



## Southwest Border Unaccompanied Alien Children Statistics FY 2016

“Out of an abundance of caution, the Office of Refugee Resettlement at HHS has begun a process to expand its temporary capacity to house unaccompanied children. This is a prudent step to ensure that the Border Patrol can continue its vital national security mission to prevent illegal migration, trafficking, and protect the borders of the United States.

As we have highlighted over the last few months, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) have noted an increase in the number of unaccompanied children (UAC) and family units apprehended along the southwest border. The entire administration has been closely monitoring these current trends and coordinating across the whole of government to ensure an effective response to any changes in migration flows.

DHS and HHS are working together to accommodate these children without disrupting the vital national security mission of the Border Patrol and have begun a process to expand HHS temporary capacity to shelter unaccompanied children. The Office of Refugee Resettlement at HHS increased the capacity of current providers from 7,900 to 8,400 beds in November and is preparing for temporary bed space in the event that additional beds may be needed. ORR is continuously analyzing and monitoring bed capacity of unaccompanied children referred to HHS, as well as the information received from interagency partners, to inform any future decisions or actions.

We continue to aggressively work 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. We also continue to look at broader regional efforts to address the flow of children and family units from Central America into the United States.”

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

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

Sector	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	% Change
Disputed Sector	50	105	+ 500%

Big Bend Sector	58	465	>500%
Del Rio Sector	315	822	161%
El Centro Sector	97	276	185%
El Paso Sector	264	1,030	290%
Laredo Sector	572	805	41%
Rio Grande Sector	4,920	10,558	115%
San Diego Sector	236	352	49%
Tucson Sector	1,410	2,048	45%
Yuma Sector	115	1,014	>500%
<b>Southwest Border Total</b>	<b>7,987</b>	<b>17,370</b>	<b>117%</b>

### Southwest Border Family Unit Apprehensions\*

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

Sector	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	% Change
Big Bend Sector	76	528	>500%
Del Rio Sector	280	1,136	306%
El Centro Sector	146	363	149%
El Paso Sector	94	1,441	>500%
Laredo Sector	356	502	41%
Rio Grande Sector	5,344	14,336	168%
San Diego Sector	427	475	11%
Tucson Sector	620	1,122	82%

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Yuma Sector	125	1,556	>500%
<b>Southwest Border Total</b>	7,468	21,469	187%

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

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

Sector	FY2016
Rio Grande Valley	37,835
<b>Southwest Border</b>	58,650

### Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

Numbers below reflect Fiscal Years 2009-2015, FY 2016 (October 1, 2015 - December 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	5,017
Guatemala	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	17,057	13,589	6,474
Honduras	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	18,244	5,409	2,772
Mexico	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	15,634	11,012	2,881

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

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

Country	FY 2015	FY 2016
El Salvador	10,872	7,290
Guatemala	12,820	7,213
Honduras	10,671	5,496
Mexico	4,276	820

**\*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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