



Point Roberts Chamber of Commerce

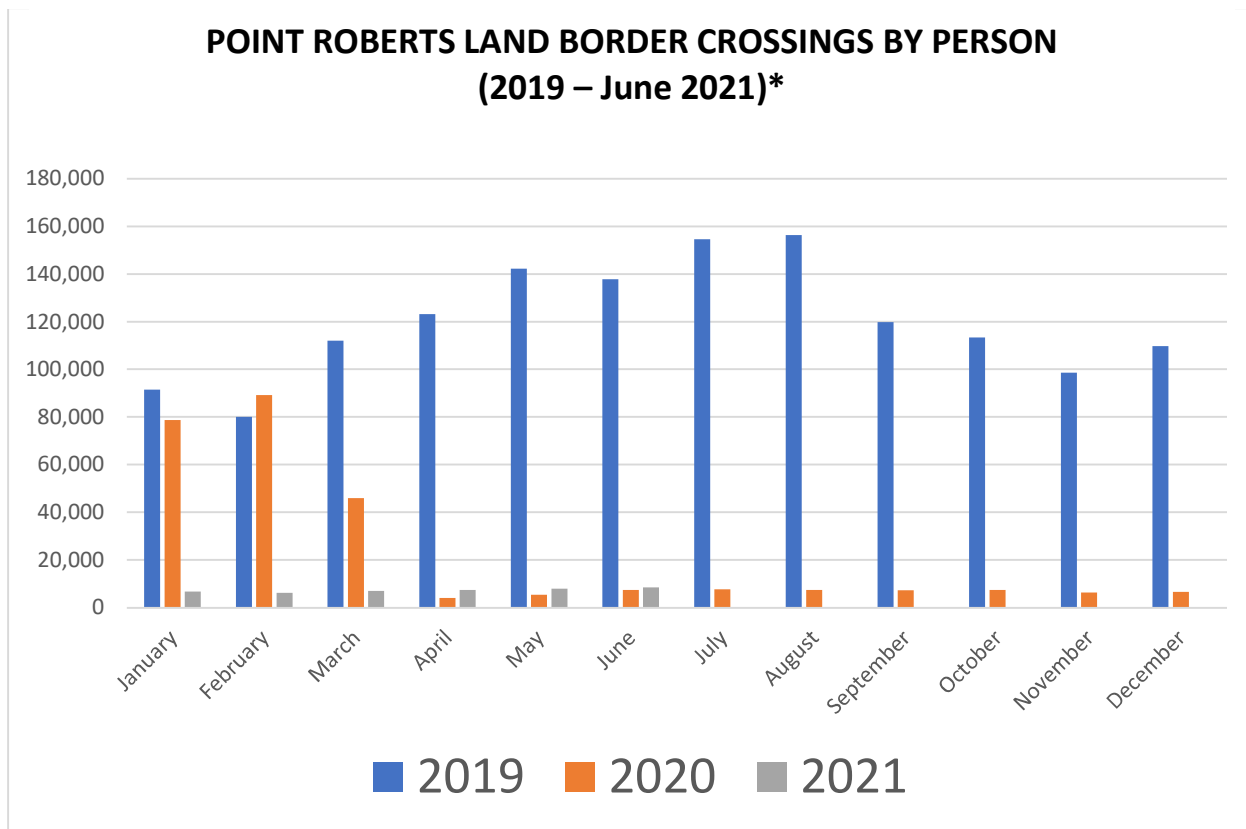
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What's it Going to Take?

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Point Roberts, WA – The US Department of Transportation border crossing statistics at the Point Roberts border crossing paint a stark reality of the economic devastation that has plagued the community since the border closures at the onset of the pandemic – economic devastation that is getting little, if any attention from the US Government. With the isolated exclave’s economy almost entirely dependent on cross border travel – especially with British Columbia, Canada, Point Roberts few remaining business owners are being subjected to the cruelty of month-to-month extensions of the US border closure. They believe there is no end in sight.



* US Department of Transportation Border Crossing Entry Data – Point Roberts, WA

Here is how these statistics flesh out:

Year	Number of Persons Entering Point Roberts
2019	1,438,854
2020	273,112 (border closed March 18)
2021	43,572 (to June 30)

Conservatively estimating that each person crossing spent just \$20.00 in Point Roberts (and we know that most people spend considerably more), the contribution to our economy would be as follows:

Year	Economic Benefit
2019	\$28.78 M
2020	\$ 5.46 M (border closed March 18)
2021	\$.87 M (to June 30)

“The US Department of Transportation’s statistics confirm what I have been saying for months,” stated Brian Calder, President of the Point Roberts’ Chamber of Commerce. “And with fully-vaccinated rates in Point Roberts and British Columbia at 87% and 82.6% respectively, all I can say to our government is ‘Do the math, follow the science and open the border!’”

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