

Illegal Migrant Activity In/Through Big Bend National Park (BIBE)

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Apprehensions / Encounters With Border Patrol						
Year	Inside Big Bend National Park (BIBE)	At Hwy 385 Checkpoint North of BIBE	Entire Big Bend Sector	Entire Southwest Border	BIBE % of Total Southwest Border	Big Bend Sector % of Total Southwest Border
2016	20		6,366	408,870	0.005%	1.557%
2017	2		6,002	303,916	0.001%	1.975%
2018	60		8,045	396,579	0.015%	2.029%
2019	615		9,637	851,508	0.072%	1.132%
2020	no data		8,628	400,651	no data	2.153%
2021	797	3514	37,266	1,659,206	0.048%	2.246%
2022	268		31,948	2,370,000	0.011%	1.348%
2023	130		11,823	2,475,669	0.005%	0.478%
2024	102		4,921	2,135,005	0.005%	0.230%
2025	200		3,096	443,671	0.045%	0.698%
Miles of Border	118		517	1952	6%	26%

NPS counts by calendar year; BP counts by fiscal year

NPS data unpublished / provided by BP informally

BP north-of-park apprehension numbers assume migrants came through BIBE or Black Gap WMA

Border Patrol Sector and Total data by fiscal year FY16-18 from

<https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2019-Mar/BP%20Apps%20by%20Sector%20and%20Citizenship%20FY07-FY18.pdf>

Border Patrol Sector and Total data by fiscal year FY16-22 from

<https://ohss.dhs.gov/topics/immigration/yearbook/2022/table35>

Border Patrol Southwest Border data FY23-25 from

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