

Operation Lone Star

Beginning in 2021, Texas Governor Gregg Abbott launched Operation Lone Star, a joint operation between the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Military Department along the United States–Mexico border in southern Texas. The operation is currently ongoing. According to Abbott, the operation is intended to counter a rise in illegal immigration, the illegal drug trade, and human smuggling. Beginning in April of 2022, Texas began relocating migrants to sanctuary cities.

As of January 26, 2024, Texas has transported approximately 102,100 migrants to 6 cities. Below is a breakdown of the cities and the numbers of migrants.

- Over 12,500 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
- Over 37,500 migrants to New York City since August 2022
- Over 31,200 migrants to Chicago since August 2022
- Over 3,400 migrants to Philadelphia since November 2022
- Over 16,000 migrants to Denver since May 2023
- Over 1,500 migrants to Los Angeles since June 2023

For a historical perspective, the following data sets show the influx of migrants Texas has relocated to the six cities as part of Operation Lone Star.

April 2022:

- Approximately 200 migrants to Washington, D.C.

August 2022:

- Over 7,400 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
- Over 1,500 migrants to New York City
- Approximately 200 migrants to Chicago

October 2022:

- Over 8,200 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
- Over 3,400 migrants to New York City since August 2022
- Over 1,100 migrants to Chicago since August 2022

November 2022:

- Over 8,400 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
- Over 3,800 migrants to New York City since August 2022
- Over 1,200 migrants to Chicago since August 2022
- Approximately 200 migrants to Philadelphia

May 2023:

- Over 9,400 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
- Over 6,700 migrants to New York City since August 2022
- Over 1,900 migrants to Chicago since August 2022
- Over 1,000 migrants to Philadelphia since November 2022
- Approximately 40 migrants to Denver

June 2023:

- Over 10,200 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
- Over 8,700 migrants to New York City since August 2022
- Over 3,000 migrants to Chicago since August 2022
- Over 1,600 migrants to Philadelphia since November 2022
- Over 200 migrants to Denver since May 2023
- Approximately 40 migrants to Los Angeles

July 2023:

- Over 10,600 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
- Over 10,500 migrants to New York City since August 2022
- Over 4,300 migrants to Chicago since August 2022
- Over 2,000 migrants to Philadelphia since November 2022
- Over 350 migrants to Denver since May 2023
- Over 200 migrants to Los Angeles since June 2023

August 2023:

- Over 11,100 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
- Over 12,600 migrants to New York City since August 2022
- Over 5,900 migrants to Chicago since August 2022
- Over 2,400 migrants to Philadelphia since November 2022
- Over 870 migrants to Denver since May 2023
- Over 360 migrants to Los Angeles since June 2023

September 2023:

- Over 12,200 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
- Over 16,400 migrants to New York City since August 2022
- Over 10,700 migrants to Chicago since August 2022
- Over 3,100 migrants to Philadelphia since November 2022
- Over 2,400 migrants to Denver since May 2023
- Over 770 migrants to Los Angeles since June 2023

October 2023:

- Over 12,500 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
- Over 21,100 migrants to New York City since August 2022
- Over 16,500 migrants to Chicago since August 2022
- Over 3,200 migrants to Philadelphia since November 2022
- Over 4,600 migrants to Denver since May 2023
- Over 1,000 migrants to Los Angeles since June 2023

November 2023:

- Over 12,500 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
- Over 24,200 migrants to New York City since August 2022
- Over 19,700 migrants to Chicago since August 2022
- Over 3,200 migrants to Philadelphia since November 2022
- Over 6,800 migrants to Denver since May 2023
- Over 1,100 migrants to Los Angeles since June 2023

December 2023:

- Over 12,500 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
- Over 33,600 migrants to New York City since August 2022
- Over 28,000 migrants to Chicago since August 2022
- Over 3,400 migrants to Philadelphia since November 2022
- Over 13,800 migrants to Denver since May 2023
- Over 1,300 migrants to Los Angeles since June 2023

January 2024:

- Over 12,500 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
- Over 37,500 migrants to New York City since August 2022
- Over 31,200 migrants to Chicago since August 2022
- Over 3,400 migrants to Philadelphia since November 2022
- Over 16,000 migrants to Denver since May 2023
- Over 1,500 migrants to Los Angeles since June 2023

The graph on the next page provides a visual overview of this.

Operation Lone Star Graph

