Securing U.S. Borders
to Prevent Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking Routes into the U.S. from the Southern Border

Legend:
- 🟢 Sex Trafficking (Child and Adult)
- 🔵 Labor Trafficking (Child and Adult)
- 🔴 Cadena Case
- 🟡 PSSI Case
- ⭕ Border Cities/Towns
- MS-13 Cartel
- Los Zetas Cartel
- Tren de Aragua Cartel

This map depicts the main routes and patterns of human trafficking using the Southern border. It was created using federal cases of foreign national sex and labor traffickingg and information from the FBI on three of the main transnational criminal organizations (TCOs) who use human trafficking as part of their business model.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEGATIVELY IMPACTS:

National Security   **Rule of Law**   **Public Safety**   **Public Health**   **Border Control**   **Human Security**

CONSEQUENCES of an UNSECURE BORDER:

From **2019** to **2024**, U.S. government agencies had over **585,000** child encounters, most of them Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs), highlighting the significant, ongoing flow of these vulnerable children.

-USA Facts

Between **75–80%** of UACs are **victims of human trafficking,** as they travel into the U.S. with smugglers who then sell them into forced labor or prostitution.

- Congressional Research Service

The **majority** of unaccompanied alien children **crossing** into the U.S. were between **13** and **17** years of age.

- Congressional Research Service

As of January **2025**, ICE had been able to serve **Notices to Appear (NTAs)** to more than **233,000** UACs.

- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Inspector General Report