



# U.S. Customs and Border Protection

## Nationwide Drug 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 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 Land Border = “Land Only”
  - b. For Northern Land Border: Region = “Northern Border” and Land Border = “Land Only”
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, Air and Marine Operations [AMO] Branch); it is not available at individual ports of entry (POE), stations, checkpoints, states, etc.

### II. Data Dictionary

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

<b>Data Variable</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Examples</b>
FY	The fiscal year the incident took place	2018 2019 2020 2021 (FYTD)
Month (abv)	The month the incident took place (abbreviated)	JAN FEB MAR
Component	Who in CBP was lead on seizure	Office of Field Operations (OFO) U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) Air and Marine Operations (AMO)
Region	The border region in which the incident occurred; border regions are defined by each component	Coastal/Interior Northern Border Southern Border
Land Filter	The part of the border region surrounded by land or coast	Land Only Other <sup>1</sup>
Area of Responsibility or Branch	The Field Office or Sector or Branch where the incident occurred	Atlanta Field Office Big Bend Sector Laredo Air Branch
Drug Type	The category of drug that was seized	Cocaine Fentanyl Heroin Marijuana

<sup>1</sup> Note: “Other” encompasses all non-land border drug seizures (e.g., air, sea, and U.S. interior land)



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		Methamphetamine
Count of Event	The number of seizure events by drug type	(Discrete variable)
Sum Qty (lbs)	The amount of drugs seized in pounds (lbs)	(Continuous variable)