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

Sector	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014	% Change
Big Bend Sector	122	244	100%
Del Rio Sector	1,943	3,150	62%
El Centro Sector	396	612	55%
El Paso Sector	693	945	36%
Laredo Sector	3,503	3,629	4%
Rio Grande Sector	19,247	48,475	152%
San Diego Sector	589	877	49%
Tucson Sector	8,480	7,867	-7%
Yuma Sector	236	328	39%
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Border Total	35,209	66,127	88%
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Southwest Border Family Unit Apprehensions

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

Sector	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014	% Change
Big Bend Sector	97	164	69%
Del Rio Sector	591	4,839	>500%
El Centro Sector	347	592	71%
El Paso Sector	290	530	83%
Laredo Sector	1,514	3,487	130%
Rio Grande Sector	6,002	50,619	>500%
San Diego Sector	1,424	1,617	14%
Tucson Sector	2,436	3,668	51%
Yuma Sector	207	626	202%
Southwest Border Total	12,908	66,142	412%

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

Fiscal Year 2014 through August 31

Sector	Other Than Mexicans
Rio Grande Valley	185,220
Southwest Border	242,329

Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Years 2009-2013; Fiscal Year 2014 through August 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	15,800
Guat emal a	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	16,528
Hon dura s	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	17,975
Mexi co	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	14,702

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