

# Boots On The Ground - Tucson

Tucson is a strong example of our experience with immigration, border enforcement, and illegal immigration, as well as intimidation and coercion by activists using violent methods. These include verbal assault, fires, and other non-peaceful protest actions such as harassment of public servants and trespassing on federal premises.

I am deeply saddened by the recent death of a helicopter pilot and a police responder who were en route to a call regarding gun violence.

I am shocked by the level of violence in Tucson.

I am also disturbed by the extent of trafficking and homelessness.

I do not like the aggression I have personally witnessed in a short amount of time, nor the racism toward White individuals.

**My findings:** The facts we are often given are misleading.

**Myth:** Immigrants commit less crime than native citizens.

**Concern:** First-generation immigrants are not consistently tracked by local law enforcement or research institutions. They should be. If this data were accurately tracked, our perception would likely change substantially based on what we have recently witnessed.

- Over **50% of violent crime** in the Tucson sector is attributed to Hispanic individuals, **15%** to the Black population, and **80% of perpetrators are male**.
- Gun violence and other violent acts occur almost daily in Tucson.
- Violent crime has increased substantially since 2019.
- There were **over 4,900 criminal migrant arrests** in the Tucson sector in a single year, involving violent crimes, sexual crimes, and illegal firearms.

Despite this extremely high volume of crime and the efforts of law enforcement, the hiring of police officers has been slow, while protests continue—an indicator and warning sign of the current political climate.

Police officers have repeatedly and respectfully asked for more resources and staffing; however, these requests continue to fall short.

Police officers risk their lives daily in Tucson to mitigate violent crime. They are on the front lines, present at scenes, helping victims, and working to curtail what increasingly resembles guerrilla-level street warfare.

**Common sense asks: What more evidence is needed?**