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Southwest Border Unaccompanied Alien Children

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 - January 31, 2015) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2014.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015	% Change
Big Bend Sector	65	84	29%
Del Rio Sector	769	414	-46%
El Centro Sector	149	148	-1%
El Paso Sector	283	351	24%
Laredo Sector	1,039	746	-28%
Rio Grande Sector	10,713	6,051	-44%
San Diego Sector	235	308	31%
Tucson Sector	3,208	1,852	-42%
Yuma Sector	97	169	74%
<b>Southwest Border Total</b>	<b>16,558</b>	<b>10,123</b>	<b>-39%</b>

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**Southwest Border Family Unit Apprehensions\***

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

Sector	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015	% Change
Big Bend Sector	25	90	260%
Del Rio Sector	686	375	-45%
El Centro Sector	159	168	6%
El Paso Sector	108	115	6%
Laredo Sector	766	461	-40%
Rio Grande Sector	7,198	6,434	-11%
San Diego Sector	579	555	-4%
Tucson Sector	1,208	716	-41%
Yuma Sector	68	176	159%
<b>Southwest Border Total</b>	<b>10,797</b>	<b>9,090</b>	<b>-16%</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 - January 31, 2015)

Sector	FY2015
Rio Grande Valley	28,198
<b>Southwest Border</b>	<b>39,085</b>

**Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year**

Fiscal Years 2009-2014; Fiscal Year 2015 to date (October 1, 2014 - January 31, 2015)

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	1,797
Guatemala	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	17,057	3,548
Honduras	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	18,244	951
Mexico	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	15,634	3,635

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

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

Country	FY 2015
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El Salvador	2,246
Guatemala	3,032
Honduras	2,074
Mexico	3,635

**\*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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