

## 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

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

Sector	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014	% Change
Big Bend Sector	125	256	105%
Del Rio Sector	2,135	3,268	53%
El Centro Sector	434	662	53%
El Paso Sector	744	1,029	38%
Laredo Sector	3,795	3,800	0%
Rio Grande Sector	21,553	49,959	132%
San Diego Sector	656	954	45%
Tucson Sector	9,070	8,262	-9%
Yuma Sector	247	351	42%
<b>Southwest</b>			

<b>Border Total</b>	<b>38,759</b>	<b>68,541</b>	<b>77%</b>
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### Southwest Border Family Unit Apprehensions

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

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2013</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2014</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Big Bend Sector	102	176	73%
Del Rio Sector	711	4,950	>500%
El Centro Sector	365	630	73%
El Paso Sector	298	562	89%
Laredo Sector	1,688	3,591	113%
Rio Grande Sector	7,265	52,326	>500%
San Diego Sector	1,576	1,723	9%
Tucson Sector	2,630	3,812	45%
Yuma Sector	220	675	207%
<b>Southwest Border Total</b>	<b>14,855</b>	<b>68,445</b>	<b>361%</b>

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

**Fiscal Year 2014 through September 30**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Other Than Mexicans</b>
Rio Grande Valley	192,925
<b>Southwest Border</b>	<b>252,600</b>

## Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Years 2009-2013; Fiscal Year 2014 through September 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	16,404
Guat emal a	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	17,057
Hon dura s	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	18,244
Mexi co	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	15,634

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