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Data Dictionary

**Column / Variable name: At POE**

*Variable meaning:* This variable includes the total number of “inadmissible” family units and unaccompanied minors who present themselves at U.S. ports of entry in the Laredo Field Office at the U.S. Southwest Border to ask for admission to the United States.

*Methodology:* This variable was compiled by adding the number of inadmissible family units to the number of unaccompanied minors presenting at Ports of Entry within the Laredo Field Office, by month.

Please note that U.S. Customs and Border Protection measures its fiscal years differently from calendar year. Fiscal year 2019, for example, runs from October 2018 to September 2019.

**Column / Variable name: In Between POE**

*Variable meaning:* This variable includes the total number of family units and unaccompanied minors that U.S. Customs and Border Patrol apprehends entering the United States between Ports of Entry within the Laredo Field Office, meaning that they have entered the United States without authorization and without seeking permission from U.S. authorities at a Port of Entry.

*Methodology:* This variable was compiled by tallying the total number of family units and unaccompanied minors entering the United States apprehended three different sectors within the Laredo Field Office. These sectors are the “Del Rio” sector, the “Rio Grande” sector, and the “Laredo” sector.

**Definitions of additional terms:**

POE: Port of Entry, official crossing points such as bridges or customs facilities where U.S. Citizens and non-citizens enter or attempt to enter the United States.

Inadmissible: Someone who requests entry into the United States without proper entry documents. Typically, inadmissible data is used to estimate the number of people seeking asylum in the United States.

Family Unit: A family consisting of at least one parent and related child.

Unaccompanied Minor (UAC): A child 18 years old or younger who enters or attempts to enter the United States unaccompanied by a parent.

Field Office: Command region for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Sector: Sub-unit within a field office