

Tren de Aragua – Expansion and US Presence



Source: National Gang Intelligence Center | Tren de Aragua (TdA)



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Illegal Immigration from Venezuela

In Texas-based sectors, US Border Patrol has apprehended approximately half a million migrants from Venezuela who entered the country illegally from January 1, 2020 – September 3, 2024. Nearly 400,000 of this total were apprehended during CY 2022 and CY 2023.

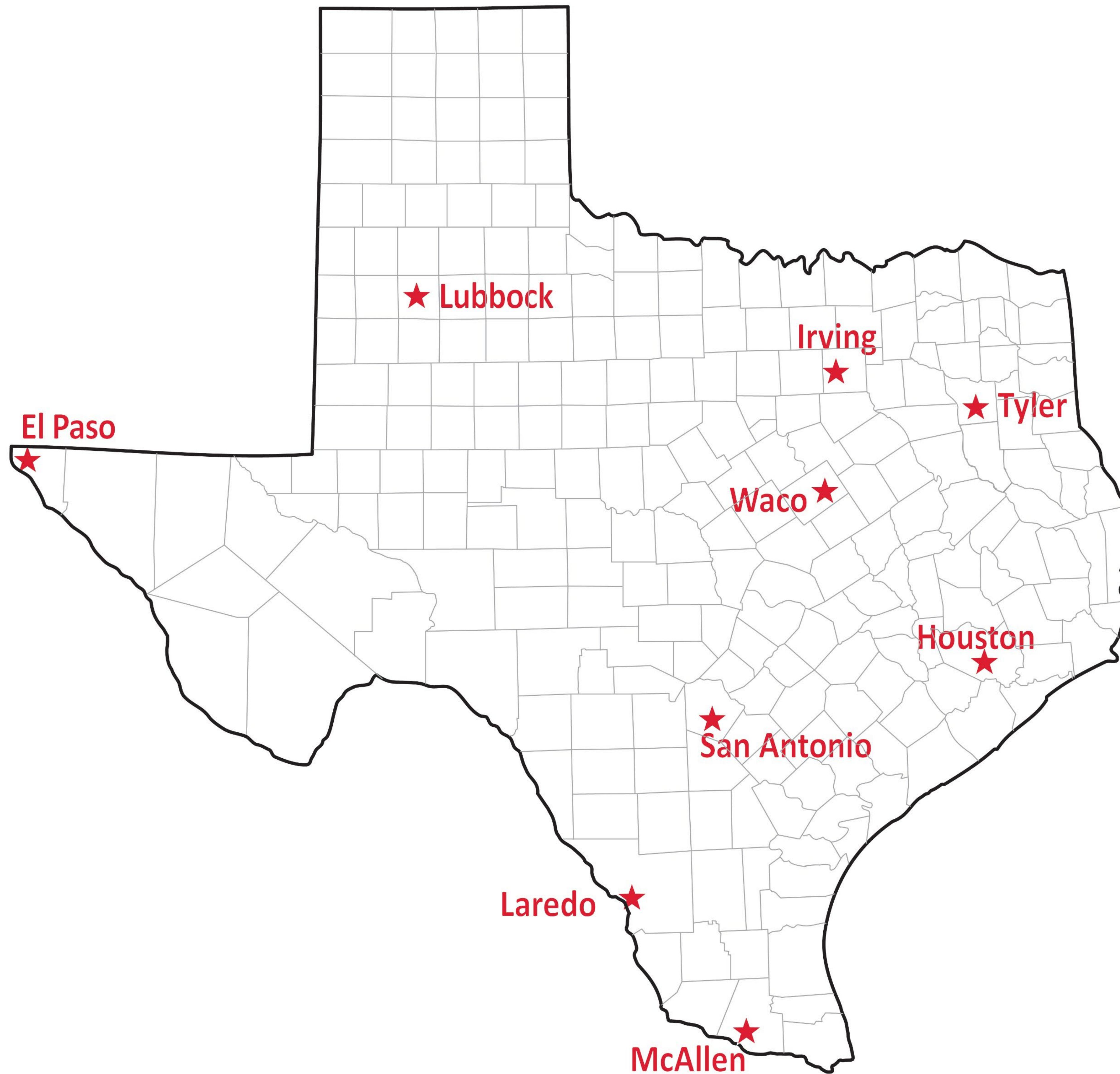
U.S. Border Patrol Apprehensions of Venezuelan Illegal Noncitizens from JAN 1, 2020 – SEP 3, 2024

	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Grand Total
2020	61	2	136	17	249	465
2021	209	497	58,466	72	8,643	67,887
2022	48,871	1,088	81,138	216	5,499	136,812
2023	69,587	681	102,406	328	88,079	261,081
2024	25,888	417	3,945	77	2,856	33,183
Grand Total	144,616	2,685	246,091	710	105,326	499,428

Apprehension figures are based on Operation Border Star reporting and are preliminary, unofficial, and subject to change. Texas-based sectors include the Rio Grande Valley, Laredo, Del Rio, Big Bend, and El Paso Sectors. The El Paso Sector covers a portion of Texas and the state of New Mexico.



Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Centers



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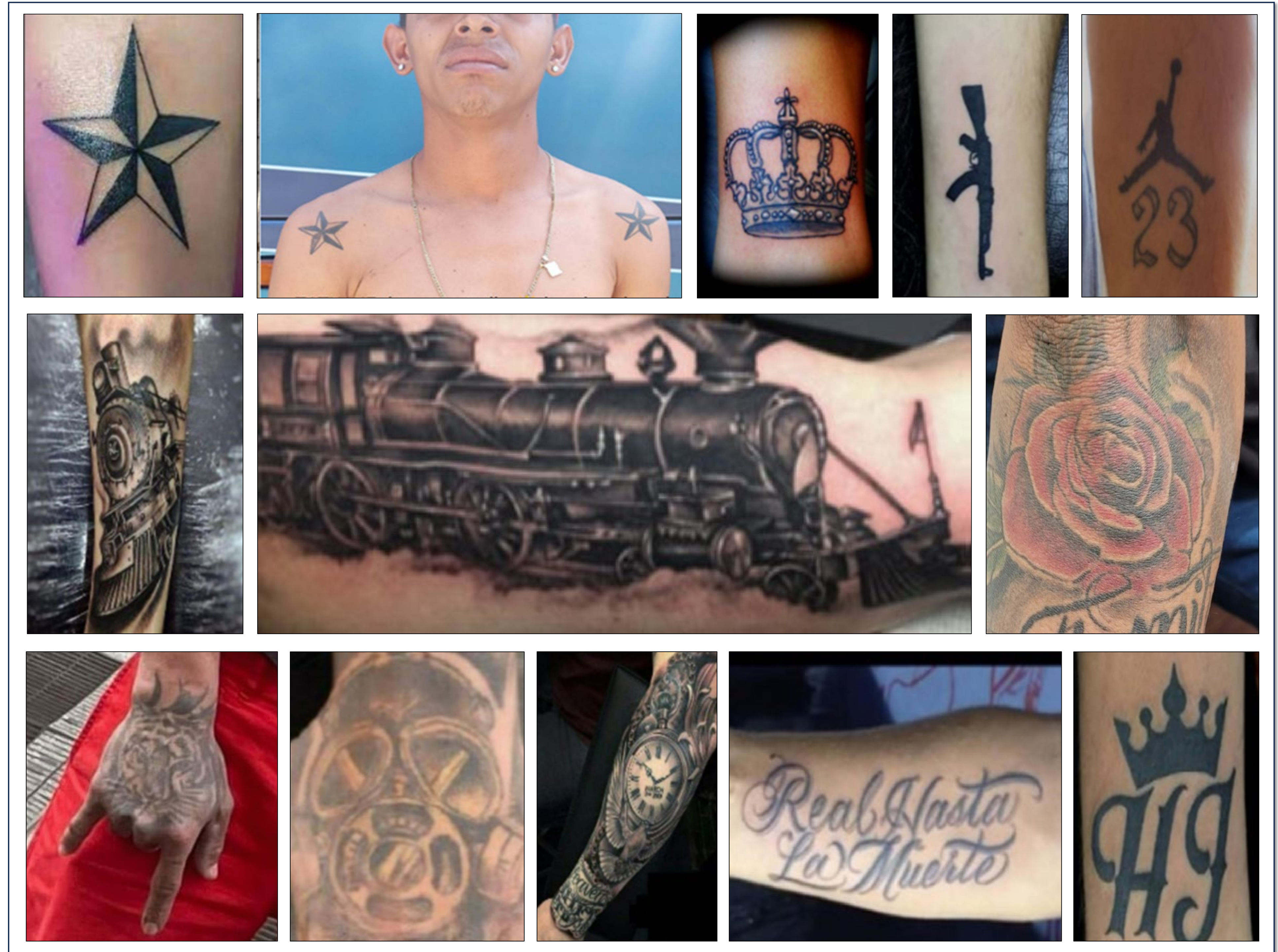
Tren de Aragua – Tattoos and Other Identifiers

- **Tattoos:**

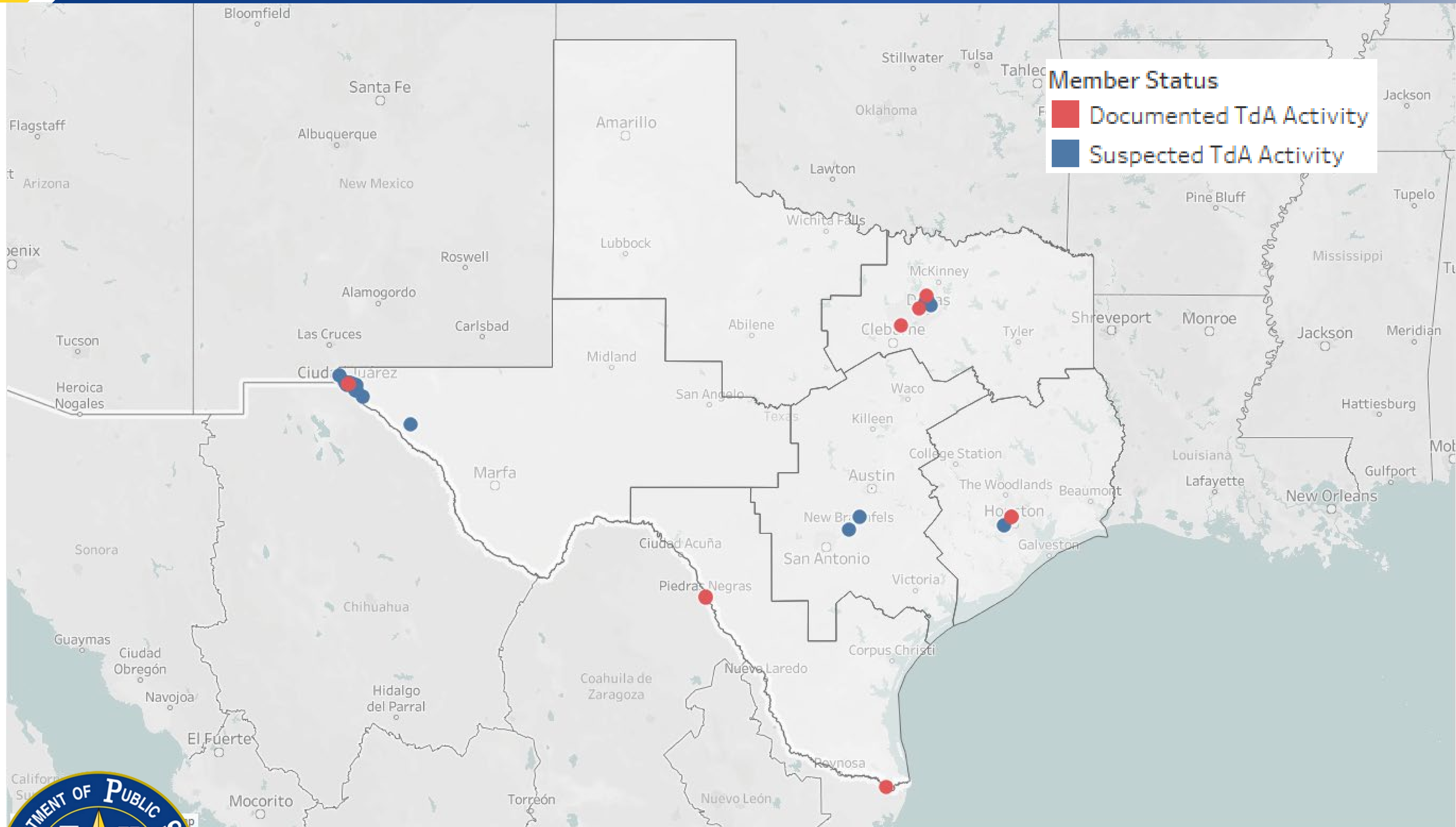
- Stars on shoulder to indicate rank.
- Crowns (similar to Latin Kings).
- Firearms and grenades.
- Trains and dice.
- Roses and predatory felines, including tigers and jaguars.

- **Phrases:**

- “Real Hasta la Muerte” (“Till Death”).
- “Hijos de Dios” / “HJ” (“Sons of God”).



Tren de Aragua – Statewide Activity



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