



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Weapons and Ammunition 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, systems changes, change in data definition, additional information, or seizures pending final review.
2. The data represents seizures 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, states, 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	2022 (FYTD) 2021
Month (abbrev)	The month the incident took place (abbreviated)	JAN FEB MAR
Component	The CBP office that was lead on seizure	Office of Field Operations U.S. Border Patrol
Region	The border region in which the seizure occurred; border regions are defined by each CBP office	Central/Coastal/Other Northern Border Southern Border
Area of Responsibility	The field office or sector where the incident occurred	Atlanta Field Office Big Bend Sector
Inbound/Outbound	Describes whether the item crossing the border is traveling inbound or outbound. Inbound/Outbound applies to OFO data only; USBP data is labeled as "OTHER"	INBOUND OUTBOUND OTHER
Mode of Transportation	Describes the mode of transportation used when the seizure occurred. Mode of Transportation applies to OFO data only; USBP data is labeled as "Other"	Air Land Other Sea
Seizure Type	The seizure is either weapons or ammunition & gun parts	Weapons Ammunition & Gun Parts
Category ¹	Type of weapon, ammunition or gun part seized	Long Arm Explosives Ammunition Magazine
Event ID ²	ID to represent a single seizure event that occurred	6719416089 6720027882 6720634275
Quantity Seized	The count of the item seized	(Discrete variable)

¹Category examples can be found on the following page

²Event IDs are generated specifically for CBP.gov and are not used in CBP systems of record



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Examples of Categories³

Category	Examples
Long Arm	Shotguns, rifles, machine guns
Other Firearms	Submachine guns, machine pistols
Other Weapons	Stun guns, tasers
Explosives	Fireworks, grenades
Other Ammunition & Gun Parts	Tubes, magazines, muzzles, scopes

³Table is not an all inclusive list of categories or examples