

## 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 - December 31, 2014) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2014.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015	% Change
Big Bend Sector	43	60	40%
Del Rio Sector	613	316	-48%
El Centro Sector	114	98	-14%
El Paso Sector	212	266	25%
Laredo Sector	816	575	-30%
Rio Grande Sector	8,294	4,928	-41%
San Diego Sector	154	237	54%
Tucson Sector	2,550	1,415	-45%
Yuma Sector	56	115	105%
<b>Southwest</b>	12,852	8,010	-38%

**Border Total****Southwest Border Family Unit Apprehensions\***

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

Sector	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015	% Change
Big Bend Sector	13	76	485%
Del Rio Sector	507	280	-45%
El Centro Sector	109	146	34%
El Paso Sector	82	93	13%
Laredo Sector	595	357	-40%
Rio Grande Sector	5,689	5,343	-6%
San Diego Sector	430	426	-1%
Tucson Sector	1,042	621	-40%
Yuma Sector	44	126	186%
<b>Southwest Border Total</b>	<b>8,511</b>	<b>7,468</b>	<b>-12%</b>

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

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2015 to date (October 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014)

Sector	FY2015
Rio Grande Valley	22,979
<b>Southwest Border</b>	<b>31,507</b>

### Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Years 2009-2014; Fiscal Year 2015 to date (October 1, 2014 - December 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	1,564
Guatemala	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	17,057	2,746
Honduras	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	18,244	506
Mexico	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	15,634	2,787

### Family Unit Apprehensions Encountered by Fiscal Year\*

Fiscal Year 2015 to date (October 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014)

Country	FY 2015
El Salvador	1,911
Guatemala	2,501
Honduras	1,651
Mexico	1,158

**\*Note:** (Family Unit represents the number of individuals (either a child under 18 years old, parent or legal guardian) apprehended with a family member by the U.S. Border Patrol.)

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