

# NEWS ARTICLES ON KEY ISSUES – DECEMBER 14, 2023

## U.S. BORDER PATROL STATISTICS

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY2019		
USBP	Demographic	Total
Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Alien Child	76,020
	Family Units	473,682
	Single Adult	301,806
<b>Southwest Border Total Apprehensions</b>		<b>851,508</b>

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY2020		
USBP	Demographic	Total
Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Alien Child	30,557
	Family Units	52,230
	Single Adult	317,864
<b>Southwest Border Total Apprehensions</b>		<b>400,651</b>

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY2021		
USBP	Demographic	Total
Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Alien Child	144,834
	Family Units	451,087
	Single Adult	1,063,285
<b>Southwest Border Total Apprehensions</b>		<b>1,659,206</b>

Data Sources: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/fy-2019> ; <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/fy2020> ; <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
<b>Southwest Border Total Apprehensions</b>		<b>159,113</b>	167,015	170,602	147,877	159,063	211,181	203,504	224,370	192,399	181,834	181,774	207,597	<b>2,206,436</b>

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

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY2023														
USBP	Demographic	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	Total
Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Alien Child	11,654	12,780	11,829	9,034	10,418	11,852	11,062	9,442	6,732	10,035	13,527	13,154	131,519
	Family Units	46,745	49,827	60,843	25,829	25,643	33,269	46,555	45,026	31,271	60,165	93,111	103,027	621,311
	Single Adult	146,735	145,073	149,346	94,650	94,460	118,551	126,304	116,914	61,535	62,442	74,416	102,582	1,293,008
<b>Southwest Border Total Apprehensions</b>		<b>205,134</b>	207,680	222,018	129,513	130,521	163,672	183,921	171,382	99,538	132,642	181,054	218,763	<b>2,045,838</b>

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

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Encounters FY2024			
USBP	Demographic	OCT	Total
Southwest Border	Unaccompanied Alien Child	10,716	10,716
	Family Units	84,412	84,412
	Single Adult	93,650	93,650
<b>Southwest Border Total Apprehensions</b>		<b>188,778</b>	<b>188,778</b>

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

## LATEST NEWS

### Operation Lone Star Engineers Install New Strategic Border Barrier

*By the Office of the Texas Governor, Press Release, December 8, 2023*

- ❖ As of December 8, Texas has bused:
  - Over 12,500 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
  - Over 27,300 migrants to New York City since August 2022
  - Over 22,500 migrants to Chicago since August 2022
  - Over 3,200 migrants to Philadelphia since November 2022
  - Over 8,900 migrants to Denver since May 18
  - Over 1,100 migrants to Los Angeles since June 14
- ❖ Press Release Source: <https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/operation-lone-star-engineers-install-new-strategic-border-barrier>

### What Texas spends on busing migrants

*By Asher Price, Axios, November 27, 2023*

- ❖ Texas has spent \$86.1 million and counting to bus migrants and asylum-seekers out of the state. Texas has taken the most aggressive approach toward the border, sending state law enforcement to patrol and busing more than 66,200 migrants and asylum-seekers to other states since April 2022. The state has spent roughly \$1,650 per person between April 2022 and October 2023 on these efforts, according to data obtained by Axios through the Texas Public Information Act. The Texas Division of Emergency Management "uses funds appropriated by the Texas Legislature for border security and donated funds to support the state bus operation," agency spokesperson Wes Rapaport tells Axios. The Texas Legislature has also allocated nearly \$10 billion for Operation Lone Star, the state's latest border security initiative that began in 2021. Earlier this month, Texas House lawmakers approved appropriating an additional \$1.5 billion for more border barriers.
- ❖ Source: <https://www.axios.com/local/austin/2023/11/27/texas-gop-democrats-busing-migrants-costs>

### U.S. border officials are closing a remote Arizona crossing because of overwhelming migrant arrivals

*By The Associated Press, December 2, 2023*

- ❖ So many migrants are crossing from Mexico into the United States around remote Lukeville, Arizona, that U.S. officials say they will close the port of entry there so that the operations officials who watch over vehicle and pedestrian traffic going both ways can help Border Patrol agents arrest and process the new arrivals. Customs and Border Protection announced Friday, December 1, that the temporary closure of the crossing will start Monday, December 4, as officials grapple with changing migration routes that have overwhelmed Border Patrol agents stationed there. The Border Patrol made 17,500 arrests for illegal crossings during the past week in the agency's Tucson sector, John Modlin, the sector chief, said Friday, December 1. That translates to a daily average of 2,500, well above its daily average of 1,700 in September, when Tucson was already the busiest corridor for illegal crossings by far along U.S.-Mexico border. An average of 3,140 people in vehicles and 184 pedestrians entered the U.S. daily in Lukeville during October, according to the U.S. Transportation Department's latest figures.
- ❖ Source: <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/us-border-officials-are-closing-remote-arizona-crossing-overwhelming-m-rcna127743>

### Latest migrant surge prompts closure of international bridge in Texas

*By Marc Duvoisin, Express-News, November 27, 2023*

- ❖ The latest surge of migrants into Texas has prompted federal authorities to close one of two international bridges in Eagle Pass. Starting at 3 p.m. Monday [Nov. 27], U.S. Customs and Border Protection closed International Bridge 1 to people and vehicles crossing into the country from Mexico. The span remained open to traffic in the opposite direction. The bridge is normally open to pedestrians and vehicles from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Closing the one bridge and limiting traffic at the other allows authorities "to redirect personnel to assist the U.S. Border Patrol with taking migrants into custody," CBP said in a statement. International Bridge 1 connects downtown Eagle Pass and Piedras Negras, Mexico. It's one of two international bridges in Eagle Pass. The other, International Bridge 2, also known as Camino Real International Bridge, remains open. That bridge is larger and is open 24 hours a day. Bridge 1 was closed for several weeks starting in late September after thousands of asylum-seekers crossed into Eagle Pass, according to the news site Border Report. Authorities closed Bridge 1 so they could divert CBP personnel to help process migrants beneath Bridge 2. That earlier closure cost the city at least \$500,000 in trade and cargo traffic, Eagle Pass Mayor Rolando Salinas Jr. told Border Report.
- ❖ Source: <https://www.expressnews.com/news/border-mexico/article/migrant-surge-texas-bridge-closure-eagle-pass-18518065.php>

## SENATE BILLS 3 AND 4 [SB3 / SB4]

### Texas Legislature sends \$1.54 billion bill for border barriers to Gov. Abbott

By Uriel J. García, *Texas Tribune*, December 1, 2023

- ❖ The Texas Senate on Friday, December 1, gave final approval to Senate Bill 3, which would appropriate \$1.54 billion to continue building a barrier along the Texas-Mexico border and to fund immigration enforcement efforts. The bill now goes to Gov. Greg Abbott, who has said he plans to sign it into law. The bill also allows \$40 million to be used to pay for state troopers to patrol Colony Ridge, a housing development near Houston. As of August, Texas had erected 10 miles of steel bollard barriers in Starr, Cameron, Val Verde and Webb counties.
- ❖ Source: <https://www.texastribune.org/2023/12/01/texas-legislature-border-wall-bill-barriers/>

### Texas is on the verge of making illegal border crossings a state crime. Here's what you need to know.

By Uriel J. García, *Texas Tribune*, December 1, 2023

- ❖ Texas lawmakers last month approved Senate Bill 4, an immigration law that would allow Texas police to arrest people for illegally crossing the border from Mexico. When Abbott signs the bill, it's scheduled to take effect in early March 2024. The bill would make it a state crime to cross the Texas-Mexico border between ports of entry. If a police officer has probable cause to believe a person crossed the Rio Grande, that person could be charged with a Class B misdemeanor, which carries a punishment of up to six months in jail. If the person has been previously convicted of entering Texas illegally under SB 4, the charge could be increased to a second-degree felony, which carries a punishment of two to 20 years in prison. The bill allows a judge to drop the charges if a migrant agrees to return to Mexico. If the migrant is convicted and has served their sentence, a judge would be required to issue an order for police to transport them to a port of entry — and they could face a felony charge for refusing to return to Mexico. SB 4 prohibits police from arresting migrants in public or private schools; churches and other places of worship; health care facilities; and facilities that provide forensic medical examinations to sexual assault survivors. The bill doesn't prohibit arrests on college or university campuses. According to a state House report on SB 4, police are allowed to turn over migrant families to Border Patrol agents to avoid separating children from their parents instead of arresting them.
- ❖ Source: <https://www.texastribune.org/2023/12/01/texas-border-sb4-illegal-crossing-state-law/>

### Lina Hidalgo, other Texas county judges ask U.S. president to block state's new immigration law

By Adam Zuvanich, *Houston Public Media*, November 21, 2023

- ❖ Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and two other Democratic county judges in Texas are asking President Joe Biden to thwart a pending immigration law that allows local and state authorities to arrest people suspected of entering Texas illegally from a foreign country. Senate Bill 4 makes that a state crime and also empowers county and state court judges to order the deportation of those found to be in violation, even though the enforcement of immigration laws is the jurisdiction of the federal government. In a Monday letter to Biden, which Hidalgo publicized Tuesday on social media, she, Travis County Judge Andy Brown and El Paso County Judge Ricardo Samaniego wrote that the law, passed last week by the Republican-controlled state legislature, "is as unprecedented as Texas trying to declare its own wars." Senate Bill 4 has yet to be signed into law by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, but he wrote Nov. 15 on social media that he looked forward to doing so. The White House did not immediately respond Tuesday to a request for comment about the letter and the county judges' request. Abbott has described border-related legislation such as Senate Bill 4 and Senate Bill 3 — which authorizes more than \$1.5 billion in state funds to go toward building walls, fences and other barriers between Texas and Mexico — as necessary for security reasons. The Texas House sponsor of Senate Bill 4, Republican state Rep. David Spiller of Jacksboro, told the Texas Newsroom the state is inherently within its rights to protect its southern border.
- ❖ Source: <https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/news/politics/2023/11/21/470503/lina-hidalgo-other-texas-county-judges-ask-u-s-president-to-block-states-new-immigration-law/>

## TEXAS BUOYS AND RAZOR WIRE BARRIERS IN THE RIO GRANDE

### Texas must remove floating Rio Grande border barrier, federal appeals court rules

By CBS News, December 1, 2023

- ❖ Texas must move a floating barrier on the Rio Grande that drew backlash from Mexico, a federal appeals court ruled Friday, December 1. The decision by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals requires Texas to stop any work on the roughly 1,000-foot barrier and move it to the riverbank. On Wednesday, November 29, a federal judge allowed U.S. Border Patrol agents to continue cutting razor wire the state installed along the riverbank, despite the protests of Texas officials.
- ❖ Source: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/rio-grande-floating-border-barrier-appeals-court-orders-removal-texas/?ftag=CNM-00-10aac3a>

## **Gov. Greg Abbott not giving up on border buoys despite court ruling**

*By Jeremy Wallace, San Antonio Express-News, December 4, 2023*

- ❖ Abbott said Texas plans to petition the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reconsider its decision upholding a lower court's order to remove the barriers. The state has two weeks to file that petition, which could prolong the time the buoys are in place near Eagle Pass, where they have been in the river since July. "And if we lose there, we will be taking that to the United States Supreme Court," Abbott told FOX News host Maria Bartiromo in an interview Sunday, December 3. That could push back any removal date until well into January.
- ❖ Source: <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/politics/texas/article/border-buoys-abbott-18532954.php>

## **Editorial: Abbott's buoys in Rio Grande a gross display of overreach**

*By the San Antonio Express-News, Editorial Board, December 5, 2023*

- ❖ Gov. Greg Abbott's orange buoys might float his political aspirations, but they have no place in the Rio Grande. They are a grotesque display of government overreach, and the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was right Friday [December 1] to uphold a lower court's decision ordering their removal. If the aim was deterrence of illegal immigration, then the buoys are a failure. Eagle Pass, about 150 miles southwest of San Antonio, remains one of the busiest entry points for immigrants despite the buoys and the fearsome razor wire that lines the Rio Grande's banks. In October, U.S. Customs and Border Protection reported 38,211 land encounters for the Del Rio sector, which includes Eagle Pass. This made Del Rio the second-busiest sector for the Southwest region, trailing the Tucson, Ariz., sector, which had 55,224 reported encounters. No one should reasonably look at 1,000 feet of buoys placed in the middle of a river that runs the 1,200 miles of Texas-Mexico border (and 1,900 miles total) and see deterrence. Just as no one should reasonably think an asylum-seeker who has made a harrowing journey from Central America or beyond, fleeing violence and risking death, is going to stop at the U.S-Mexico border because of razor wire. And no one should be surprised about the 5th Circuit's ruling. In September, U.S. District Judge David A. Ezra found the state of Texas exceeded its authority by deploying the barriers without federal permission. The state needed clearance from the Army Corps of Engineers, which oversees all navigable waterways under the Federal Rivers and Harbors Act. A three-judge panel with the 5th Circuit upheld Ezra's ruling by a 2-1 margin. Abbott has vowed to petition for a rehearing and even an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. Abbott has argued the Rio Grande is "not navigable by definition when you have literally thousands of people able to walk across it every single day," he told Fox News. "It is not used for transportation of boats up and down that riverway. So it's completely not navigable."
- ❖ Source: <https://www.expressnews.com/opinion/editorial/article/abbott-buoys-fifth-circuit-18532329.php>

## **ASYLUM SEEKERS**

### **City spent more than \$9 million funding immigrant services in San Antonio**

*By Jaie Avila, News4SanAntonio, November 30, 2023*

- ❖ According to records, the City of San Antonio spent \$9.3 million dollars to run the Migrant Resource Center from January through the end of October this year. That includes staffing, transportation, and the cost of cleaning and maintaining the facility. Last year, when the city first opened the Migrant Resource Center, Mayor Ron Nirenberg said the cost of operating it would not impact the city's budget. "This entire operation is one hundred percent reimbursed by the federal government," Nirenberg said at the time. In an email Thursday the city said that's still the case. "The city has been reimbursed for expenses from May – Sept. 2023. We are submitting reimbursements for October expenses to FEMA." Last year the I-Team reported the city had spent \$728,000 on plane and bus tickets for immigrants. However, the city told us it stopped paying for travel. Catholic Charities has partnered with the city to run day-to-day operations at the center.
- ❖ Source: <https://news4sanantonio.com/newsletter-daily/city-spent-more-than-9-million-on-migrant-resource-center-says-fema-will-reimburse-san-antonio-texas-immigrants-border-expenses-mexico#>

## San Antonio's migrant resource center is overflowing, sometimes forcing hundreds to sleep outside

By Megan Rodriguez, San Antonio Express-News, December 2, 2023

- ❖ San Antonio's Centro de Bienvenida is being pushed to its limits as the number of migrants seeking asylum continues to soar, forcing many — sometimes hundreds — of people to sleep outside the center each night. The center has a 700-person occupancy limit. The city of San Antonio opened the center at 7000 San Pedro Ave. in July 2022 and handed off the day-to-day operations to Catholic Charities of San Antonio in September of last year. The facility, formerly called the Migrant Resource Center, assists people as they make their way to out-of-town family and asylum court hearings. At the center, migrants can ask an attorney legal questions about their asylum cases, talk with a counselor and get funding for bus and plane tickets. The facility provides three meals to asylum seekers in the center and its parking lot, and lets people access showers and restrooms. According to J. Antonio Fernandez, Catholic Charities of San Antonio president and CEO, the organization no longer will receive federal dollars to buy people bus and plane tickets out of town. He said the organization gets about \$4 million a month from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to run the facility, but that will be dropping to about \$500,000 in the new year. Fernandez said the number of people spending the night outside can range from 50 to 500. About six weeks ago, more than 900 people were outdoors.
- ❖ Source: <https://www.expressnews.com/news/article/migrants-are-sleeping-outside-at-resource-center-18526938.php>

## DEVELOPING STORIES

### Voters want control of the border, but do they want Trump immigrant roundups and detention camps?

By Suzanne Gamboa, NBC News, November 26, 2023

- ❖ A June Gallup poll found Americans still think immigration is good for the country, at 68%, but that is the lowest percentage since 2014, when it was 63%, and down from 77% in 2020. A recent NBC News poll found that 3 in 4 registered voters favored Congress' spending more money on border security to address immigration. Arizona's SB 1070 law, signed in 2010, allows officers enforcing other laws to investigate the citizenship or immigration statuses of suspects and people they have stopped. The law initially went further, requiring officers to investigate the citizenship and immigration statuses of everyone they stopped, arrested or detained, leading to lawsuits as mostly Latino residents said they were unfairly targeted. Eventually, the courts struck down parts of SB 1070. A law Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed in May invalidates out-of-state driver's licenses for undocumented people, makes hospitals ask for patients' immigration statuses, sets a 15-year punishment for anyone found transporting undocumented people from outside the state into Florida and requires businesses to use an electronic system to verify employees are eligible to work in the U.S. In Texas, the state is trying to create its own immigration arrest force. A bill awaiting Gov. Greg Abbott's signature would allow all peace officers in the state to arrest people they say entered the country illegally. Also awaiting Abbott's signature are bills that would provide penalties for smuggling or transporting people without legal status.
- ❖ Source: <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/trump-roundups-detention-camps-groups-warn-voters-fallout-rcna126408>

### Sweeping Raids, Giant Camps and Mass Deportations: Inside Trump's 2025 Immigration Plans

By Charlie Savage, Maggie Haberman and Jonathan Swan, New York Times, November 11, 2023

- ❖ Former President Donald J. Trump is planning an extreme expansion of his first-term crackdown on immigration if he returns to power in 2025. Mr. Trump wants to revive his first-term border policies, including banning entry by people from certain Muslim-majority nations and reimposing a Covid 19-era policy of refusing asylum claims. He plans to scour the country for unauthorized immigrants and deport people by the millions per year. To help speed mass deportations, Mr. Trump is preparing an enormous expansion of a form of removal that does not require due process hearings. To help Immigration and Customs Enforcement carry out sweeping raids, he plans to reassign other federal agents and deputize local police officers and National Guard soldiers voluntarily contributed by Republican-run states. To ease the strain on ICE detention facilities, Mr. Trump wants to build huge camps to detain people while their cases are processed and they await deportation flights. And to get around any refusal by Congress to appropriate the necessary funds, Mr. Trump would redirect money in the military budget, as he did in his first term to spend more on a border wall than Congress had authorized. And Mr. Trump would try to end birthright citizenship for babies born in the United States to undocumented parents — by proclaiming that policy to be the new position of the government and by ordering agencies to cease issuing citizenship-affirming documents like Social Security cards and passports to them. That policy's legal legitimacy, like nearly all of Mr. Trump's plans, would be virtually certain to end up before the Supreme Court.
- ❖ Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/11/us/politics/trump-2025-immigration-agenda.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare>

## Feds launch probe into string of migrant drownings near Eagle Pass

By Michael Karlis, *San Antonio Current*, November 22, 2023

- ❖ In yet another potential legal snag for Gov. Greg Abbott's border crackdown, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is investigating a recent string of migrant drownings near Eagle Pass, an agency source told the Houston Chronicle. It remains unclear precisely what prompted the probe, according to the Chronicle report. However, three migrants — a 21-year-old female, 19-year-old male and an unidentified individual — washed ashore in Eagle Pass after trying to cross the Rio Grande on Saturday. In the past week, another 10 migrants have drowned near Eagle Pass while trying to cross the river, which is unusually high due to recent rains, the Chronicle reports. Abbott's press office was unavailable for immediate comment on the federal investigation. CBP's inquiry is just the latest legal headache for Abbott's \$4.5 billion border crackdown, Operation Lone Star. Abbott and the feds have been engaged in a back-and-forth court battle over a floating buoy barrier deployed this summer near Eagle Pass. Last month, the governor sued the Biden Administration, alleging CBP agents were cutting razor wire deployed along the banks of the Rio Grande as part of Operation Lone Star.
- ❖ Source: <https://www.sacurrent.com/news/feds-launch-probe-into-string-of-migrant-drownings-near-eagle-pass-33142924>

## Pritzker tells Chicago to fold its tents — governor rejects toxic migrant shelter site in Brighton Park

By Tina Sfondeles, Brett Chase and Fran Spielman, *Chicago Sun-Times*, December 5, 2023

- ❖ Citing "serious environmental concerns," Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Tuesday, December 5, that the state is ending development of a proposed migrant camp in Brighton Park. The decision follows the city of Chicago's release of an environmental report that showed the location at 38th Street and California Avenue required cleanup of heavy metals and toxic chemicals. The state halted construction Sunday, December 3. "My administration is committed to keeping asylum seekers safe as we work to help them achieve independence," Pritzker said in a statement. "We will not proceed with housing families on a site where serious environmental concerns are still present." The decision came after Mayor Brandon Johnson's administration on Monday, December 4 publicly said the site could be made safe for temporary residential use by removing the harmful metals and other substances. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency disagreed, saying under its guidelines, "insufficient sampling and remediation at the Brighton Park site does not meet state cleanup standards for residential use."
- ❖ Source: <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2023/12/5/23989385/pritzker-rejects-toxic-migrant-shelter-site-brighton-park>

## Texas' illegal entry law will test states' powers on immigration, border enforcement

By Julian Aguilar, *NPR*, December 6, 2023

- ❖ As Republicans across the country continue their condemnation of President Biden's border policies as "out of control," one red state – Texas – continues its efforts to take immigration enforcement matters into its own hands. Gov. Greg Abbott launched a controversial state-led, border security effort called "Operation Lone Star" in 2021. Since then, Texas has installed razor wire, a floating barrier in the Rio Grande, and added thousands of Texas state troopers and National Guard soldiers to patrol parts of the state's 1,254 mile long border with Mexico. But it hasn't stopped there. The Texas Legislature recently passed a new law that makes it a state crime to enter Texas illegally from a foreign country. The measure will make it easier for state and local law enforcement to arrest and prosecute people who cross the border from Mexico. Immigration rights groups and Democrats in the state plan to file suit. They say the law oversteps state authority, will lead to de facto racial profiling and make all people of color targets for police regardless of their immigration status. The law, Senate Bill 4 sponsored by state Sen. Charles Perry, a Lubbock Republican, makes unauthorized entry a class B misdemeanor on first offense. The charge would increase to a felony depending on the migrant's criminal history, including whether they had been convicted on a prior illegal entry charge. The legislation also permits a judge or county magistrate to order the migrant returned to a port of entry. Republican supporters of the law, which is expected to be signed by Gov. Abbott, point to the near-record number of apprehensions of migrants on the state's southern border under Biden as proof that Texas needs to step in to fill the gap and protect its own residents. The law was passed the same week U.S. Customs and Border Protection released statistics showing unauthorized crossings in October totaled about 189,000 for the month.
- ❖ Source: <https://www.npr.org/2023/12/06/1216140529/texas-immigration-border-illegal-entry-law>