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Securing the Canada-U.S. Border

Actions and Outcomes to Date

Canada-U.S. shared objective

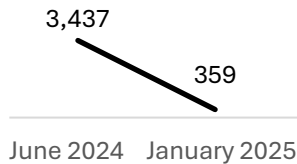
A safe, secure border that facilitates trade and travel, while preventing illegal migration and threats to the security of both countries, including fentanyl and other drugs



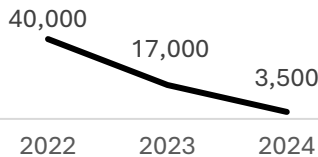
Key Facts

Illegal movement from Canada to the U.S. has rapidly declined*

↓90%



Irregular asylum claims in Canada have rapidly declined



Northern border represents small fraction of seized fentanyl

Canada-US border	43
Other U.S. border areas	21,900

Pounds of CBP-seized fentanyl
October 2023 to September 2024

* Figures are on a per month basis

Targets, actions and outcomes



Target: Eliminate sources of illegal migration from Canada to the U.S.

Actions and outcomes:

- ✓ **90% reduction** in illegal southbound movement from peak 2024 levels
- ✓ **77% reduction** in irregular asylum claims in Canada (2024 v. 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**, including of failed asylum claimants (targeting 25% increase next year)
- ✓ **24/7 eyes on the border** through round-the-clock surveillance by nearly 10,000 frontline personnel with new and modernized equipment.



Target: Eliminate illegal border crossings through real-time surveillance of border areas

Actions and outcomes:

- ✓ **Investments in border surveillance equipment and capacity** (drones, towers, Black Hawk helicopters, K-9 teams), including military support for intelligence analysis and logistics
- ✓ **Increased federal border personnel** complemented by an additional 350+ personnel and support from provinces and territories
- ✓ **Freed up Canadian and U.S. border officers** to focus on high-risk activity by closing immigration processing loophole (flagpoling) – up to 8,000 labour days saved



Target: Strike at organized crime and drug smuggling networks through joint Canada-U.S. action

Actions and outcomes:

- ✓ **Appointment of Fentanyl Czar: Kevin Brosseau will integrate Canada-wide efforts against organized crime involved in fentanyl trafficking and will be key interlocutor with U.S. partners.**
- ✓ **U.S and Canada moving forward on establishing the Canada-U.S. joint enforcement Strike Force** immediate actions include joint intelligence mapping establishment of shared targets, and collaboration on organized crime, fentanyl and money laundering operations
- ✓ **Designation of organized crime cartels as Terrorist Entities:**, Criminal Code designation of specific drug-trafficking cartels, bolstering law enforcement's ability to prevent and disrupt their activities.



Target: Detect and disrupt the fentanyl trade with more technology, tools and intelligence

Actions and outcomes:

- ✓ **Prime Minister's New Intelligence Directive:** Signed and supported by a \$200 million investment. Refocuses security agencies priorities on gathering intelligence on transnational criminal organizations.
- ✓ **Investments in detection capacity:** X-ray devices, radiation portal monitors, chemical analyzers, postal detector dog teams

- ✓ **More support for law enforcement investigations through 25% increase in lab analysis capacity**, increased collaboration with U.S. DEA in areas such as training and information sharing, 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 security-agency informed response to identify and schedule emerging precursor chemicals
- ✓ **More tools to follow the money** through the newly created Integrated Money Laundering Intelligence Partnership, bringing together law enforcement and the financial sector to enhance information sharing and financial investigations, new border financial crimes centre, and new North American operational alert on money laundering indicators
- ✓ **Lab busts:** Between 2018 and 2024 Canadian law enforcement disrupted and dismantled 44 lab sites tied to illicit fentanyl; multijurisdictional approach to upcoming disruption and prosecution



Target: Reinforce a “one border, one team” approach through more cross-border information and intelligence sharing

Actions and outcomes:

- ✓ **Joint enforcement activities** underway with U.S. through Integrated Border Enforcement Teams, joint management tables, U.S. Border Enforcement Security Task Force, and joint threat assessments / operations
- ✓ **Investments in joint intelligence capacity** to disrupt transnational organized crime and illegal drug and firearms trafficking
- ✓ **Enhanced information sharing** (e.g., information on high-risk child sex offenders) and joint training; new strategic level mechanism to reinforce direction for full collaboration



Target: Keep people safe through joint emergency readiness and perimeter security cooperation, especially during fire season

Actions and outcomes:

- ✓ **Establishing a FEMA/PS Joint Emergency Management Council** for "NORAD-like" partnership in emergency management
- ✓ **Providing mutual assistance when needed most** (e.g., fighting Los Angeles fires)
- ✓ **Conducting joint emergency response exercises**