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Statement from the Press Secretary on March Border Numbers

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WASHINGTON – Today, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Press Secretary Tyler Q. Houlton released the following statement on U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s (CBP) March Southwest Border Migration numbers:

“The crisis at our Southwest border is real. The number of illegal border crossings during the month of March shows an urgent need to address the ongoing situation at the border. We saw a 203 percent increase from March 2017 compared to March 2018 and a 37 percent increase from last month to this month – the largest increase from month to month since 2011. Illegal aliens continue to exploit our immigration laws. We need to close these dangerous loopholes that are being taken advantage of each and every day, gain operational control of the border, and fully fund the border wall system. As the President has repeatedly said, all options are on the table.”

[The numbers can be found here \(http://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration\)](http://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration).

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