



FACT SHEET

Canadian businesses play an important role in ensuring the Government of Canada's actions on border security are known and understood within the United States.

Engaging U.S. Partners

- **Engage Actively:** Canada encourages private sector stakeholders to take a proactive role in engaging with their U.S. business counterparts, including by referencing our approach to security.
- **Collaborate on Initiatives:** Identify and pursue joint initiatives that can streamline cross-border operations, improve supply chain resilience, and promote regulatory harmonization, with an emphasis on our shared security interests (e.g., critical infrastructure, cybersecurity, and foreign investments). Your active participation is crucial in driving these efforts forward.
- Provide U.S. counterparts with facts and information on Canada's Border Plan, and actions taken. Canadian businesses can refer U.S. counterparts to Canada's published Border Plan, and to the *Actions and Outcomes* document, which describes the significant progress made on advancing the plan as of mid-January 2025.

Border Plan: [The Government of Canada's Border Plan: significant investments to strengthen border security and our immigration system - Canada.ca](#)

Actions and Outcomes: [Securing the Canada-U.S. Border: Actions and Outcomes to Date - Canada.ca](#)

Key Messages

- **The Government of Canada is seized with the issue of border security,** and the new U.S. Administration's tying of this issue to the threat of a potential 25% tariff on Canadian goods.
- Canada launched a comprehensive [Border Plan](#) on December 17, 2024, backed by an investment of \$1.3 billion announced in the Fall Economic Statement 2024. This plan has taken action and **several key results and outcomes have been achieved.** The results are highlighted in a user-friendly [Outcomes document](#) available online, to which U.S. audiences should be referred.
- **Commitment to Canada-U.S. Relationship:** Canada is demonstrating its commitment to protecting the integrity of our shared border and prioritizing the Canada-U.S. relationship by making significant upgrades to border security and the immigration system.
- **Collaborative Efforts:** Canada has engaged with all Provinces and Territories, Indigenous communities impacted by the Border, and U.S. counterparts to align the Border Plan's objectives and ensure our shared commitment to border, economic, and national security is well understood and actioned.

- **Five Pillars of the Plan:** The plan rests on five key pillars:
 - **Detecting and Disrupting the Fentanyl Trade:** Canada is making significant advancements in detecting and intercepting illegal drugs, particularly fentanyl and its precursors.
 - **Introducing New Tools for Law Enforcement:** Canada is deploying new chemical detection tools, canine teams, and counter-drone technology.
 - **Enhancing Operational Coordination:** Canada is improving coordination among law enforcement agencies.
 - **Increasing Information Sharing:** Canada is enhancing real-time surveillance and intelligence sharing.
 - **Minimizing Unnecessary Border Volumes:** Canada is implementing effective measures to reduce non-genuine visitors and streamline border processes.

Significant Achievements

- **Eliminating Illegal Southbound Movements:**
 - Canada has achieved an 89% reduction in illegal southbound movement from peak 2024 levels (June 2024 to December 2024).
 - Canada has reduced irregular asylum claims by 77% compared to the same period in 2023.
 - Canada has tightened processing measures, leading to a 600% increase in visa investigations and reducing visa fraud.
- **Eliminating Illegal Border Crossings:**
 - Canada is investing in border surveillance equipment, technology and capacity, including drones, towers, Black Hawk helicopters, and K-9 teams.
 - 47 drones have been transferred from the Canadian Armed Forces to the RCMP and 60 are being procured.
 - Canada has increased federal border personnel, complemented by an additional 350+ personnel and support from provinces and territories.
 - Canada has held planning exercises with all provinces and territories and Canada's Border Plan is being aligned with like-minded provincial efforts, such as Ontario's Op Deterrence and Quebec's Plan Pelican.
- **Detecting and Disrupting the Fentanyl Trade:**
 - Canada is establishing a Canada-U.S. enforcement Joint Strike Force, with plans for joint intelligence mapping and specific operations.
 - Canada is investing in detection capacity, including X-ray devices, radiation portal monitors, chemical analyzers, and postal detector dog teams.

- Canada is enhancing anti-money laundering authorities and financial investigations, including a new Border Financial Crimes Centre. This centre will coordinate efforts to detect and disrupt money laundering and includes higher penalties for non-compliance and improved information sharing. Future implementations include deploying advanced detection technologies, expanding intelligence collection, and improving inter-agency coordination.
- **Strengthening Border Security:**
 - Canada is conducting joint enforcement activities with the U.S. through Integrated Border Enforcement Teams and other collaborative efforts.
 - Canada is investing in joint intelligence capacity to disrupt transnational organized crime and illegal trafficking.

Implications for Business of a strong border

Trade Facilitation: Strengthened border security ensures the smooth flow of legitimate trade, reducing delays and enhancing the efficiency of supply chains. This is crucial for businesses relying on timely cross-border transactions.

- **Preclearance:** For example, Canada's engagement with the U.S means continued support and potential expansion of U.S. preclearance in Canada and Canadian preclearance in the U.S., which speeds up border crossing for goods and people while 'pushing out' the border to increase security.
- **Mitigating Tariffs:** By maintaining a secure and efficient border, Canada aims to protect Canada from the impact of U.S. tariffs and support the continued prosperity of Canadian businesses.
- **Strong Business Ties with the U.S.:** The Plan underscores the importance of strong Canada-U.S. trade ties, which sustain communities and tens of thousands of jobs on both sides of the border.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Businesses involved in import and export must stay informed about new legislative requirements and compliance tools introduced under the Border Plan.