

## Southwest Border Unaccompanied Alien Children | U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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Beginning last year and specifically in the last few months, CBP has seen an overall increase in the apprehension of Unaccompanied Alien Children from Central America at the Southwest Border, specifically in the Rio Grande Valley. While overall border apprehensions have only slightly increased during this time period, and remain at historic lows, the apprehension and processing of these children present unique operational challenges for CBP and HHS. Addressing the rising flow of unaccompanied alien children crossing our southwest border is an important priority of this Administration and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and [Secretary Johnson has already taken a number of steps to address this situation.](#)

#### Southwest Border Unaccompanied Alien Children (0-17 yr old) Apprehensions Fiscal Year 2013 and Fiscal Year 2014 through May 31st

Sector	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014	% Change
Big Bend Sector	99	148	49%
Del Rio Sector	1,396	2,401	72%
El Centro Sector	304	411	35%
El Paso Sector	534	682	28%
Laredo Sector	2,496	2,745	10%
Rio Grande Sector	12,484	33,470	168%
San Diego Sector	414	642	55%
Tucson Sector	6,569	6,254	-5%
Yuma Sector	197	264	34%
<b>Southwest</b>			

<b>Border Total</b>	<b>24,493</b>	<b>47,017</b>	<b>92%</b>
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## U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border and Rio Grande Valley Sector Other Than Mexicans

Fiscal Year 2014 through May 31st

Sector	Other Than Mexicans
Rio Grande Valley	122,072
<b>Southwest Border</b>	<b>162,751</b>

## Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Years 2009-2013; Fiscal Year 2014 through May 31st

Cou ntry	Fiscal Year 2009	Fiscal Year 2010	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014
El Salv ado r	1,221	1,910	1,394	3,314	5,990	9,850
Gua tem ala	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	11,479
Hon dur as	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	13,282
Mex ico	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	11,577

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