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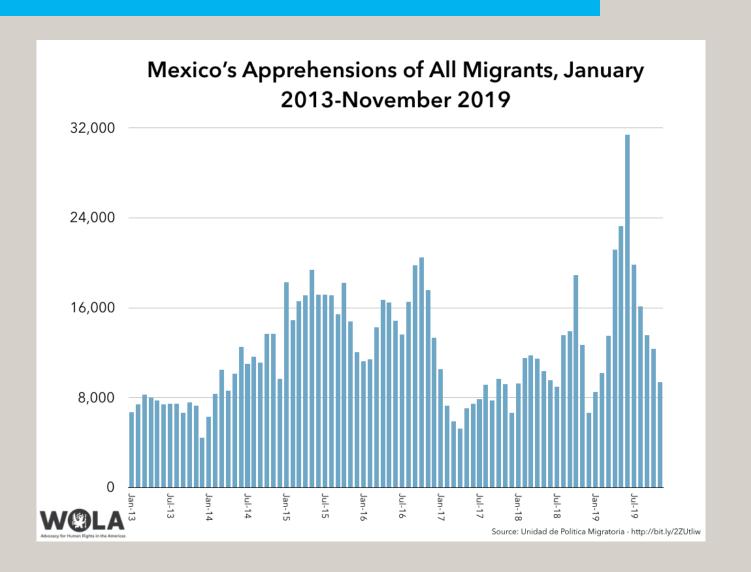
TRENDS IN SECURITY AND MIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ON MEXICO'S SOUTHERN BORDER

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INCREASED ENFORCEMENT AT MEXICO'S SOUTHERN BORDER



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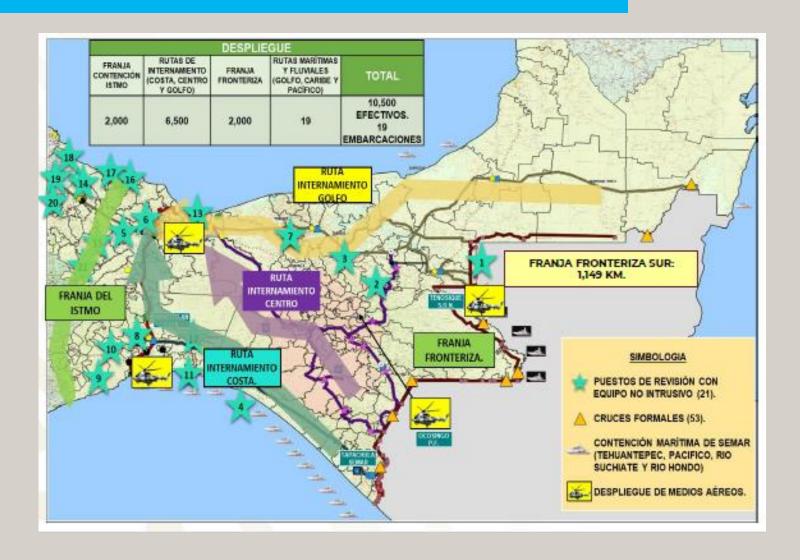


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- Between January November 2019, the INM apprehended 179,335 migrants, including 151,547 from Central America.
- This is a 36% increase from 2018.
- In June 2019, Mexico apprehended 31,416 migrants, the highest monthly total in all publicly available data going back to 2001.
- 43% of all apprehensions were in Chiapas.



DEPLOYMENT OF THE NATIONAL GUARD





CRIMES AGAINST MIGRANTS

- Migrants transiting through southern Mexico continue to suffer assault, robbery, rape, and kidnapping at the hands of organized crime or common criminals.
- Crimes throughout the border region did not appear to increase in 2019. However, as of the end of October, the migrant shelter in Tenosique, La 72, had identified 1,125 crime victims among its population. They assisted 36 victims of violent kidnappings between July and September 2019.

SURGE IN ASYLUM REQUESTS IN MEXICO

