

THE BORDER: UNITED STATES & MEXICO

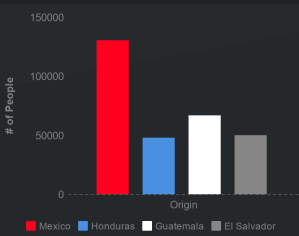
The US / Mexico border is among the largest international borders in the world, at 1954 miles in length. Roughly 700 miles of this border, however, is fenced off...

So, does the United States have a border crisis? Would total blockage of the border solve any social issues, or perhaps raise larger ones? Here are the numbers:

Who Crosses the Border?

In recent years, the percentage of Mexican immigrants crossing the border illegally has decreased, while that of Central American origin has increased. Adjacent is a chart displaying the origin points and quantity of illegal immigrants apprehended at the border.

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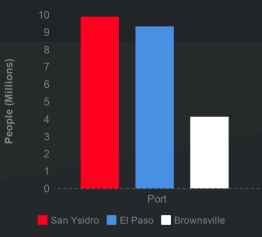
How Do People Cross the Border?

There exists several legal ports of entry into the United States. The largest of which are San Ysidro, CA, El Paso, TX, Brownsville, TX, and Hidalgo, TX. Illegal immigration occurs frequently via individuals overstaying the visas granted here. An estimated 41% of the current undocumented population in the United States entered this way. In the deserted regions of the border, individuals are often paid to smuggle people across the border undocumented.

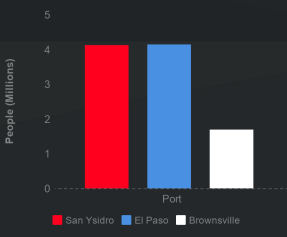
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The largest legal ports of entry are located near the South coast of California, far West, and the South coast of Texas, far East. Brownsville is near sister cities which redirect large amounts of traffic. El Paso, is near the middle of the border. The charts below describe legal immigration and travel through these ports.

Authorized Vehicle Crossings



Authorized Pedestrian Crossings



Information depicted in these charts gathered from [HYPER-BORDER](#) by Fernando Romero/Lar

Do Americans Want Expansion?

Should the US expand their current ~700 miles of fencing? Surveys have shown a great divide among US citizens on the subject. The pie chart adjacent displays the divide.

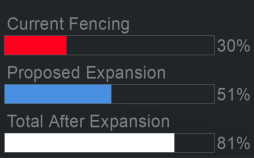
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What is the Cost of Expansion?

If the United States was to decide in favor of expanding the border wall a further 1,000 miles, it is estimated that the expansion could cost the taxpayers up to \$40 billion. The red bar to the right represents the percentage of the border currently fenced off, and the blue bar represents the proposed addition to the current amount of coverage.

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How Many Get Deported?

The United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has reported a general decrease in the number of individuals captured and deported at the border. This is represented in the adjacent chart.

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<https://www.ice.gov>

