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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

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2014 to date (October 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2013.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014	% Change
Big Bend Sector	105	177	69%
Del Rio Sector	1,533	2,803	83%
El Centro Sector	342	485	42%
El Paso Sector	584	794	36%
Laredo Sector	2,816	3,134	11%
Rio Grande Sector	14,565	42,164	189%
San Diego Sector	471	728	55%
Tucson Sector	7,254	6,945	-4%
Yuma Sector	214	295	38%
Southwest			

Border Total	27,884	57,525	106%
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Southwest Border Family Unit Apprehensions

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2014 to date (October 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2013.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014	% Change
Big Bend Sector	80	82	3%
Del Rio Sector	354	4,180	>500%
El Centro Sector	309	432	40%
El Paso Sector	244	419	72%
Laredo Sector	1,110	2,988	169%
Rio Grande Sector	3,746	42,358	>500%
San Diego Sector	1,179	1,360	15%
Tucson Sector	2,130	3,117	46%
Yuma Sector	198	484	144%
Southwest Border Total	9,350	55,420	493%

U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border and Rio Grande Valley Sector Other Than Mexicans

Fiscal Year 2014 through June 30

Sector	Other Than Mexicans
Rio Grande Valley	154,606
Southwest Border	202,951

Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Years 2009-2013; Fiscal Year 2014 through June 30

Cou ntry	Fiscal Year 2009	Fiscal Year 2010	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014
El Salv ador	1,221	1,910	1,394	3,314	5,990	13,301
Guat emal a	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	14,086
Hon dura s	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	16,546
Mexi co	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	12,614

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