



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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 - November 30, 2015) compared to the same time period for Fiscal Year 2015.

Sector	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	% Change

Big Bend Sector	37	321	>500%
Del Rio Sector	214	494	131%
El Centro Sector	62	177	185%
El Paso Sector	163	571	250%
Laredo Sector	397	523	32%
Rio Grande Sector	3,219	6,465	101%
San Diego Sector	130	205	58%
Tucson Sector	855	1,285	58%
Yuma Sector	52	547	>500%
Southwest Border Total	5,129	10,588	106%

Southwest Border Family Unit Apprehensions*

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

Sector	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	% Change
Big Bend Sector	45	362	>500%
Del Rio Sector	162	597	269%
El Centro Sector	63	199	216%
El Paso Sector	49	690	>500%
Laredo Sector	248	311	25%
Rio Grande Sector	3,365	8,537	154%
San Diego Sector	242	242	0%
Tucson Sector	344	679	97%

Yuma Sector	59	8,888	>500%
Southwest Border Total	4,577	12,505	173%

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

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

Sector	FY2016
Rio Grande Valley	23,238
Southwest Border	35,234

Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year

Numbers below reflect Fiscal Years 2009-2015, FY 2016 (October 1, 2015 - November 30, 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	3,192
Guatemala	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	17,057	13,589	3,614
Honduras	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	18,244	5,409	1,674
Mexico	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	15,634	11,012	1,965

Family Unit Apprehensions Encountered by Fiscal Year*

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

Country	FY 2015	FY 2016
El Salvador	10,872	4,450
Guatemala	12,820	3,934
Honduras	10,671	3,203
Mexico	4,276	538

***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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