

COURTS & PORTS: Breaking Point

LEGISLATIVE EVENT 2024

“A New and Serious Response”

TEXAS UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



★ **TEXAS IMPACT**
PEOPLE OF FAITH WORKING FOR JUSTICE

INTRODUCTION

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AGENDA

- **Push And Pull Factors**
 - **Asylum Definition**
 - **Federal Policy Changes**
 - **2023 CBP Data**
 - **Rio Grande Valley**
 - **Courts & Ports**
 - **Texas SB4 And Operation Lone Star**
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PUSH & PULL FACTORS OF MIGRATION AND DISPLACEMENT

PUSH

- War
- Climate change
- Govt. instability
- Economic crises
- Violence: gang / gender
- Persecution: LGBTQ+ / Religious
- Poverty

PULL

- Safety
- Freedom
- Family
- Economic opportunity
- “American dream”

ASYLUM DEFINITION

8 U.S. Code § 1101- Refugee

- Unwilling or unable to return to home country because of persecution
- Or a well-founded fear of persecution
- On account of
 - Race,
 - Religion,
 - Nationality,
 - Membership in a particular social group,
 - Political opinion

8 U.S. Code § 1158- Asylum

- “Physically present in the United States
- Or who arrives in the United States (whether or not at a designated port of arrival)”

2023 FEDERAL POLICY CHANGES

JANUARY 2023

MAY 2023

- **CBP One Mobile Application (1,450/day) (360,000)**
- **CHVN Parole Program (297,000)**
- **Regional Processing Centers**
- **End of Title 42**
- **Title 8/ Expedited Removal**
- **Circumvention of Lawful Pathways rule: “asylum transit ban”**

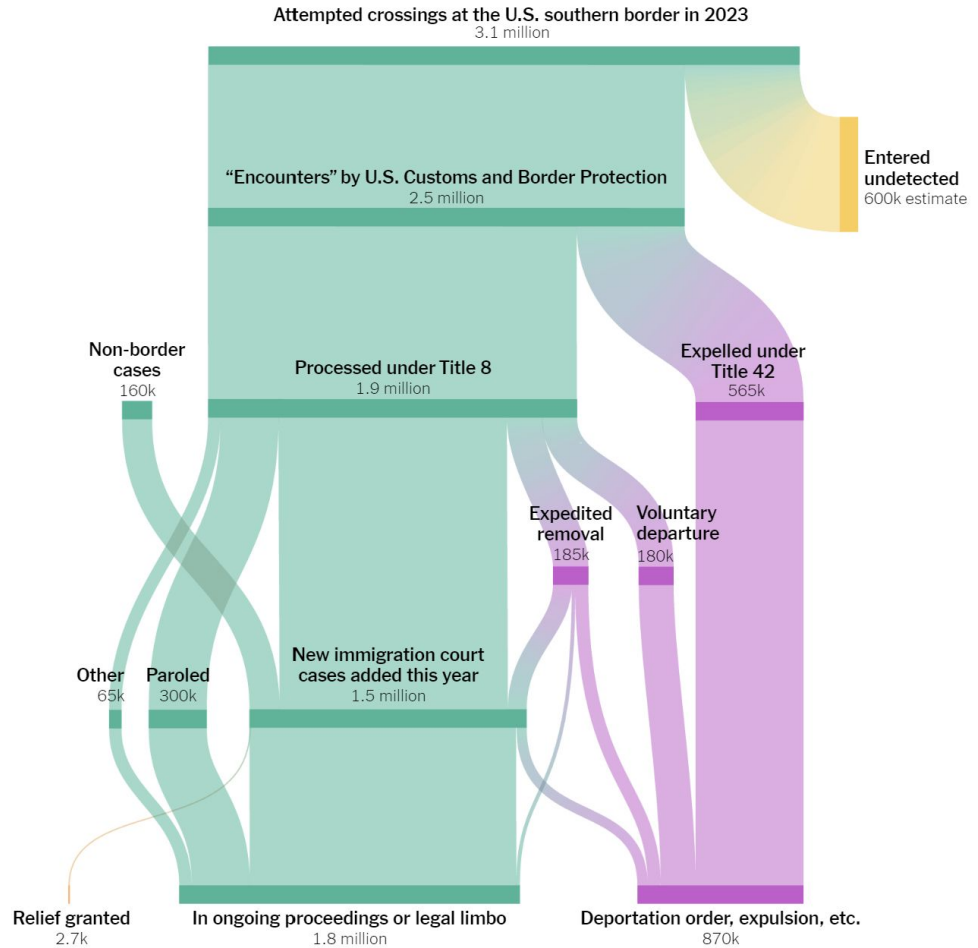
NOVEMBER 2023

- **Ongoing Congress Negotiations**

<https://www.state.gov/u-s-government-announces-sweeping-new-actions-to-manage-regional-migration/>

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-releases-november-2023-monthly-update>

2023 CBP DATA



Sources: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Department of Homeland Security. Note: These figures are for fiscal year 2023, which starts in October 2022 and ends in September 2023.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2024/01/09/opinion/immigration-in-one-chart.html>

RIO GRANDE VALLEY UPDATES

- **Progreso Bridge**
 - **Matamoros encampment**
 - **Deportation flights from Mexico**
 - **Non Governmental Organizations**
 - **Team Brownsville**
 - **The Sidewalk School**
 - **La Posada Providencia**
 - **Humanitarian Respite Center**
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