

U.S. Customs and Border Protection



Southwest Border Migration

U.S. Customs and Border Protection saw a dip in arrivals along the Southwest Border in December, although overall total migration remained at elevated levels, primarily due to family units and unaccompanied children from Central America, Haitian nationals migrating from Brazil, and Cuban nationals. CBP continues to maintain a strong security posture through background checks of all individuals encountered and ensures that each person is processed in accordance with U.S. immigration laws and DHS policy.

In response to the increased number of individuals apprehended between ports of entry or encountered at ports of entry, CBP opened temporary holding facilities in Tornillo and Donna, Texas, in November 2016 capable of holding 500 people each. The facilities are available to provide additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for processing, detention, and/or removal, or to the Department of Health and Human Services.

U.S. Border Patrol Apprehensions FY2017 YTD(October 1 - December 31)

USBP	Demographic	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Southwest Border	UAC	6,714	7,364	7,243	21,321
	Family Units	13,117	15,591	16,135	44,843
Southwest Border Total Apprehensions		46,184	47,214	43,272	136,670

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In December, a total of 43,272 individuals were apprehended between ports of entry on our Southwest Border, compared with 47,214 in November and 46,184 in October. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, USBP apprehended 408,870 individuals along our southwest border, compared to

331,333 in FY15, and 479,371 in FY14.

For breakdown by Sector, visit [USBP Southwest Border Apprehensions by Sector](#)

Office of Field Operations Inadmissibles FY2017 YTD(October 1 - December 31)

Field Operations	Demographic	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Southwest Border	UAC	1,834	1,445	993	4,272
	Family Units	6,491	5,127	3,858	15,476
Southwest Border Total Inadmissibles		20,531	16,155	15,226	51,912

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In December, a total of 15,226 people presenting themselves at ports of entry on the Southwest Border were deemed inadmissible compared to 16,155 in November and 20,531 in October. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 150,825 were deemed inadmissible compared to 114,486 in FY15 and 90,601 in FY14.

OFO inadmissibility metrics include individuals encountered at ports of entry who are seeking lawful admission into the United States but are determined to be inadmissible, individuals presenting themselves to seek humanitarian protection under our laws, and individuals who withdraw an application for admission and return to their countries of origin within a short timeframe.

For breakdown by Field Office, visit [Southwest Border Inadmissibles by Field Office](#)

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U.S. Border Patrol Southwest Border Apprehensions by Sector

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

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2017 YTD(October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2016.

Unaccompanied Alien Children by Sector			
Sector	FY2016YTD	FY2017YTD	% Change FY16YTD to FY17YTD
Big Bend	460	223	-52%
Del Rio	819	676	-17%
El Centro	272	518	90%
El Paso	1,025	1,972	92%
Laredo	804	738	-8%
Rio Grande	10,527	13,624	29%
San Diego	349	584	67%
Tucson	2,040	1,569	-23%
Yuma	1,008	1,417	41%
USBP Southwest Border Total	17,304	21,321	23%

Southwest Border Family Unit* Apprehensions

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2017 YTD(October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2016.

Family Unit* Apprehensions by Sector			
Sector	FY2016YTD	FY2017YTD	% Change FY16YTD to FY17YTD
Big Bend	529	434	-18%
Del Rio	1,136	1,423	25%
El Centro	363	985	171%
El Paso	1,441	5,200	261%
Laredo	501	461	-8%
Rio Grande	14,337	30,293	111%
San Diego	475	1,643	246%

Family Unit* Apprehensions by Sector			
Sector	FY2016YTD	FY2017YTD	% Change FY16YTD to FY17YTD
Tucson	1,132	1,188	5%
Yuma	1,555	3,216	107%
USBP Southwest Border Total	21,469	44,843	109%

Unaccompanied Alien Children Apprehensions by Country

Numbers below reflect Fiscal Years 2010-2016, FY 2017 YTD(October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016)

Unaccompanied Alien Children Apprehensions by Country					
Country	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017 YTD
El Salvador	5,990	16,404	9,389	17,512	5,884
Guatemala	8,068	17,057	13,589	18,913	7,604
Honduras	6,747	18,244	5,409	10,468	4,623
Mexico	17,240	15,634	11,012	11,926	2,956

Family Unit* Apprehensions by Country

Numbers below reflect Fiscal Year 2016, FY 2017 YTD(October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016)

Family Units* Apprehensions by Country		
Country	FY 2016	FY 2017 YTD
El Salvador	27,114	15,805
Guatemala	23,067	13,684
Honduras	20,226	13,172
Mexico	3,481	981

***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.)

Southwest Family Unit Subject and Unaccompanied Alien Children Apprehensions Fiscal Year 2017 - By Month

<div> <div>October</div> <div>November</div> <div>December</div> </div>			
	FMUA	UAC	Total Apprehensions
Sector	FY 2017 OCT	FY 2017 OCT	FY 2017 OCT
Big Bend	138	86	697
Del Rio	427	223	2,104
El Centro	278	198	2,439
El Paso	1,482	622	3,973
Laredo	133	283	3,350
Rio Grande	8,720	4,085	22,643
San Diego	435	180	2,936

	FMUA	UAC	Total Apprehensions
Sector	FY 2017 OCT	FY 2017 OCT	FY 2017 OCT
Tucson	356	581	5,925
Yuma	1,148	456	2,117
USBP Southwest Border Total	13,117	6,714	46,184

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Southwest Border Inadmissibles by Field Office

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

Comparisons below reflect Fiscal Year 2017 YTD(October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2016.

Unaccompanied Alien Children			
Field Offices	FY2016YTD	FY2017YTD	% Change FY16YTD to FY17YTD
El Paso	544	1,555	186%
Laredo	496	1,533	209%
San Diego	841	531	-37%
Tucson	572	653	14%
Field Ops Southwest Border Total	2,453	4,272	74%

Southwest Border Family Unit Inadmissibles*¹

Numbers below reflect Fiscal Year 2017 YTD (October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016)

Family Units	
Field Offices	FY2017 YTD
El Paso	3,693

Family Units	
Field Offices	FY2017 YTD
Laredo	6,574
San Diego	2,363
Tucson	2,846
Field Operations Southwest Border Total	15,476

¹**Note:**Field Operations only started collecting Family Unit numbers as of March 2016

Unaccompanied Alien Children Inadmissibles by Fiscal Year

Numbers below reflect totals for Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016, FY 2017 YTD (October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016)

Unaccompanied Alien Children by Country			
Country	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017 YTD
El Salvador	454	2,553	1,269
Guatemala	1,378	3,961	1,770
Honduras	335	1,591	670
Mexico	1,713	2,169	469

Family Unit Inadmissibles by Fiscal Year*¹

Numbers below reflect the total for FY 2017 YTD (October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016)

Family Unit by Country	
Country	FY 2017 YTD
El Salvador	2,917
Guatemala	3,378
Honduras	2,131

Family Unit by Country	
Country	FY 2017 YTD
Mexico	2,976

***Note:** (Family Unit represents the number of individuals (either a child under 18 years old, parent or legal guardian) deemed inadmissible with a family member by the Office of Field Operations.)

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Cuban Inadmissibles

In FY 2009, 7,458 Cuban inadmissibles presented themselves at U.S. ports of entry (POE), in FY13 that number increased to 17,359 and in FY16 (YTD through August) that number climbed to more than 50,000. Field Offices most affected by increasing numbers of Cuban inadmissibles were Laredo, El Paso and Miami. OFO continues to refine operational plans and procedures to adjust to this migratory surge by deploying personnel to impacted ports of entry, streamlining administrative processes, utilizing technology applications as a force-multiplier, and re-framing the distribution of workload.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection maintains a robust posture regarding the enforcement of our immigration laws along the nation's borders and coastal areas. We continue to promote safe, legal and orderly migration from Cuba under our Migration Accords and deter dangerous and unlawful migration from Cuba.

Generally, if a Cuban national arriving at a CBP port of entry expresses fear of return to Cuba and/or their country of last residence, he or she may be paroled into the United States. CBP officers and agents will verify whether the individual has any criminal or existing U.S. immigration history. If he or she is paroled, the Cuban national may be eligible under the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966 to apply for lawful permanent residence one year after being paroled.

Numbers below reflect totals for Fiscal Years 2012-2016, FY 2017 YTD (October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016)

Cuban Inadmissibles						
Field Office	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017 YTD
El Paso	154	219	415	685	5,018	282
Laredo	9,429	12,384	15,333	26,181	34,658	11,307

Cuban Inadmissibles						
Field Office	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017 YTD
San Diego	727	959	1,229	1,555	1,589	482
Tucson	86	142	132	221	258	145
Southwest Border Totals	10,396	13,704	17,109	28,642	41,523	12,216

Haitian Inadmissibles

Recently, CBP has seen an increase in the number of Haitians arriving at border crossings with no status in the United States. In FY16, CBP officers at Ports of Entry at the Southwest Border saw 6,424 Haitian inadmissibles, which represented a significant increase as compared to FY15. The majority of Haitian inadmissibles are presenting themselves at the San Ysidro Port of Entry, which falls under the San Diego Field Office. In response to the influx, the Office of Field Operations deployed 100 additional officers to support ports of entry within the San Diego Field Office. OFO has also deployed 16 special personnel with Creole fluency to support the processing of Haitian nationals at the ports, has leveraged remote processing capabilities, streamlined administrative case processes with the collaboration of the Office of Chief Counsel, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and continues to coordinate with the U.S. Border Patrol to support the overflow of Haitian inadmissibles in custody. After officers have processed individuals with no status to legally enter the U.S., Haitians are placed into the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for further disposition. Some, but not all Haitians arriving at ports of entry without legal status, are expressing credible fear of their return to Haiti.

Numbers below reflect totals for Fiscal Years 2012-2016, FY 2017 YTD (October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016)

Haitian Inadmissibles						
Field Office	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017 YTD
El Paso	0	0	1	0	2	17
Laredo	1	1	6	1	6	157
San Diego	821	921	477	333	6,377	6,026
Tucson	0	0	0	0	39	929

Haitian Inadmissibles						
Field Office	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017 YTD
Southwest Border Totals	822	922	484	334	6,424	7,129

Southwest Border Inadmissibles Fiscal Year 2017 - By Month

<div> October November December </div>			
	FMUA	UAC	Total Inadmissibles
Field Offices	FY 2017 OCT	FY 2017 OCT	FY 2017 OCT
El Paso	1,545	634	3,274
Laredo	2,762	762	8,727
San Diego	1,018	176	6,239
Tucson	1,166	262	2,291
Total	6,491	1,834	20,531
Cuban and Haitian inadmissibles*			
	Cubans	Haitians	
Field Offices	FY 2017 OCT	FY 2017 OCT	
El Paso	90	0	
Laredo	3,716	57	
San Diego	172	2,920	
Tucson	44	495	

	Cubans	Haitians
Field Offices	FY 2017 OCT	FY 2017 OCT
Total	4,022	3,472

*Note:Cuban and Haitian inadmissibles are a subset of the Total Southwest Border Inadmissibles data above

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