

Fentanyl smuggling focused on western part of border

When fentanyl smuggling rose in recent years along the U.S.-Mexico border, authorities seized the potent synthetic opioid at the ports of entry near San Diego far more often than in other areas of the border. When fentanyl seizures jumped last summer, more fentanyl started coming across the Arizona-Mexico border. Texas and New Mexico, on the other hand, still see much less fentanyl smuggling, according to Customs and Border Protection data.

Fentanyl seizures (lbs)

