

CANADA FURTHER SECURES THE NORTHERN BORDER

Crossings of illegal migrants are dramatically down from 2024 levels

There has been a 98% reduction in illegal southbound movement at the Canada-U.S. border since July 2024.

While less than 1% of fentanyl coming into the U.S. is from Canada, any amount is too much.

Canada has acted decisively and put even more resources into securing the Canada-U.S. border to keep our communities safe.

As America's trusted partner in national and economic security, our relationship relies on both countries doing their part at the border. Further Canadian actions have resulted in **increased safety for Canadians and Americans.**



- From border personnel to lab busts and joint operations with U.S. security agencies, **Canada is serious about border security:**
- Appointment of Fentanyl Czar
 - 24/7 border surveillance operations with Black Hawks and drones
 - Listing of 7 transnational criminal organizations as terrorist entities
 - Establishing 2 new forensic drug tracing centers
 - Accelerated precursor chemical scheduling — faster than U.S. processes

Canada is doing even more to keep the Canada-U.S. border secure

The *Strong Borders Act* further empowers Canadian agencies to patrol our borders over land and sea, to share information on travel of registered sex offenders, crack down on organized crime and the flow of drugs in Canada. **This will protect our citizens.**

We are catching more criminals and clamping down on flows of illegal drugs across the border. Canadian intelligence is flagging high-risk individuals to U.S. intelligence services. Thanks to this, the FBI is identifying individuals on the Terrorist Screening Database (i.e. the watchlist) crossing the border.

Northbound activity is endangering Canadians

In 2024, **91%** of firearms, **65%** of meth, and **81%** of fentanyl seized entering Canada **came from the United States.**

Over the last five years:

- Fentanyl from the U.S. to Canada has increased by over **1,600%**
- Cocaine from the U.S. to Canada increased by over **290%**
- Meth from the U.S. to Canada increased by over **200%**

From January to June 2025 alone, **U.S. authorities seized over 22,000 lbs** of heroin, cocaine, meth, and opium - all destined for Canada.

NORTHERN BORDER GOALS, ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES

① Eliminate sources of illegal southbound movements

- **98% reduction** in illegal southbound movement since July 2024.
 - **77% reduction** in irregular asylum claims in Canada (2024 vs. same period in 2023).
 - **Reduced visa fraud** through tightened processing measures and 600% increase in visa investigations.
 - **Security screening of 100%** of asylum seekers and high-risk visitors.
 - **Increased removals of failed asylum claimants** (targeting 25% increase next year).
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② Eliminate illegal border crossings through real-time surveillance of border areas

- **Investments in border surveillance equipment** (drones, towers, Black Hawk helicopters, K-9 teams) and capacity, including military support for intelligence analysis and logistics.
 - **2,350 additional border personnel.**
 - Freed up **Canadian and U.S. border officers to focus on high-risk activity** by closing immigration processing loophole (flagpoling) .
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③ Detect and disrupt the fentanyl trade with more technology, tools, intelligence and cross-border collaboration

- **147 seizures of fentanyl** totalling 2.2 kg of fentanyl, in the first 5 months of 2025.
 - **Establishing Canada-U.S. Enforcement Strike Force** to collaborate on operations.
 - **Investments in detection capacity:** X-ray devices, radiation portal monitors, chemical analyzers, postal detector dog teams.
 - **More support for law enforcement investigations** through increased lab analysis capacity, increased collaboration with the DEA, and new drug enforcement hubs modelled after the U.S.
 - **Hitting back at illegal fentanyl production** by increasing control and oversight of precursor chemicals, and more rapid response to identify and schedule emerging precursor chemicals.
 - Canadian law enforcement **disrupting and dismantling lab sites** tied to illicit fentanyl; multijurisdictional approach to enforcement and prosecution.
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④ Strengthen border security through cross-border information and intelligence sharing

- Joint enforcement activities with U.S. through **Integrated Border Enforcement Teams.**
 - **Investments in joint intelligence** capacity to disrupt transnational organized crime and illegal drug and firearms trafficking.
 - **Enhanced information sharing**, like on high-risk child sex offenders and information on bulk trading, and joint training.
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⑤ Keep people safe through joint emergency readiness and perimeter security cooperation, especially during fire season

- **Establishing a Joint Emergency Management Council** with FEMA.
- **Providing mutual assistance when needed most** (e.g., fighting Los Angeles fires).
- **Conducting joint exercises**
(e.g., Vital Archer counterterrorism exercise, EX Cobalt Magnet emergency response exercise).