

## 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 2015 to date (October 1, 2014 - October 31, 2014) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2014.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015	% Change
Big Bend Sector	18	13	-28%
Del Rio Sector	172	120	-30%
El Centro Sector	39	35	-10%
El Paso Sector	64	80	25%
Laredo Sector	301	223	-26%
Rio Grande Sector	2,652	1,551	-42%
San Diego Sector	45	74	64%
Tucson Sector	874	404	-54%
Yuma Sector	16	29	81%
<b>Southwest</b>			

<b>Border Total</b>	<b>4,181</b>	<b>2,529</b>	<b>-40%</b>
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### Southwest Border Family Unit Apprehensions

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2015 to date (October 1, 2014 - October 31, 2014) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2014.

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2014</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2015</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Big Bend Sector	4	30	>500%
Del Rio Sector	150	79	-47%
El Centro Sector	37	16	-57%
El Paso Sector	23	22	-4%
Laredo Sector	164	136	-17%
Rio Grande Sector	1,472	1,555	6%
San Diego Sector	171	119	-30%
Tucson Sector	375	182	-51%
Yuma Sector	18	24	33%
<b>Southwest Border Total</b>	<b>2,414</b>	<b>2,163</b>	<b>-10%</b>

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

Fiscal Year 2015 through October 31, 2014

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Other Than Mexicans</b>
Rio Grande Valley	7,702
<b>Southwest Border</b>	<b>10,155</b>

## Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Years 2009-2014; Fiscal Year 2015 through October 31, 2014

Country	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
El Salvador	1,221	1,910	1,394	3,314	5,990	16,404	535
Guatemala	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	17,057	687
Honduras	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	18,244	259
Mexico	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	15,634	993

## Family Unit Apprehensions Encountered by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year 2015 through October 31, 2014

Country	FY 2015
El Salvador	615
Guatemala	640
Honduras	453
Mexico	371

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