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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 - July 31, 2014) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2013.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014	% Change
Big Bend Sector	116	220	90%
Del Rio Sector	1,753	3,026	73%
El Centro Sector	373	564	51%
El Paso Sector	636	876	38%
Laredo Sector	3,207	3,427	7%
Rio Grande Sector	16,820	46,307	175%
San Diego Sector	546	818	50%
Tucson Sector	7,813	7,448	-5%
Yuma Sector	227	312	37%
Southwest			

Border Total	31,491	62,998	100%
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Southwest Border Family Unit Apprehensions

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2014 to date (October 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2013.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014	% Change
Big Bend Sector	90	139	54%
Del Rio Sector	452	4,665	>500%
El Centro Sector	327	551	69%
El Paso Sector	259	491	90%
Laredo Sector	1,321	3,304	150%
Rio Grande Sector	4,762	48,161	>500%
San Diego Sector	1,305	1,480	13%
Tucson Sector	2,281	3,493	53%
Yuma Sector	204	572	180%
Southwest Border Total	11,001	62,856	471%

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

Fiscal Year 2014 through July 31

Sector	Other Than Mexicans
Rio Grande Valley	173,558
Southwest Border	227,279

Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Years 2009-2013; Fiscal Year 2014 through July 31

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	14,591
Guat emal a	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	15,733
Hon dura s	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	17,582
Mexi co	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	13,675

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