

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

Sector	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015	% Change
Big Bend Sector	221	522	136%
Del Rio Sector	3,020	1,716	-43%
El Centro Sector	564	507	-10%
El Paso Sector	875	1,261	44%
Laredo Sector	3,425	1,990	-42%
Rio Grande Sector	46,295	18,240	-61%
San Diego Sector	818	871	6%
Tucson Sector	7,447	4,995	-33%
Yuma Sector	312	760	144%
<b>Southwest</b>			

<b>Border Total</b>	62,977	30,862	-51%
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### **Southwest Border Family Unit Apprehensions\***

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2015 to date (October 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015) 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	140	388	177%
Del Rio Sector	4,665	1,531	-67%
El Centro Sector	551	501	-9%
El Paso Sector	491	826	68%
Laredo Sector	3,303	1,051	-68%
Rio Grande Sector	48,155	20,284	-58%
San Diego Sector	1,480	1,338	-10%
Tucson Sector	3,492	2,337	-33%
Yuma Sector	571	1151	102%
<b>Southwest Border Total</b>	62,848	29,407	-53%

### **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 - July 31, 2015)

<b>Sector</b>	<b>FY2015</b>
Rio Grande Valley	78,475
<b>Southwest Border</b>	<b>114,388</b>

### Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Years 2009-2014; Fiscal Year 2015 to date (October 1, 2014 - July 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	6,669
Guatemala	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	17,057	10,756
Honduras	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	18,244	3,838
Mexico	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	15,634	9,146

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

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

Country	FY 2015
El Salvador	7,504
Guatemala	9,674
Honduras	7,817
Mexico	3,494

**\*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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