

Paper Information:

Title: Border Fencing, Migrant Flows, and Crossing Deaths

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Data Sources:

This paper uses data on U.S. Border Patrol Staff, Deaths, and Apprehensions at the sector level available from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The data can be found at these websites:

- United States Customs and Border Protection. 2021a. "U.S. Border Patrol Fiscal Year Southwest Border Sector Apprehension (FY 1960 - FY2020). United States Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.
<https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2021-Aug/US59B8~1.PDF>
- United States Customs and Border Protection. 2021b. "U.S. Border Patrol Fiscal Year Southwest Border Sector Deaths (FY 1998 - FY2020). United States Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.
<https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2021-Aug/U.S.%20Border%20Patrol%20Fiscal%20Year%20Southwest%20Border%20Sector%20Deaths%20%28FY%201998%20-%20FY%202020%29%20%28508%29.pdf>
- United States Customs and Border Protection. 2021c. "U.S. Border Patrol Fiscal Year Staffing Statistics (FY 1992 – FY 2020). United States Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.
<https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2021-Aug/U.S.%20Border%20Patrol%20Fiscal%20Year%20Staffing%20Statistics%20%28FY%201992%20-%20FY%202020%29%20%28508%29.pdf>

The data on border wall construction comes from Castañeda and Guerrero (2017). Castañeda, Leo and Jean Guerrero. 2017. "Decades-Long Struggle to Secure US–Mexico Border." *America's Wall*, November 13. <https://www.kpbs.org/news/border-immigration/2017/11/13/americas-wall>.

and is available from the following website: [U.S.-Mexico Border Fencing \(shapefiles\) - dataset by inewsource | data.world](#)

Files: (Regressions were run in Stata v17.0)

Datafiles:

AEAPP.dta; aggregate_apprehensions_death_by_year.dta; fencing_by_year.dta

Programs:

Analysis.do is a Stata do file that produces the results in Table 1 and requires the Stata data file AEAPP.dta (provided)

Figures.do is a Stata do file that produced the underlying plots shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2 and requires the Stata data files aggregate_apprehensions_death_by_year.dta; fencing_by_year.dta (provided)