



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 - January 31, 2016) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2015.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	% Change

Big Bend Sector	83	518	>500%
Del Rio Sector	414	972	135%
El Centro Sector	147	330	124%
El Paso Sector	350	1,186	239%
Laredo Sector	743	997	34%
Rio Grande Sector	6,043	12,289	103%
San Diego Sector	307	493	61%
Tucson Sector	1,849	2,492	35%
Yuma Sector	169	1,178	>500%
Southwest Border Total	10,105	20,455	102%

Southwest Border Family Unit Apprehensions*

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

Sector	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	% Change
Big Bend Sector	90	582	>500%
Del Rio Sector	375	1,310	249%
El Centro Sector	168	405	141%
El Paso Sector	116	1,545	>500%
Laredo Sector	460	632	37%
Rio Grande Sector	6,435	16,359	154%
San Diego Sector	556	678	22%
Tucson Sector	715	1,298	82%

Yuma Sector	175	1,807	>500%
Southwest Border Total	9,090	24,616	171%

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
Southwest Border	58,650

Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

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

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	5,766
Guatemala	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	17,057	13,589	7,520
Honduras	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	18,244	5,409	3,152
Mexico	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	15,634	11,012	3,726

Family Unit Apprehensions Encountered by Fiscal Year*

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

Country	FY 2015	FY 2016
El Salvador	10,872	8,243
Guatemala	12,820	8,113
Honduras	10,671	6,280
Mexico	4,276	1,066

***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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