

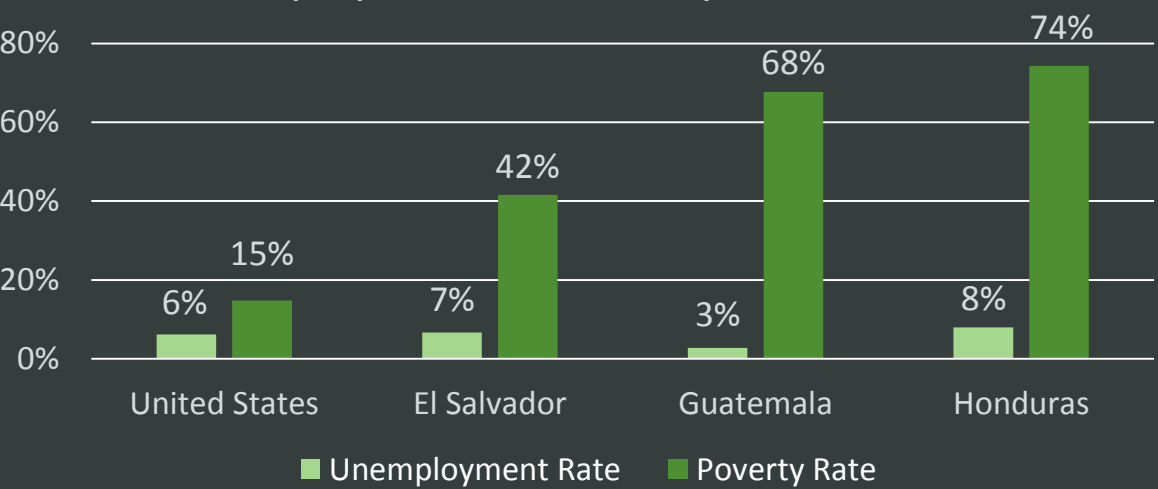
# Unaccompanied Children and Families at the Southwest Border

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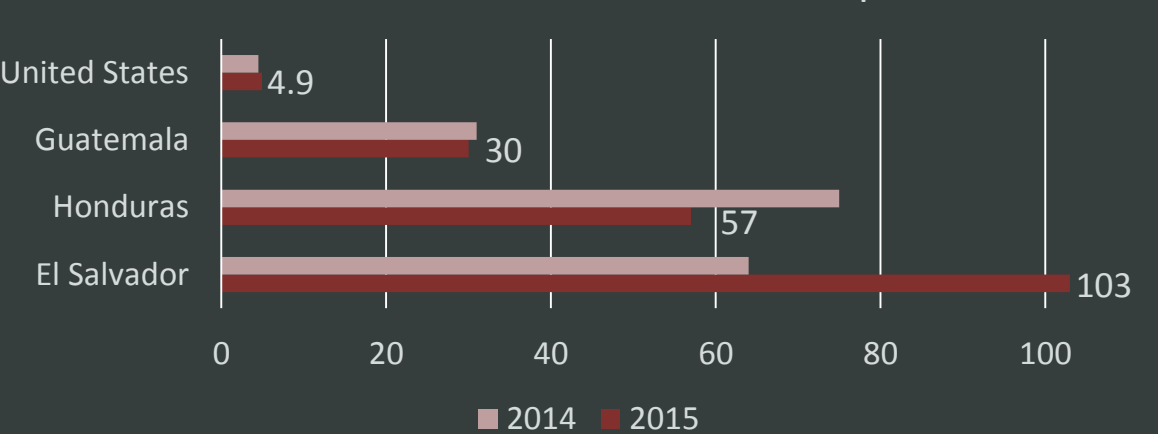
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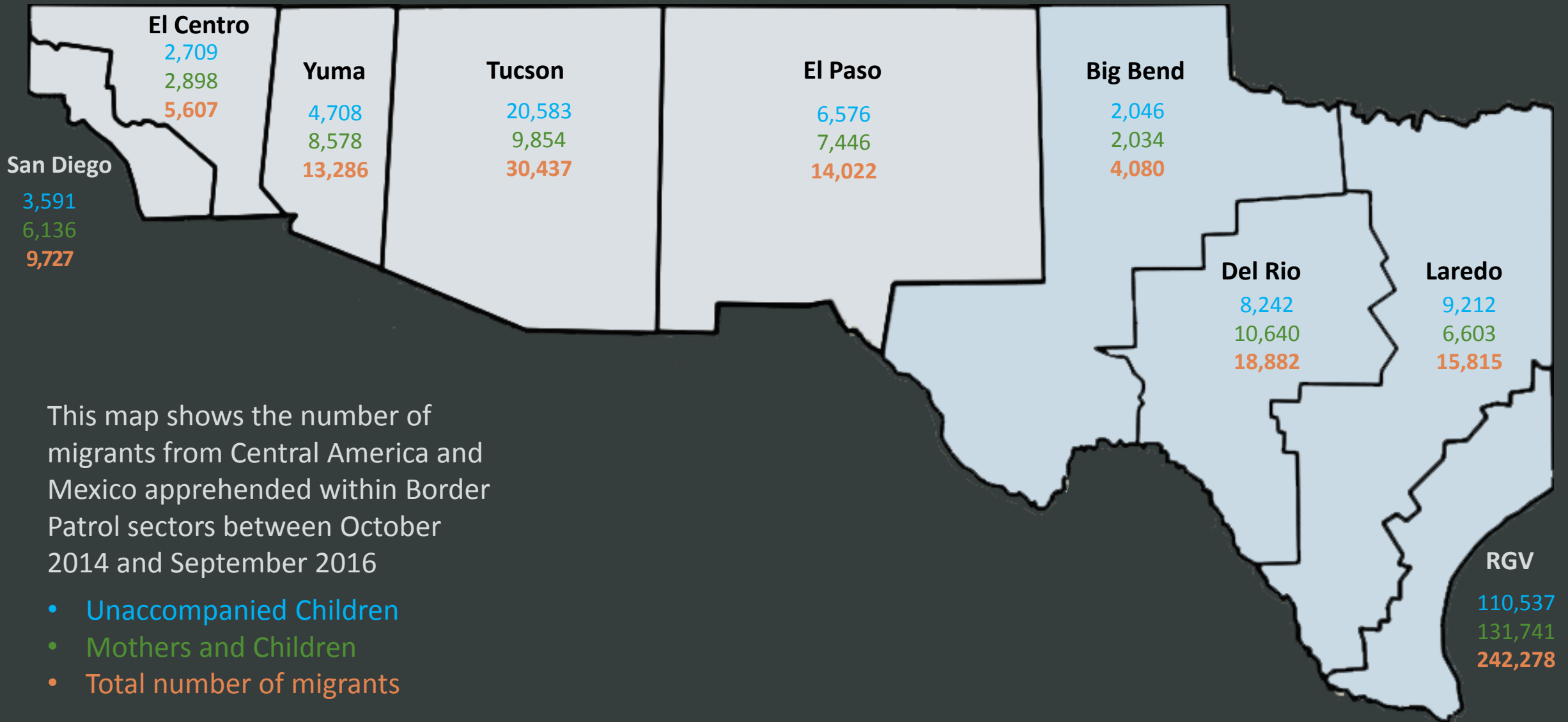
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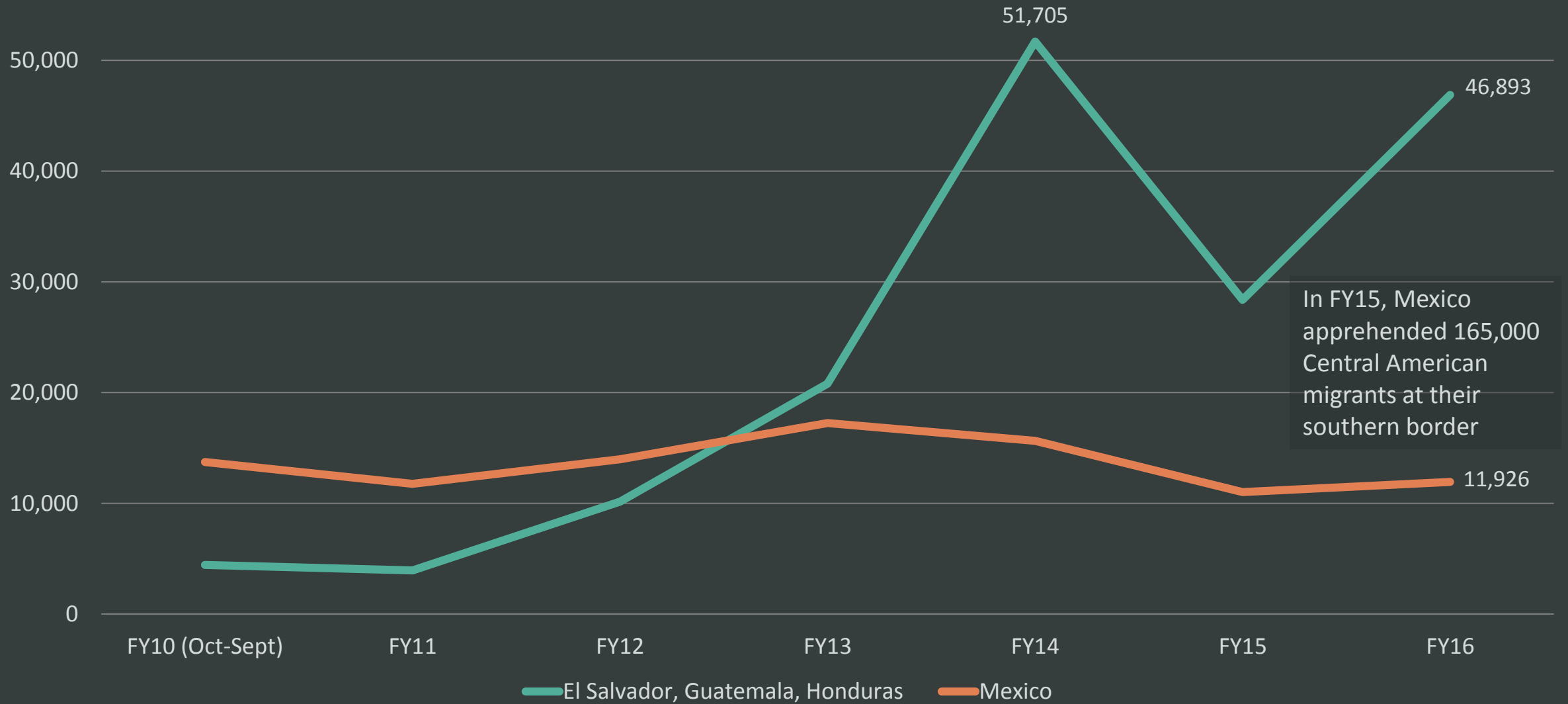
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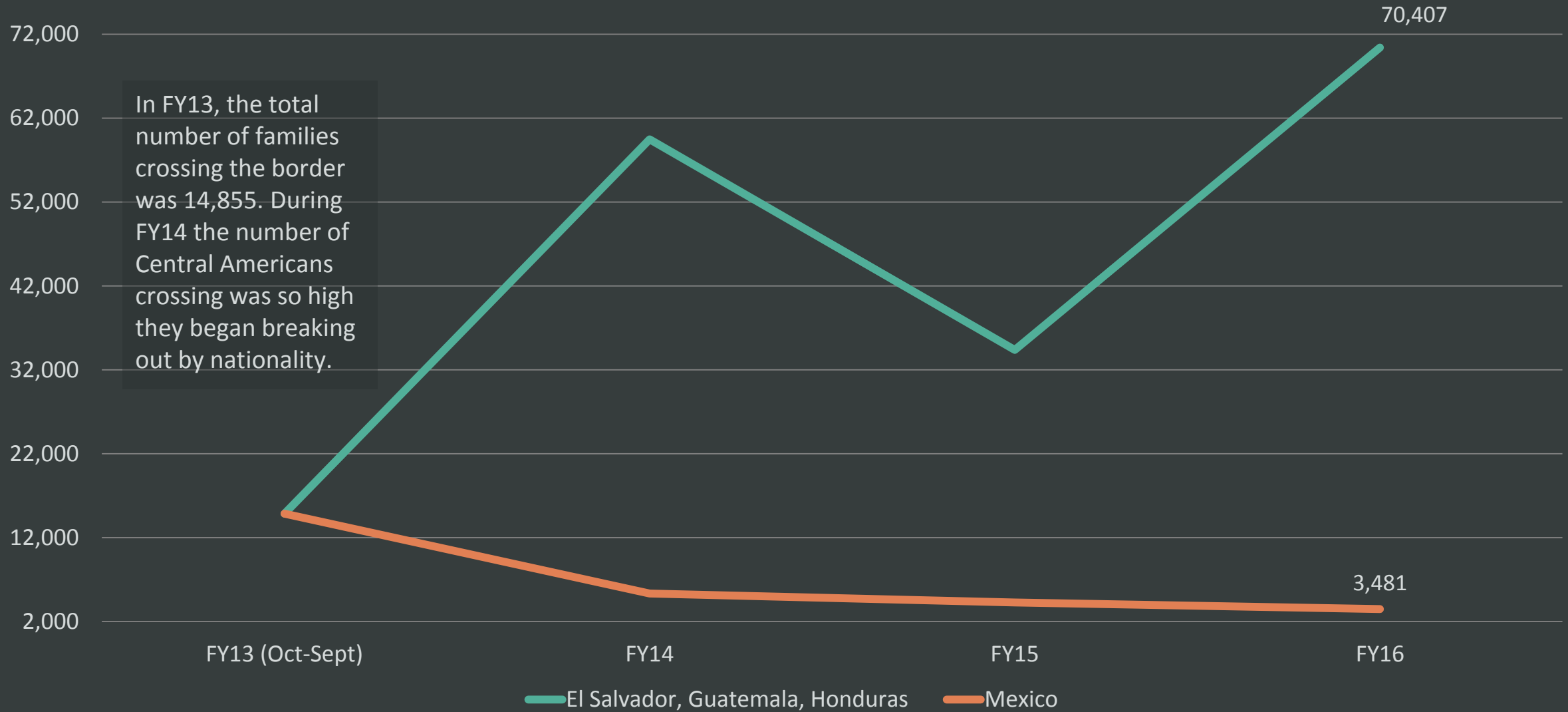
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# Country of Origin for Unaccompanied Children at the Border



# Country of Origin for Mothers and Children at the Border



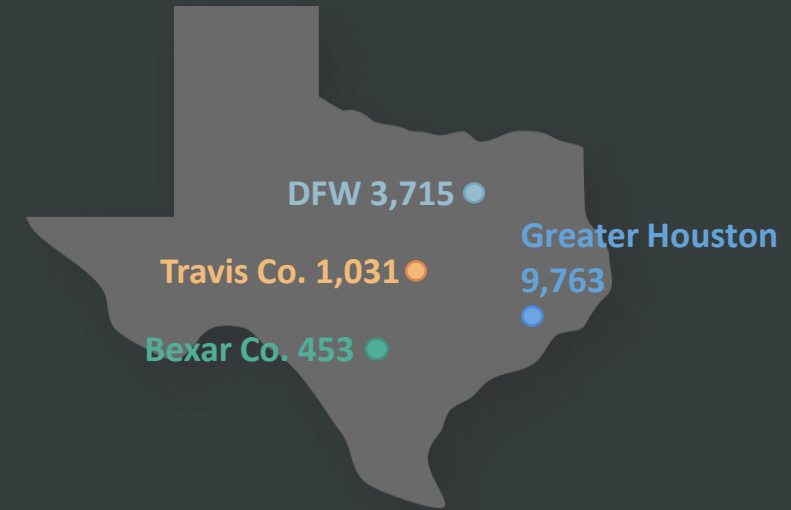
# Pathways to Texas



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*Texas Observer*



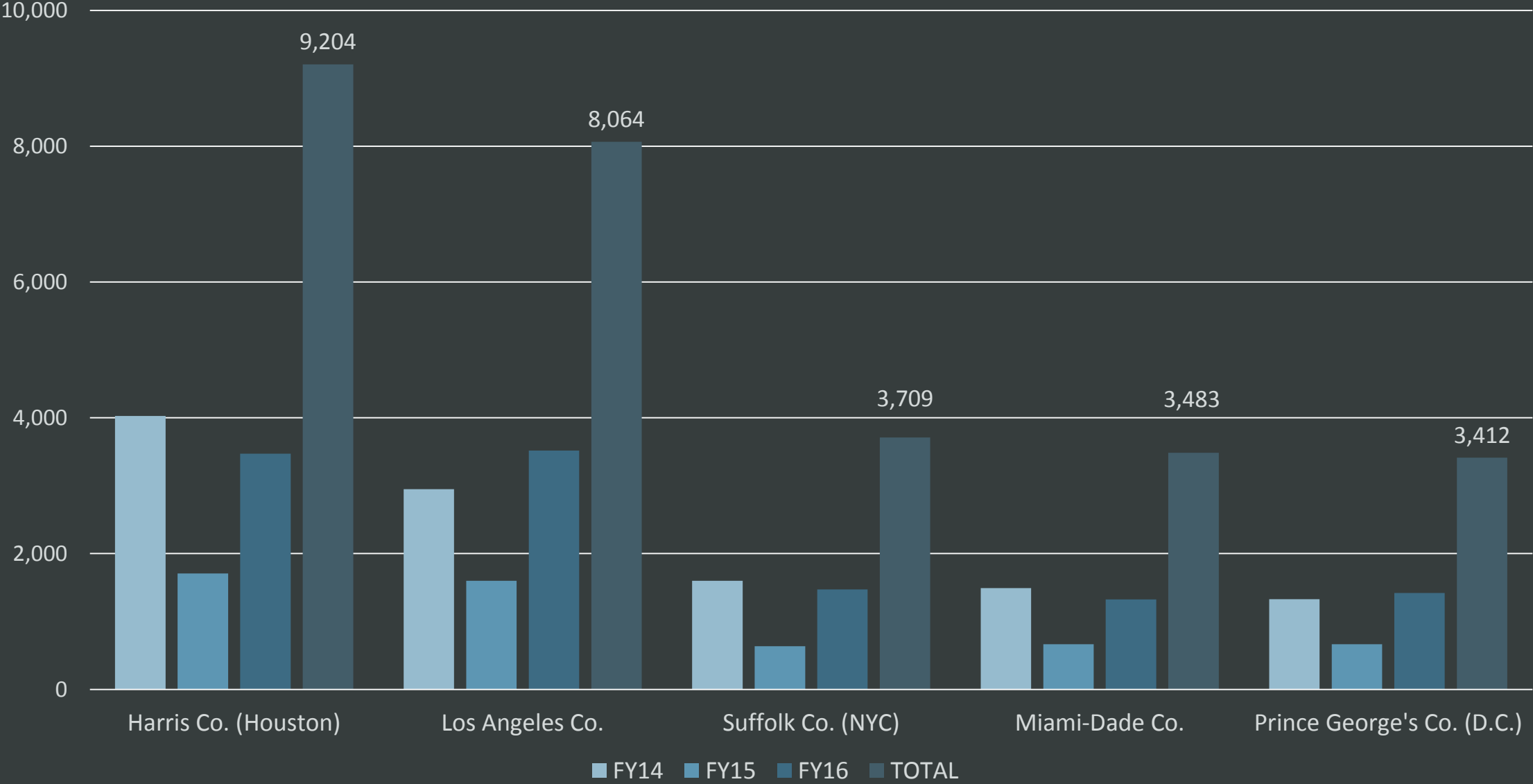
*Unaccompanied Children sent to Texas sponsors FY14 – FY16*

1. Central American families (mostly mothers with their children) and Unaccompanied Children are apprehended at border and detained by **Customs and Border Protection**; Unaccompanied Children must be released within 72 hours.

2. Unaccompanied Children are sent to **Office of Refugee Resettlement** shelters around the U.S.; there are 22 main organizations in TX where children stay an average of 30 days. Mothers and their families are sent to **Immigration and Customs Enforcement Detention Centers**.

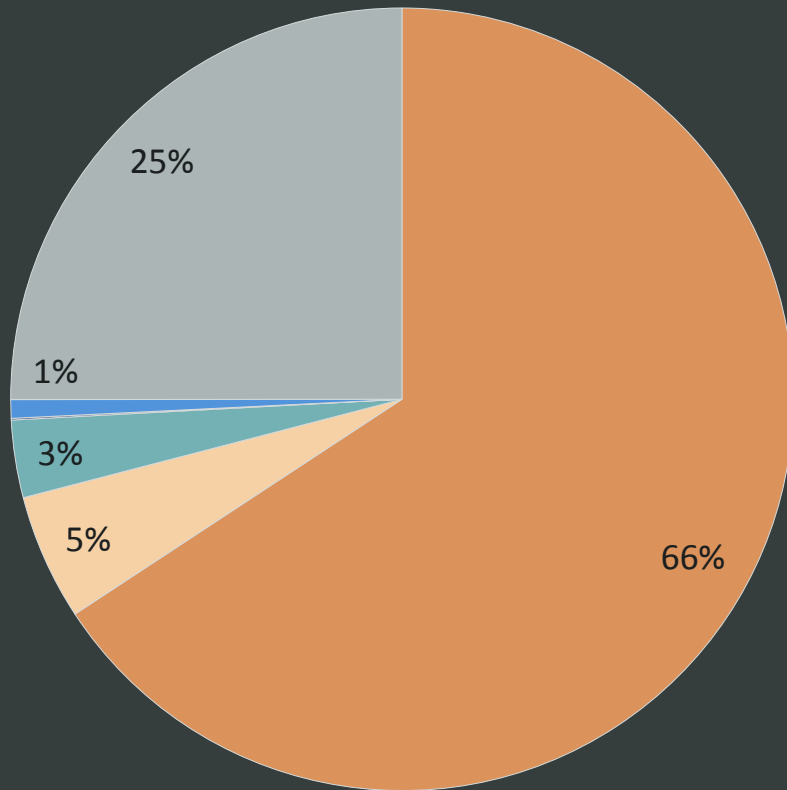
3. Unaccompanied Children and families are sent to a **relative or sponsor** to wait for their immigration hearing; courts are in Dallas, El Paso, Harlingen, Houston, Pearsall, Port Isabel or San Antonio.

# Top 5 Counties with Children Released to Sponsors

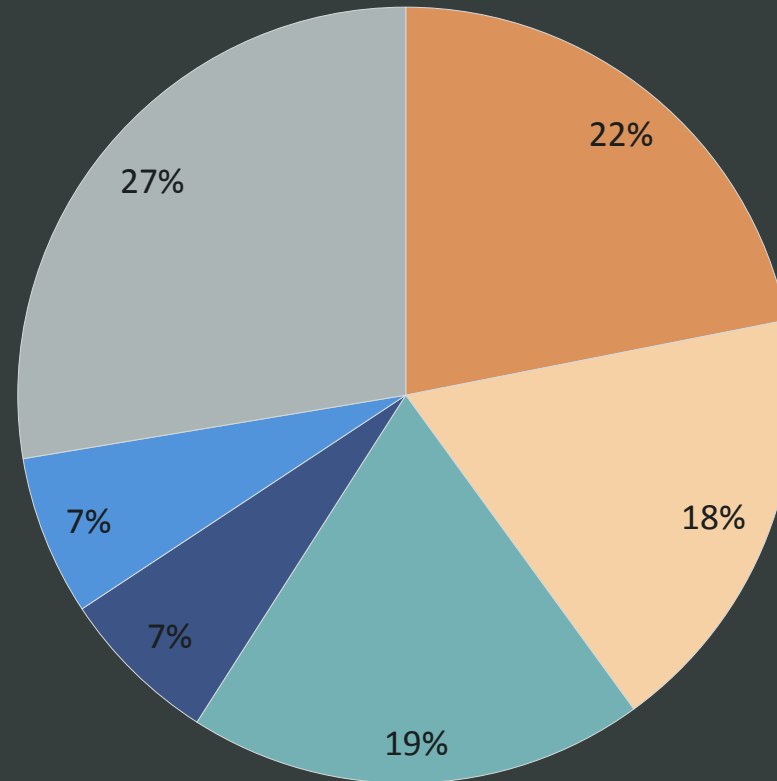


# Texas Immigration Court Outcomes

22,768 children *without* representation



18,378 children *with* representation



■ Removal Order: child barred from returning for a period of years or permanently

■ Voluntary Departure: child required to leave but not barred from returning

■ Terminate Proceedings: finds that DHS has not established the child is removable; child can remain

■ Grant Relief: law entitles child to relief from removal, i.e. asylum; child can remain

■ Other Closure: judge decides not to deport child, includes temporary protected status

■ Pending



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