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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 - April 30, 2015) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2014.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015	% Change
Big Bend Sector	245	99%	
Del Rio Sector	1,784	956	-46%
El Centro Sector	349	319	-9%
El Paso Sector	569	726	28%
Laredo Sector	2,269	1,380	-39%
Rio Grande Sector	24,983	10,955	-56%
San Diego Sector	534	311	-42%

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Tucson Sector	5,456	3,364	-38%
Yuma Sector	216	363	68%
Southwest Border Total	36,280	18,919	-48%

Southwest Border Family Unit Apprehensions*

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2015 to date (October 1, 2014 - April 30, 2015) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2014.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015	% Change
Big Bend Sector		176	283%
Del Rio Sector	1,985	802	-60%
El Centro Sector	268	328	22%
El Paso Sector	246	350	42%
Laredo Sector	1,694	713	-58%
Rio Grande Sector	18,848	11,691	-38%
San Diego Sector	1,018	988	-3%
Tucson Sector	1,948	1,493	-23%
Yuma Sector	288	456	58%
Southwest Border Total	26,341	16,997	-35%

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 - April 30, 2015)

Sector FY2015

Rio Grande Valley 49,306

Southwest Border 70,448

Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Years 2009-2014; Fiscal Year 2015 to date (October 1, 2014 - April 30, 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	3,514
Guatemala	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	17,057	6,607
Honduras	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	18,244	1,977
Mexico	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	15,634	6,519

Family Unit Apprehensions Encountered by Fiscal Year*

Fiscal Year 2015 to date (October 1, 2014 - April 30, 2015)

Country	FY 2015
El Salvador	4,058
Guatemala	5,623
Honduras	4,288
Mexico	2,521

***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.)