

Unaccompanied Children: A Resource Page



In the midst of the humanitarian situation on the U.S.-Mexico border, it is important to understand why

unaccompanied children and women are making the treacherous journey from their home countries. The American

Immigration Council has compiled the following resources that explains why there has been a recent influx and

what the U.S. should do to protect children and their families.

Special Reports and Perspectives

- [Taking Attendance: New Data Finds Majority of Children Appear in Immigration Court](#) [1] (July 2014)
- [Children in Danger: A Guide to the Humanitarian Challenge at the Border](#) [2] (July 2014)
- [No Childhood Here: Why Central American Children are Fleeing Their Homes](#) [3] (July 2014)
- [Mexican and Central American Asylum and Credible Fear Claims: Background and Context](#) [4] (May 2014)

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- [America Must Uphold Its Obligations to Protect Children and Families Fleeing Persecution](#) [5] (June 2014)

Blog Posts

- [New Report Helps Explain Why Central American Children Are Leaving Their Home Countries](#) [6] (July 2014)
- [Effort to Quickly Deport Child Migrants Fails to Address the](#) [7] Problem (June 2014)
- [Congress Needs Reminding of Unaccompanied Migrant Children's Plight](#) [8] (June 2014)
- [Not All Members of Congress Recognize the Nation's Role in Protecting Unaccompanied Minors](#) [9] (June 2014)
- [Child Refugees from Central America Need Protection, Not Deportation](#) [10] (June 2014)
- [Migrant Children Flee Violence in Home Countries](#) [11] (June 2014)

Background and Resources

- [Statistical Analysis Shows that Violence, Not Deferred Action, Is Behind the Surge of Unaccompanied Children Crossing the Border](#) [12] (Center for American Progress, July 2014)
- [Findings and Recommendations Relating to the 2012-2013 Missions to Monitor the Protection Screening of Mexican Unaccompanied Children Along the U.S.-Mexico Border](#) [13] (June 2014)
- [The U.S. Government's Response to the Current Influx of Unaccompanied Children at the Border and Its Obligations Under Existing Court Orders \(National Immigration Law Center, June 2014\)](#) [14]
- [Children on the Run](#) [15] (UNHCR, March 2014)
- [Forced from Home: The Lost Boys and Girls of Central America](#) [16] (Women's Refugee Commission, October 2012)
- [Unaccompanied Immigrant Children: A Growing Phenomenon with Few Easy Solutions](#) [17] (Migration Policy Institute, January 2011)

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[16] <http://womensrefugeecommission.org/resources/migrant-rights-and-justice/844-forced-from-home-the-lost-boys-and-girls-of-central-america/file>

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