

## Southwest Border Unaccompanied Alien Children | U.S. Customs and Border Protection

### 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 - June 1, 2015) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2014.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015	% Change
Big Bend Sector	123	346	134%
Del Rio Sector	1,784	1,209	-48%
El Centro Sector	349	391	-4%
El Paso Sector	569	882	30%
Laredo Sector	2,269	1,571	-43%
Rio Grande Sector	24,983	13,249	-60%
San Diego Sector	531	708	12%
Tucson Sector	5,456	4,026	-36%
Yuma Sector	216	487	85%
<b>Southwest</b>	<b>36,280</b>	<b>22,869</b>	<b>-51%</b>

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

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

Sector	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015	% Change
Big Bend Sector	46	236	337%
Del Rio Sector	1,985	1,066	-65%
El Centro Sector	268	366	12%
El Paso Sector	246	468	53%
Laredo Sector	1,694	809	-64%
Rio Grande Sector	18,848	14,277	-51%
San Diego Sector	1,018	1,147	-4%
Tucson Sector	1,948	1,823	-28%
Yuma Sector	288	658	63%
<b>Southwest Border Total</b>	<b>26,341</b>	<b>20,850</b>	<b>-47%</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 - June 1, 2015)

Sector	FY2015
Rio Grande Valley	58,947
<b>Southwest Border</b>	<b>85,131</b>

### Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Years 2009-2014; Fiscal Year 2015 to date (October 1, 2014 - June 1, 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	4,458
Guatemala	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	17,057	8,048
Honduras	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	18,244	2,533
Mexico	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	15,634	7,487

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

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

Country	FY 2015
El Salvador	5,054
Guatemala	6,914
Honduras	5,337
Mexico	2,882

**\*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.)

---

**Tags:** [Statistics](#) [Unaccompanied Alien Children \(UAC\)](#) [U.S. Border Patrol](#)