

U.S. Customs and Border Protection



United States Border Patrol Southwest Family Unit Subject and Unaccompanied Alien Children Apprehensions Fiscal Year 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.”

*Note: CBP updates this webpage on a monthly basis. Updated statistics may vary slightly compared to previous posts as a result of developments in immigration cases.

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

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2016 (October 1, 2015 - February 29, 2016) compared to the

same time period for Fiscal Year 2015.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	% Change
Big Bend Sector	142	562	296%
Del Rio Sector	543	1,165	115%
El Centro Sector	194	409	111%
El Paso Sector	433	1,394	222%
Laredo Sector	911	1,214	33%
Rio Grande Sector	7,332	13,946	90%
San Diego Sector	396	606	53%
Tucson Sector	2,327	2,930	26%
Yuma Sector	212	1,327	>500%
Southwest Border Total	12,490	23,553	89%

Southwest Border Family Unit Apprehensions*

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2016 (October 1, 2015 - February 29, 2016) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2015.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	% Change
Big Bend Sector	115	623	442%
Del Rio Sector	447	1,498	235%
El Centro Sector	199	450	126%
El Paso Sector	135	1,697	>500%
Laredo Sector	536	733	37%
Rio Grande Sector	7,839	18,251	133%

Rio Grande Sector	1,744	22,664	1,299%
San Diego Sector	682	871	28%
Tucson Sector	940	1,402	49%
Yuma Sector	238	2,139	>500%
Southwest Border Total	11,131	27,664	149%

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

Numbers below reflect Fiscal Year 2016 (October 1, 2015 - February 29, 2016)

Sector	FY2016
Rio Grande Valley	50,581
Southwest Border	79,918

Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

Numbers below reflect Fiscal Years 2009-2015, FY 2016 (October 1, 2015 - February 29, 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	6,621
Guatemala	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	17,057	13,589	8,329
Honduras	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	18,244	5,409	3,608
Mexico	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	15,634	11,012	4,658

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	9,314
Guatemala	12,820	8,823
Honduras	10,671	6,965

Mexico

4,276

1,312

***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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October

November

December

January

February

	FMUA	UAC
Sector	FY 2016 OCT	FY 2016 OCT
Big Bend Sector	240	185
Del Rio Sector	283	237
El Centro Sector	89	76
El Paso Sector	266	239
Laredo Sector	152	242
Rio Grande Sector	4,172	3,012
San Diego Sector	108	105
Tucson Sector	303	618
Yuma Sector	413	230
Southwest Border Total	6,026	4,944

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