



# U.S. Customs and Border Protection

## Nationwide Currency Seizures

The goal of this data dictionary is to provide insight into how users should read and analyze the raw data available for download.

### I. Tips when working with Currency and Monetary Instrument Seizures data:

1. Statistical information is subject to change due to corrections, additional information, or incidents pending final review.
2. For Land Border analyses, users should apply the following filters:
  - a. For Southwest Land Border: Region = “Southern Border” and Mode of Transportation = “Land”
  - b. For Northern Land Border: Region = “Northern Border” and Mode of Transportation = “Land”
3. The data represents incidents at the area of responsibility levels (e.g., U.S. Border Patrol [USBP] Sector, Office of Field Operations [OFO] Field Office); it is not available at individual ports of entry (POE), stations, checkpoints, etc.

### II. Data Dictionary

1. Data Source: Seized Assets and Case Tracking System (SEACATS); Enforcement Integrated Database (EID)
2. Data Elements:

Data Variable	Description	Examples
Fiscal Year	The fiscal year the incident took place	2020 2021 2022
Month (abv)	The month the incident took place (abbreviated)	JAN FEB MAR
Component	Who in CBP was lead on seizure	Office of Field Operations U.S. Border Patrol
Region	The border region in which the incident occurred; border regions are defined by each component	Central/Coastal/Other Northern Border Southwest Border
Land Filter	The part of the border region surrounded by land or coast	Land Other <sup>1</sup>
Area of Responsibility	The field office or sector where the incident occurred	Atlanta Field Office Big Bend Sector
Inbound/Outbound	Describes whether the currency passing the border is traveling inbound or outbound	Inbound Outbound Other <sup>2</sup>
Count of Seizure Events	The number of seizure events	(Discrete variable)
Currency Seizures Amount (USD)	The amount of currency seized in dollars (USD)	(Continuous variable)

<sup>1</sup>Note: The user has the option to select “Land” which encompasses a border region surrounded by land and directly contiguous to a foreign country (Mexico and Canada) or “Other” encompasses all non-land border currency seizures (e.g., air, sea, and U.S. interior land)

<sup>2</sup>Note: Inbound/Outbound “Other” encompasses any seizures not indicated as inbound or outbound