

Recovery of Human Remains by Calendar Year, 2005-2021

This table represents sets of human remains belonging to known or presumed Undocumented Border Crossers (UBCs) as reported by the Offices of the Medical Examiner in Pima and Maricopa Counties, Arizona. Certain cases from other counties are included, either because the reporting office serves as Medical Examiner for those counties or from time to time performs examinations on a fee-for-service basis for other counties. Since these arrangements change over time the figures presented here are not comprehensive or consistent. And in any case, many remains will never be found or reported.

All of this data is found compiled in the Arizona Open GIS Initiative for Deceased Migrants (OGIS for short), an interactive website featuring a searchable database with mapping and download capabilities (<https://humaneborders.info>).

Figures for a given month and year may vary slightly over time as more accurate information becomes available. For example, UBC designations may change and DNA testing may reveal that two or more sets of remains are actually from the same person.

Keep in mind that the figures in this table are organized by dates of discovery, which may be weeks, months, or years after the actual date of death. Consult the OGIS database for the estimated post mortem interval and other detailed information about individual cases.

Month/Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
January	5	4	18	4	7	15	5	13	7	13	10	8	13	6	14	21	18
February	7	5	13	10	8	16	15	15	11	8	6	1	15	9	10	23	14
March	7	20	11	3	17	10	15	8	12	11	6	8	6	9	7	14	18
April	9	18	14	17	10	14	12	11	14	13	7	8	5	10	9	12	13
May	27	16	27	12	15	15	5	17	25	12	5	9	12	11	14	12	21
June	18	30	35	37	26	23	25	20	35	21	21	27	20	23	13	13	44
July	69	35	46	21	34	57	21	30	35	14	16	26	13	13	19	25	19
August	18	13	23	20	26	21	26	12	16	9	30	17	10	13	13	24	16
September	19	12	7	10	15	14	14	6	11	11	20	22	12	12	13	35	26
October	6	7	12	9	8	16	15	8	5	13	10	14	6	10	14	18	
November	7	7	9	5	15	13	17	12	8	8	10	11	8	3	7	14	
December	11	8	8	17	16	10	12	11	7	7	6	13	4	8	11	12	
	203	175	223	165	197	224	182	163	186	140	147	164	124	127	144	223	189