all entered Texas illegally in between ports of entry after being guided by cartel operatives to cross the Rio Grande River into Texas. Since Abbott launched Operation Lone Star in March 2021, Texas law enforcement officials have apprehended more than 317,000 foreign nationals in the U.S. illegally. They've made more than 21,000 criminal arrests, with more than 18,600 felony charges reported. DPS has also seized over 342 million lethal doses of fentanyl, enough to kill everyone in the United States. Texas has also bused over 8,200 people to Washington, D.C., since April, over 3,400 to New York City since Aug. 5, and more than 1,000 to Chicago since Aug. 31.
- ❖ News Article Source: https://www.thecentersquare.com/texas/operation-lone-star-more-than-100-000-apprehended-in-rio-grande-valley-alone/article_133b8c22-52ee-11ed-a5dd-6b84407dff02.html

DEVELOPING STORIES

Accounts Of Migrants' Documents Being Confiscated By Border Officials Prompt Federal Review

By Camilo Montoya-Galvez, Andy Court, Julie Holstein, Annabelle Hanflig, *CBS News*, November 7, 2022

- ❖ The federal government is reviewing internal practices regarding the return of migrants' property amid reports from migrants who said their passports, birth certificates and other personal documents were confiscated and not returned by Border Patrol, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) told CBS News. The department confirmed the review when asked to respond to accounts from migrants who told "60 Minutes" that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials along the U.S.-Mexico border kept their documents, despite agency policy instructing agents to return migrants' personal property unless they are fraudulent. "CBP and [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement] are reviewing their policies and practices to ensure that, once a migrant is released from their custody, their documents are returned to the migrant absent a security or law enforcement reason," DHS said in its statement. In a story Sunday on the tens of thousands of migrants who have arrived in New York City over the past few months, "60 Minutes" reported that all but four of 16 recently interviewed Venezuelan migrants said Border Patrol did not return personal documents before releasing them. Attorneys, educators, case workers and volunteers in New York told "60 Minutes" that the problem is widespread, citing conversations with dozens of migrants.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/immigration-migrants-documents-confiscated-border-officials/?ftag=CNM-00-10aac3a>

‘A Backlog Of Bodies’: Why This Is The Deadliest Year For The US-Mexico Border

By Alexandra Villarreal, *The Guardian*, November 6, 2022

- ❖ Along the US-Mexico border, overwhelmed mortuaries in Eagle Pass, Texas, have been forced to stockpile a “backlog of bodies” in a city-owned refrigerated truck. The local government bought but never used the makeshift morgue amid the Covid-19 pandemic, when such desperate sights were not unheard of in various parts of the US, including Texas. Yet in recent weeks, the truck has come to embody a renewed abundance of death in the border town with a population of roughly 29,000, deployed as a stark stopgap measure to keep bodies preserved before they can go to an overworked medical examiner, the Eagle Pass fire chief, Manuel Mello III, told the Guardian. Along the 2,000-mile (3,219km) boundary between the US and Mexico, the 2022 fiscal year proved the deadliest on record for people trying to make unauthorized crossings of this heavily patrolled international line. In just 12 months, more than 800 migrants lost their lives in search of a better one as they disappeared beneath the tumultuous waters of the Rio Grande, succumbed to blistering summer heat, crashed in a smuggler’s vehicle, tumbled from a border barrier, or otherwise had their travels violently cut short. In Eagle Pass’s regional enforcement sector alone, border patrol agents discovered more than 200 dead migrants between October 2021 and the end of July, compared to an already heartbreaking 34 bodies during the entire 2020 fiscal year.
- ❖ News Article Source: https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2022/nov/06/us-mexico-border-body-bags-pile-up?CMP=oth_b-aplnews_d-1

Mexican Immigration Officers To Begin Inspecting San Diego-Bound Travelers In Border Wait Line

By Alexandra Mendoza and Kate Morrissey, *San Diego Union Tribune*, November 12, 2022

- ❖ Mexican immigration officers, accompanied by security forces, will be checking travelers’ documents before they enter the United States from the car lanes at the San Ysidro Port of Entry beginning Tuesday, November 15 — a move that highlights Mexico’s escalating role in helping the U.S. control migration to the United States. Mexican officials say the move is an attempt to speed up border crossings. Using Mexican immigration officers to filter out travelers without valid documents before they get to the United States — a task currently performed by U.S. border authorities — would allow U.S. officials to redirect resources to staffing more travel lanes for Mexican commuters, the officials hope. Mexican officials hope that as part of the pilot program, which runs from Nov. 15 through Jan. 15, CBP will assign those officials to open more crossing lanes since Mexican authorities will be doing a similar job.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/immigration/story/2022-11-12/mexican-immigration-officers-us-inspection-border>

Top Border Official Magnus Says He’s Been Asked To Resign But Has Refused

By Hamed Aleaziz, *Los Angeles Times*, November 11, 2022

- ❖ In an escalation of internal disagreements within the Biden administration, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Chris Magnus has been asked to resign. In an interview with The Times on Friday, Magnus said he will not comply with the request to step down, which he said came from Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas. A Biden administration official described Magnus as “missing in action” internally and not as vocal on immigration matters as other department leaders. Another administration official said that Magnus was regularly absent from meetings on border policy and was not heavily involved in the decision-making on key border policies. The official noted that Magnus did not have much time to understand the agency and was pushed out of the process for some key decisions.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2022-11-11/border-protection-commissioner-chris-magnus-say-he-has-been-asked-to-resign-but-refuses>

New York City Migrant Facility On Randall's Island Set To Close

By Armando Garcia, *ABC News*, November 11, 2022

- ❖ New York City Mayor Eric Adams has announced the city will close the migrant relief center on Randall's Island. The move comes less than a month after the city opened the sprawling 84,000-square-foot facility designed to assist with the sharp increase of asylum seekers entering the shelter system. In a statement Thursday, November 10, the mayor announced the opening of a new humanitarian emergency response and relief center at a hotel in Midtown Manhattan that will provide 600 rooms for single adult male asylum seekers coming to the city. Women and families with children continue to be housed at other shelters the city has already established throughout its five boroughs. Adams said in the statement that “the city is currently caring for over 17,500 asylum seekers, a number that continues to grow steadily.” The city’s emergency management office first started building the facility at Orchard Beach in the Bronx, but had to relocate due to flood risk. At an event marking the opening of the facility on Randall's Island, NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol told reporters that demobilizing that location and installing it on the island cost roughly \$750,000.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://abcnews.go.com/US/york-city-migrant-facility-randalls-island-set-close/story?id=93115997>

Bus Of Migrants From Texas Expected To Arrive In Philadelphia Next Week

By Thomas Ignudo and Kerri Corrado, CBS News, November 13, 2022

- ❖ A bus of roughly 50 migrants is expected to arrive in Philadelphia from Texas next week, the mayor's office announced on Friday night. The bus is expected to depart from Del Rio, Texas, at some point. The city said Texas officials did not contact Philadelphia ahead of busing the 50 to 52 individuals seeking asylum. The mayor's office learned about the news from a community partner. The city called Texas officials not alerting them about busing migrants to Philadelphia "disappointing and irresponsible." It's unclear where the bus will arrive in Philadelphia. The city said it's a fluid situation.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/migrants-bus-philadelphia-texas-immigration-biden/>

300th Bus Of Asylum-Seeking Migrants Arrives In Chicago From The Texas Border

By NBC News Chicago, November 12, 2022

- ❖ It's been over 10 weeks since the first bus of asylum-seeking migrants arrived in Chicago from the Texas border, and the steady stream of arrivals has yet to slow down. Since the first bus arrived in Chicago on Aug. 31, the city has accepted 3,684 migrants from the Texas border. The busing of migrants is part of a controversial policy from Texas Gov. Greg Abbott known as "Operation Lone Star," which has also sent migrants to New York City and Washington, D.C. According to Abbott, the latest bus is the 300th bus to arrive in Chicago since late August.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/300th-bus-of-asylum-seeking-migrants-arrives-in-chicago-from-the-texas-border/2994761/>

Texas Governor Abbott Raised \$400,000 To Bus Migrants To Democratic Cities

By Shelly Hagan, Bloomberg, November 15, 2022

- ❖ Texas Governor Greg Abbott raised \$401,000 from private donations to help fund his operation to bus migrants from the southern border to Democratic learning cities. A majority of the donations were under \$100 with the largest single donation \$5,100. Texas has spent more than \$20 million from the state budget for the busing operation, according to a local TV outlet. Abbott's office said the state has bused more than 12,700 migrants to Washington, New York and Chicago since April.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-11-15/abbott-raised-400-000-to-bus-migrants-to-democratic-cities>

What Is Title 42, And What Happens Now That A Federal Judge Has Blocked It?

By Catherine E. Shoichet, CNN, November 16, 2022

- ❖ On November 16, US District Judge Emmet Sullivan ruled that Title 42 was unlawful. Based on Sullivan's ruling, the government can't use the coronavirus pandemic as a justification to expel migrants anymore, and it never should have in the first place. Sullivan's ruling striking down Title 42 will be on hold until December 21. "The delay in implementation of the court's order will allow the government to prepare for an orderly transition to new policies at the border," the Department of Homeland Security said in a statement. Migrants encountered under Title 42 are either expelled to their home countries or into Mexico. Under Title 42, authorities have expelled migrants at the US-Mexico border nearly 2.5 million times in less than three years.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2022/11/16/politics/title-42-blocked-whats-next-explainer-cec/index.html>

Gov. Greg Abbott Invokes 'Invasion Clauses' In Border Security Push

By FOX 4 Dallas, November 15, 2022

- ❖ Texas governor Greg Abbott announced that he is invoking the Invasion Clauses of the U.S. and Texas Constitutions in his latest effort to protect the Texas-Mexico border.
 - The actions listed by the governor include:
 - Deploying the National Guard to the border and turning back immigrants trying to cross illegally
 - Sending DPS to the border to arrest and return people who crossed the border illegally
 - Build a border wall in multiple counties
 - Deploy gun boats to secure the border
 - Designate Mexican drug cartels as foreign terrorist organizations
 - Enter into an agreement with other states to secure the border
 - Enter into agreements with foreign governments to enhance border security
 - Provide resources for border counties to increase their efforts to respond to the border invasion
- ❖ Abbott invoked Article IV Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution, known as the "Invasion Clause", and gave his state law enforcement the power to arrest migrants and drop them at ports of entry rather than deporting them back in July.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.fox4news.com/news/gov-greg-abbott-invokes-invasion-clauses-in-border-security-push.amp>

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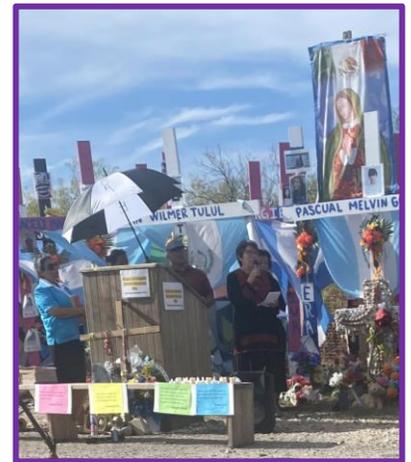
- ❖ New York City Mayor Eric Adams has announced the city will close the migrant relief center on Randall's Island as the influx of people being bused from southern border states has slowed. In a statement Thursday, November 10, the mayor announced the opening of a new humanitarian emergency response and relief center at a hotel in Midtown Manhattan that will provide 600 rooms for single adult male asylum seekers coming to the city. Women and families with children continue to be housed at other shelters the city has already established throughout its five boroughs. Adams said in the statement that “the city is currently caring for over 17,500 asylum seekers, a number that continues to grow steadily. ”The city’s emergency management office first started building the facility at Orchard Beach in the Bronx, but had to relocate due to flood risk. At an event marking the opening of the facility on Randall's Island, NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol told reporters that demobilizing that location and installing it on the island cost roughly \$750,000.
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Volunteers Welcome Arriving Migrants Gov. Greg Abbott Bused To Philadelphia

By Jeff Gammage and Ximena Conde, The Philadelphia Inquirer, November 16, 2022

- ❖ A bus carrying 28 immigrants sent to Pennsylvania from Texas pulled up outside Philadelphia’s 30th Street Station in the cool fog of Wednesday morning [November 16]. The bus was sent by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott in what he said was an effort to bring the challenges of the border to northern cities.
- ❖ News Article Source: <https://www.texastribune.org/2022/11/16/texas-migrants-greg-abbott-philadelphia/#:~:text=A%20bus%20carrying%2028%20immigrants,the%20border%20to%20northern%20cities>

**Gathering at site of 53 immigrants death
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