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Over the last several months, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection has noted an increase in the number of unaccompanied children and family units apprehended along the southwest border. DHS is closely monitoring this situation.

DHS and the State Department are working together on public awareness campaigns to educate those considering making the dangerous journey northward. Our messaging to Central American and Mexican communities emphasizes the dangers of the journey, dispels misinformation about our immigration policies, and underscores that those attempting to come here illegally are a top priority for removal.

We are aware that smugglers often use misinformation about current immigration policies and practices to lure individuals seeking to cross the border illegally to employ their services.

We are closely monitoring current trends and coordinating across the whole of government to ensure an effective response to any changes in migration flows. We are diligently working to secure our borders, address underlying causes and deter future increases in unauthorized migration, while ensuring that those with legitimate humanitarian claims are afforded the opportunity to seek protection.”

Southwest Border Unaccompanied Alien Children (0-17 yr old) Apprehensions

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2016 (October 1, 2015 - October 31, 2015) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2015.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	% Change
Big Bend Sector	13	187	>500%
Del Rio Sector	120	237	98%
El Centro Sector	35	77	120%
El Paso Sector	80	241	201%
Laredo Sector	220	243	10%
Rio Grande Sector			

	1,547	3,026	96%
San Diego Sector	74	106	43%
Tucson Sector	401	625	56%
Yuma Sector	29	231	>500%
Southwest Border Total	2,519	4,973	97%

Southwest Border Family Unit Apprehensions*

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2016 (October 1, 2015 - October 31, 2015) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2015.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	% Change
Big Bend Sector	30	79	>500%
Del Rio Sector	79	283	258%
El Centro Sector	16	89	456%
El Paso Sector	22	266	>500%
Laredo Sector	136	153	13
Rio Grande Sector	1556	4,174	168%
San Diego Sector	119	108	-9%
Tucson Sector	180	303	68%
Yuma Sector	24	413	>500%
Southwest Border Total	2,162	6,029	179%

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

Numbers below reflect Fiscal Year 2016 (October 1, 2015 - October 31, 2015)

Sector	FY2016
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Rio Grande Valley	16,802
Southwest Border	11,244

Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

Numbers below reflect Fiscal Years 2009-2015, FY 2016 (October 1, 2015 - October 31, 2015)

Country	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
El Salvador	1,221	1,910	1,394	3,314	5,990	16,404	9,389	1,624
Guatemala	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	17,057	13,589	1,510
Honduras	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	18,244	5,409	787
Mexico	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	15,634	11,012	990

Family Unit Apprehensions Encountered by Fiscal Year*

Numbers below reflect Fiscal Year 2015, FY 2016 (October 1, 2015 - October 31, 2015)

Country	FY 2015	FY 2016
El Salvador	10,872	2,234
Guatemala	12,820	1,811
Honduras	10,671	1,523
Mexico	4,276	271

***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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