



Southwest Border Migration

U.S. Customs and Border Protection saw a decrease in apprehensions between our ports of entry and a decrease in individuals deemed inadmissible to enter the U.S. at our ports of entry along the Southwest Border in January 2017. Overall total migration remained at elevated levels, primarily due to family units and unaccompanied children from Central America, Haitian nationals migrating from Brazil, and Cuban nationals. CBP continues to maintain a strong security posture through background checks of all individuals encountered and ensures that each person is processed in accordance with U.S. immigration laws and DHS policy.

U.S. Border Patrol Apprehensions FY2017 YTD(October 1 - January 31)

USBP	Demographic	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	Total
Southwest Border	UAC	6,710	7,356	7,207	4,421	25,694
	Family Units	13,116	15,588	16,139	9,304	54,147
Southwest Border Total Apprehensions		46,182	47,211	43,254	31,575	168,222

**Numbers are subject to change during agency reconciliation of individual records, these numbers reflect the current status and numbers as of 2/1/17.*

In January, a total of 31,575 individuals were apprehended between ports of entry on our Southwest Border, compared with 43,254 in December and 47,211 in November. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, USBP apprehended 408,870 individuals along our southwest border, compared to 331,333 in FY15, and 479,371 in FY14.

For breakdown by Sector, visit [USBP Southwest Border Apprehensions by Sector](#)

Office of Field Operations Inadmissibles FY2017 YTD(October 1 - January 31)

Field Operations	Demographic	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	Total
Southwest Border	UAC	1,831	1,439	966	601	4,837
	Family Units	6,489	5,127	3,867	2,739	18,222
Southwest Border Total Inadmissibles		20,529	16,153	15,177	10,899	62,758

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In January, a total of 10,899 people presenting themselves at ports of entry on the Southwest Border were deemed inadmissible compared to 15,226 in December and 16,155 in November. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, 150,825 were deemed inadmissible compared to 114,486 in FY15 and 90,601 in FY14.

OFO inadmissibility metrics include individuals encountered at ports of entry who are seeking lawful admission into the United States but are determined to be inadmissible, individuals presenting themselves to seek humanitarian protection under our laws, and individuals who withdraw an application for admission and return to their countries of origin within a short timeframe.

For breakdown by Field Office, visit [Southwest Border Inadmissibles by Field Office](#)

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U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Apprehensions by Sector

Southwest Border Unaccompanied Alien Children (0-17 yr old) Apprehensions

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2017 YTD(October 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2016.

Unaccompanied Alien Children by Sector			
Sector	FY2016YTD	FY2017YTD	% Change FY16YTD to FY17YTD
Big Bend	513	287	-44%
Del Rio	972	822	-15%
El Centro	330	638	93%
El Paso	1,180	2,400	103%
Laredo	995	921	-7%
Rio Grande	12,260	16,301	33%
San Diego	491	753	53%
Tucson	2,478	1,893	-24%
Yuma	1,174	1,679	41%
USBP Southwest Border Total	20,393	25,694	26%

Southwest Border Family Unit* Apprehensions

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2017 YTD(October 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2016.

Family Unit* Apprehensions by Sector			
Sector	FY2016YTD	FY2017YTD	% Change FY16YTD to FY17YTD
Big Bend	582	527	-9%

Family Unit* Apprehensions by Sector			
Sector	FY2016YTD	FY2017YTD	% Change FY16YTD to FY17YTD
Del Rio	1,310	1,641	25%
El Centro	405	1,241	206%
El Paso	1,545	6,457	318%
Laredo	631	549	-13%
Rio Grande	16,357	36,617	124%
San Diego	678	2,049	202%
Tucson	1,298	1,371	6%
Yuma	1,806	3,695	105%
USBP Southwest Border Total	24,612	54,147	120%

Unaccompanied Alien Children Apprehensions by Country

Numbers below reflect Fiscal Years 2010-2016, FY 2017 YTD(October 1, 2016 - January 31, 2016)

Unaccompanied Alien Children Apprehensions by Country					
Country	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017 YTD
El Salvador	5,990	16,404	9,389	17,512	7,056
Guatemala	8,068	17,057	13,589	18,913	9,122
Honduras	6,747	18,244	5,409	10,468	5,443
Mexico	17,240	15,634	11,012	11,926	3,717

Family Unit* Apprehensions by Country

Numbers below reflect Fiscal Year 2016, FY 2017 YTD(October 1, 2016 - January 31, 2016)

Family Units* Apprehensions by Country		
Country	FY 2016	FY 2017 YTD

El Salvador	27,114	19,018
Guatemala	23,067	16,365
Honduras	20,226	16,027
Mexico	3,481	1,187

***Note:** (Family Unit represents the number of individuals (either a child under 18 years old, parent or legal guardian) apprehended with a family member by the U.S. Border Patrol.)

Southwest Family Unit Subject and Unaccompanied Alien Children Apprehensions Fiscal Year 2017 - By Month

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	FMUA	UAC	Total Apprehensions
Sector	FY 2017 OCT	FY 2017 OCT	FY 2017 OCT
Big Bend	138	86	697
Del Rio	427	223	2,105
El Centro	278	198	2,439
El Paso	1,482	621	3,973
Laredo	133	283	3,350
Rio Grande	8,719	4,082	22,641
San Diego	435	180	2,935
Tucson	356	581	5,925
Yuma	1,148	456	2,117
USBP Southwest Border Total	13,116	6,710	46,182

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Southwest Border Inadmissibles by Field Office

Southwest Border Unaccompanied Alien Children (0-17 yr old) Inadmissibles

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2017 YTD(October 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2016.

Unaccompanied Alien Children			
Field Offices	FY2016YTD	FY2017YTD	% Change FY16YTD to FY17YTD
El Paso	662	1,785	170%
Laredo	611	1,672	174%
San Diego	1,017	610	-40%
Tucson	644	770	20%
Field Ops Southwest Border Total	2,934	4,837	65%

Southwest Border Family Unit Inadmissibles*¹

Numbers below reflect Fiscal Year 2017 YTD (October 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017)

Family Units	
Field Offices	FY2017 YTD
El Paso	4,295
Laredo	7,397
San Diego	3,049
Tucson	3,481
Field Operations Southwest Border Total	18,222

¹**Note:**Field Operations only started collecting Family Unit numbers as of March 2016

Numbers below reflect totals for Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016, FY 2017 YTD (October 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017)

Unaccompanied Alien Children by Country			
Country	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017 YTD
El Salvador	454	2,553	1,369
Guatemala	1,378	3,961	1,982
Honduras	335	1591	797
Mexico	1,713	2,169	569

Family Unit Inadmissibles by Fiscal Year*¹

Numbers below reflect the total for FY 2017 YTD (October 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017)

Family Unit by Country	
Country	FY 2017 YTD
El Salvador	3,205
Guatemala	3,777
Honduras	2,531
Mexico	3,805

***Note:** (Family Unit represents the number of individuals (either a child under 18 years old, parent or legal guardian) deemed inadmissible with a family member by the Office of Field Operations.)

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Cuban Inadmissibles

In FY 2009, 7,458 Cuban inadmissibles presented themselves at U.S. ports of entry (POE), in FY13 that number increased to 17,359 and in FY16 (YTD through August) that number climbed to more than 50,000. Field Offices most affected by increasing numbers of Cuban inadmissibles were Laredo, El Paso and Miami. OFO continues to refine operational plans and procedures to adjust to this migratory surge by deploying personnel to impacted ports of entry, streamlining administrative processes, utilizing technology applications as a force-multiplier, and re-framing the distribution of workload.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection maintains a robust posture regarding the enforcement of our immigration laws along the nation's borders and coastal areas. We continue to promote safe, legal and orderly migration from Cuba under our Migration Accords and deter dangerous and unlawful migration from Cuba.

*Effective January 12, 2017, the United States ended the special parole policy, also known as the "wet-foot/dry-foot" policy, for Cuban migrants that has been in place since the mid-1990s. Since then, Cuban nationals who attempt to illegally enter the United States are subject to removal, consistent with our enforcement priorities. These actions are part of the ongoing normalization of relations between the governments of the United States and Cuba, and reflect a commitment to have a broader immigration policy in which we treat people from different countries consistently.

Numbers below reflect totals for Fiscal Years 2012-2016, FY 2017 YTD (October 1, 2016 - January 31, 2016)

Cuban Inadmissibles						
Field Office	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017 YTD
El Paso	154	219	415	685	5,018	314
Laredo	9,429	12,384	15,333	26,181	34,658	12,766
San Diego	727	959	1,229	1,555	1,589	549
Tucson	86	142	132	221	258	158
Southwest Border Totals	10,396	13,704	17,109	28,642	41,523	13,787

Haitian Inadmissibles

Recently, CBP has seen an increase in the number of Haitians arriving at border crossings with no status in the United States. In FY16, CBP officers at Ports of Entry at the Southwest Border saw 6,424 Haitian inadmissibles, which represented a significant increase as compared to FY15. The majority of Haitian inadmissibles are presenting themselves at the San Ysidro Port of Entry, which falls under the San Diego Field Office. In response to the influx, the Office of Field Operations deployed 100 additional officers to support ports of entry within the San Diego Field Office. OFO has also deployed 16 special personnel with Creole fluency to support the processing of Haitian nationals at the ports, has leveraged remote processing capabilities, streamlined administrative case processes with the collaboration of the Office of Chief Counsel, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S.Citizenship and Immigration Services, and continues to coordinate with the U.S. Border Patrol to support the overflow of Haitian inadmissibles in custody. After officers have processed individuals with no status to legally enter the U.S., Haitians are placed into the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for further disposition. Some, but not all Haitians arriving at ports of entry without legal status, are expressing credible fear of their return to Haiti.

Numbers below reflect totals for Fiscal Years 2012-2016, FY 2017 YTD (October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016)

Haitian Inadmissibles						
Field Office	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017 YTD
El Paso	0	0	1	0	2	17
Laredo	1	1	6	1	6	159
San Diego	821	921	477	333	6,377	7,589
Tucson	0	0	0	0	39	960
Southwest Border Totals	822	922	484	334	6,424	8,725

Southwest Border Inadmissibles Fiscal Year 2017 - By Month

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	FMUA	UAC	Total Inadmissibles
Field Offices	FY 2017 OCT	FY 2017 OCT	FY 2017 OCT
El Paso	1,543	633	3,273
Laredo	2,762	760	8,727
San Diego	1,018	176	6,238
Tucson	1,166	262	2,291
Total	6,489	1,831	20,529

Cuban and Haitian inadmissibles*

	Cubans	Haitians
Field Offices	FY 2017 OCT	FY 2017 OCT
El Paso	90	0
Laredo	3,716	57
San Diego	172	2,919
Tucson	44	495
Total	4,022	3,471

*Note: Cuban and Haitian inadmissibles are a subset of the Total Southwest Border Inadmissibles data above

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