

U.S. Customs and Border Protection



United States Border Patrol Southwest Family Unit Subject and Unaccompanied Alien Children Apprehensions Fiscal Year 2016

STATEMENT BY SECRETARY JEH C. JOHNSON ON SOUTHWEST BORDER SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES

In connection with the latest monthly release of numbers of apprehensions on the southwest border, Secretary Johnson made the following statement:

“In June 2016, apprehensions by the Border Patrol on our southwest border – an indicator of total attempts to cross the border illegally – decreased from May and April:

	<u>UAC</u>	<u>Family Members</u>	<u>All</u>
January 2016	3091	3,145	23,759
February 2016	3,095	3,051	26,077
March 2016	4,214	4,451	33,319
April 2016	5,173	5,620	38,088
May 2016	5,617	6,782	40,349
June 2016	4,809	6,633	34,463

This decrease is consistent with seasonal migration patterns. Apprehensions for the year to-date are somewhat higher than in FY 2015, but significantly lower than FY 2014 and FY 2013.

We must enforce our immigration laws, and we are doing so consistent with our enforcement priorities. Those priorities, revised as part of the President’s executive actions in November 2014, more sharply focus our limited enforcement resources on public safety and border security. And, those priorities are reflected in actual results. Today, over 99% of those in immigration detention fit within one of these

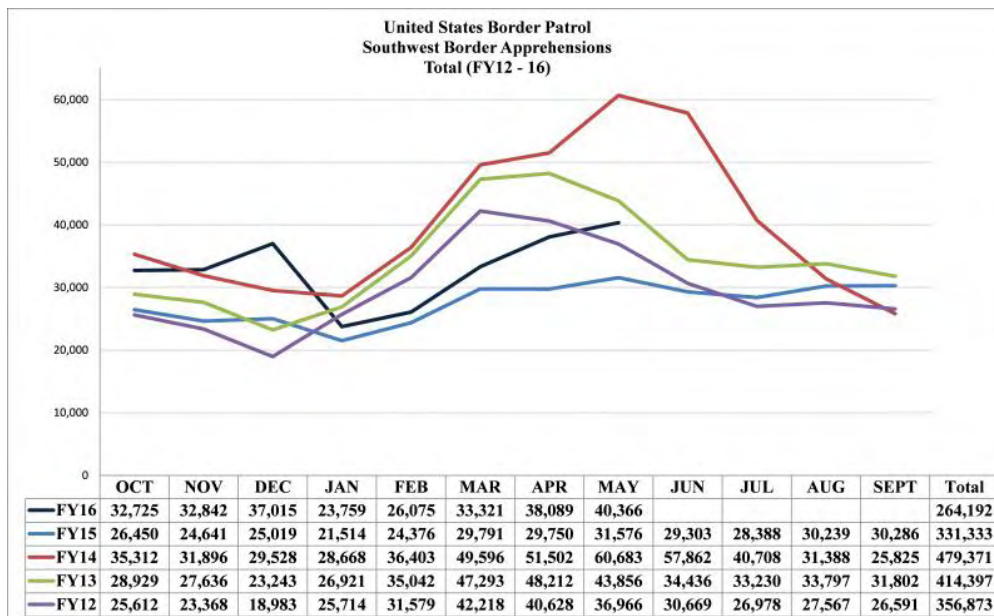
enforcement priorities; and around 85% are within the top priority for removal. In 2009 just 35% of those deported by ICE were convicted criminals; today that percentage is 60%.

We also continue to crack down on the transnational criminal organizations involved in the smuggling and exploitation of migrants. Last week, 41 individuals linked to transnational criminal organizations responsible for smuggling hundreds of migrants through South and Central America into the United States were arrested, with our support, by foreign partners in two separate multinational operations. These arrests were part of the ongoing “Operation Citadel” – a multi-country effort, supported by DHS Joint Task Force-Investigations. Likewise, DHS recently launched “Operation All In,” coordinated by our Joint Task Force-West, which targets individuals involved in smuggling along our southwest border. In the first 10 days of this operation, conducted last month, we made 30 criminal arrests and 19 administrative arrests of smugglers for immigration violations.

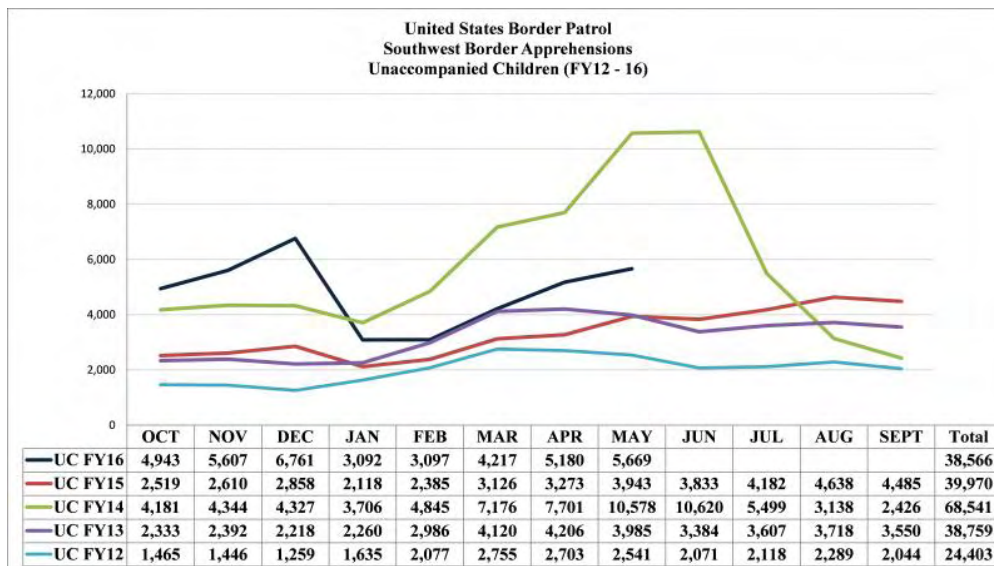
In May, I visited Central America for the third time in two years. We are cognizant that conditions in Central America push many to flee the region in search of a better life in the United States, and recognize the need to provide a safe alternative path to our country, and that many from the region should be regarded as refugees. Through our Central American Minors program, the U.S. Government continues to offer in-country processing in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala for the protection of minors with a parent lawfully present in the United States. To date, we have accepted applications from 9,216 individuals and have approved 2,297 of these applications for refugee resettlement or parole. We are expanding other alternative paths to the United States for those who qualify for protection under our immigration laws.

We also recognize that the ultimate solution is a long-term investment in Central America, to address underlying conditions there. We are pleased with the \$750 million in support Congress provided this year in aid to Central America, and generally are encouraged by the more recent proposals by some in Congress to take additional steps to address the humanitarian crisis in the region.”

Southwest Border Total Apprehensions (FY12-16)



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

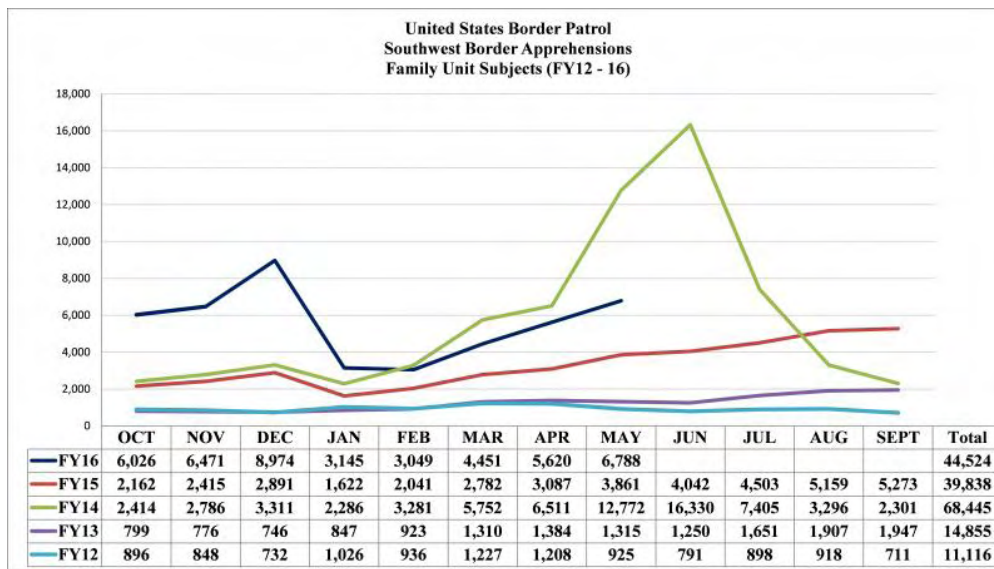


Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2016 (October 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2015 and Fiscal Year 2014.

	FY 2014	% Change	% Change
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Sector		FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 14 to FY 15	FY 15 to FY 16
Big Bend Sector	178	410	829	130%	102%
Del Rio Sector	2,781	1,478	2,034	-47%	38%
El Centro Sector	485	444	862	-8%	94%
El Paso Sector	794	1,052	2,592	32%	146%
Laredo Sector	3,128	1,774	2,233	-43%	26%
Rio Grande Sector	42,146	15,607	26,195	-63%	68%
San Diego Sector	729	787	1,151	8%	46%
Tucson Sector	6,942	4,515	5,072	-35%	12%
Yuma Sector	295	598	2,312	103%	287%
Southwest Border Total	57,478	26,665	43,280	-54%	62%

Southwest Border Family Unit Apprehensions*



Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2016 (October 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2015 and Fiscal Year 2014.

Sector	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	% Change FY 14 to FY 15	% Change FY 15 to FY 16
Big Bend Sector	82	285	815	248%	186%
Del Rio Sector	4,199	1,299	2,554	-69%	97%
El Centro Sector	432	425	907	-2%	113%
El Paso Sector	419	613	3,178	46%	418%
Laredo Sector	2,987	923	1,263	-69%	37%
Rio Grande Sector	42,363	17,179	34,289	-59%	100%
San Diego Sector	1,361	1,252	1,747	-8%	40%
	3,116	2,079	2,283	-33%	10%

Tucson Sector					
Yuma Sector	484	848	4,109	75%	385%
Southwest Border Total	55,443	24,903	51,145	-55%	105%

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

Numbers below reflect Fiscal Year 2016 (October 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016)

Sector	FY2016
Rio Grande Valley	96,785
Southwest Border	151,854

Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

Numbers below reflect Fiscal Years 2009-2015, FY 2016 (October 1, 2015 - June 30, 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	12,800
Guatemala	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	17,057	13,589	13,755
Honduras	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	18,244	5,409	7,058
Mexico	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	15,634	11,012	8,978

Family Unit Apprehensions Encountered by Fiscal Year*

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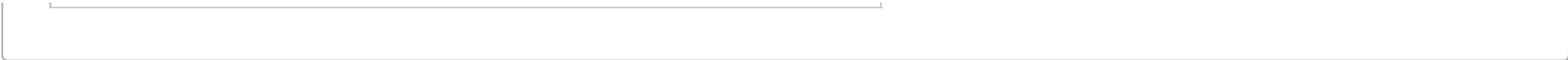
Country	FY 2015	FY 2016

El Salvador	10,872	18,225
Guatemala	12,820	14,732
Honduras	10,671	13,006
Mexico	4,276	2,498

***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.)

United States Border Patrol Southwest Family Unit Subject and Unaccompanied Alien Children Apprehensions Fiscal Year 2016 - By Month

<div> October November December January February March April May </div>			
	FMUA	UAC	Total Apprehensions
Sector	FY 2016 OCT	FY 2016 OCT	FY 2016 OCT
Big Bend Sector	240	185	735
Del Rio Sector	283	237	1,873
El Centro Sector	89	76	1,214
El Paso Sector	266	239	1,641
Laredo Sector	152	242	3,146
Rio Grande Sector	4,172	3,012	15,036
San Diego Sector	108	105	2,082
Tucson Sector	303	618	5,903
Yuma Sector	413	230	1,101
Southwest Border Total	6,026	4,944	32,731



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