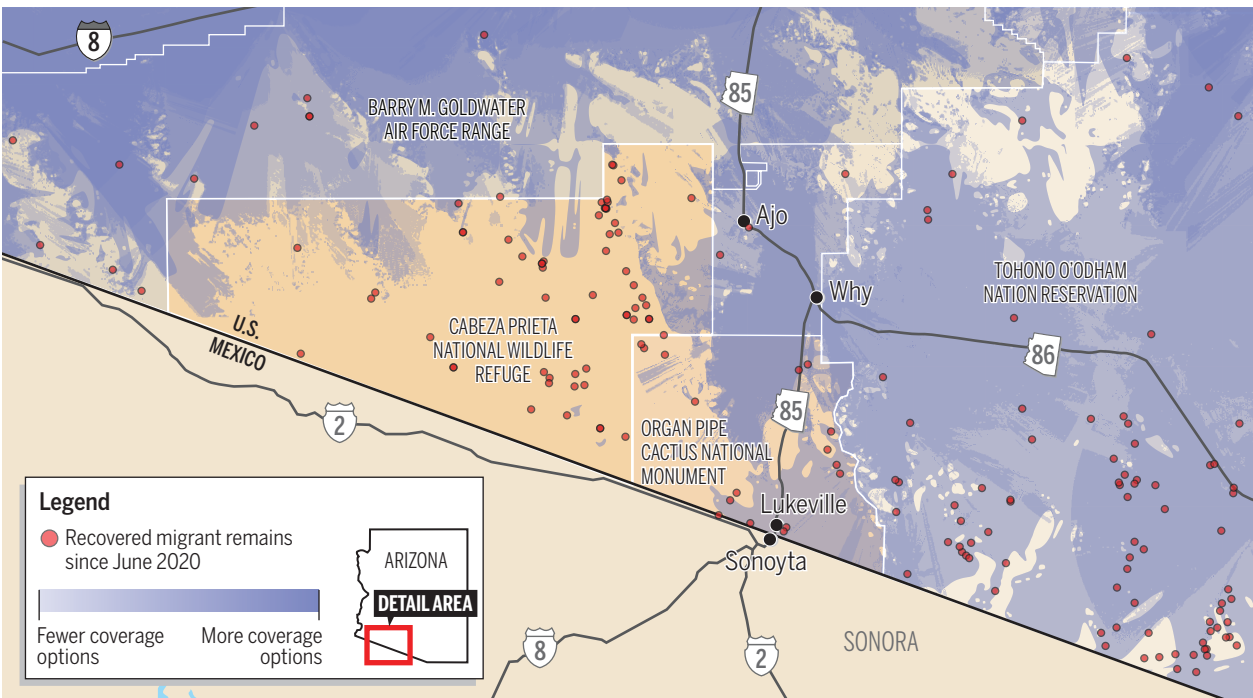


Migrant deaths and cell coverage since June 2020

Officials with the Border Patrol and the Mexican Consulate tell migrants to call 911 if they are in distress, but the desert west of Tucson has huge holes in cellphone coverage, particularly in and around the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge. Since June 2020, the remains of 84 migrants were found in areas without cell coverage, according to federal data. About 500 remains have been found in those areas.



SOURCE: Migrant deaths provided by Yuma County Sheriff's Office, Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner and Humane Borders through September. Coverage maps are submitted to the Federal Communications Commission in Form 477. Darker shades of blue show areas with more coverage options, lighter shades of blue show areas with fewer coverage options. The quality of coverage may vary within any covered area.