

Unaccompanied Children - Sponsors By State

According to the federal government, the number of children fleeing violence in Central America is expected to grow to 60,000 in 2014. The federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), has indicated 92% of the children who have arrived in the U.S. originated from three countries that have been hit hardest by drug related violence — El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala.

ORR is tasked with all placement decisions for these children while they move through the immigration process prescribed by law. According to ORR, 85% of all children seeking refuge will be placed with relatives. ORR data released in July 2014 showing Maryland has the highest number of children per capita of any state, and is one of five states that comprise 50% of children placed in U.S. to date. When combined with Virginia and the District of Columbia, this represents 15% of children placed. County level data has not been released.

January 1st to August 31st

STATE	NUMBER OF UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN
Alabama	634
Alaska	4
Arizona	218
Arkansas	250
California	4,680
Colorado	336
Connecticut	455
Delaware	168
District of Columbia	301
Florida	4,392
Georgia	1,623
Hawaii	8
Idaho	15
Illinois	437
Indiana	357
Iowa	196
Kansas	246
Kentucky	333

STATE	NUMBER OF UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN
Louisiana	1,414
Maine	9
Maryland	3,248
Massachusetts	1,115
Michigan	154
Minnesota	240
Mississippi	238
Missouri	173
Montana	1
Nebraska	278
Nevada	188
New Hampshire	28
New Jersey	2,171
New Mexico	32
New York	4,799
North Carolina	1,648
North Dakota	4
Ohio	489

STATE	NUMBER OF UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN
Oklahoma	284
Oregon	96
Pennsylvania	513
Puerto Rico	1
Rhode Island	173
South Carolina	491
South Dakota	31
Tennessee	1,020
Texas	6,217
Utah	103
Vermont	3
Virgin Islands	1
Virginia	3,193
Washington	310
West Virginia	20
Wisconsin	73
Wyoming	8
Total	43,419

Source: HHS Office of Refugee Resettlement

