

Question#:	12
Topic:	UACs Referred
Hearing:	Oversight of HHS and DHS Efforts to Protect Unaccompanied Alien Children from Human Trafficking and Abuse
Primary:	The Honorable Claire McCaskill
Committee:	HOMELAND SECURITY (SENATE)

Question: Between January 1, 2018 and May 1, 2018, how many Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs) did DHS refer to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)? How many of these children were travelling with a parent, family member, or guardian at the time they were encountered by DHS? Please provide the same information for January 1, 2017 through May 1, 2017.

Response: Publicly available data from HHS's Office of Refugee Resettlement's website show referral data decreasing from 59,170 in FY 2016 to 40,810 in FY 2017.

In addition, the following table summarizes nationwide CBP encounters (i.e., apprehensions (by U.S. Border Patrol) and inadmissibility determinations (by CBP Office of Field Operations) of UACs for January-April 2017 and 2018, along with a breakout of UACs with initial dispositions of voluntary return or withdrawal of application of admission. Under the TVPRA, all UACs who do not accept return or agree to withdraw their application are required to be referred to HHS.:

	2017			2018		
	Total	Return or Withdrawal	Subject to HHS Referral	Total	Return or Withdrawal	Subject to HHS Referral
January	5,089	792	4,297	3,396	793	2,603
February	2,214	632	1,582	3,187	803	2,384
March	1,194	440	754	4,223	1,009	3,214
April	1,161	514	647	4,459	903	3,556
Total	9,658	2,378	7,280	15,265	3,508	11,757

	2017		2018	
	Apprehensions	Inadmissibles	Apprehensions	Inadmissibles
January	4,405	591	3,217	686
February	1,910	264	3,132	587
March	1,041	121	4,161	1,057
April	997	138	4,329	1,015
Total	8,353	1,114	14,839	3,345

The Department is still working to finalize its methodology for does not collecting data on the number of children who are encountered in the company of a parent, family member, or guardian and are subsequently referred to HHS.

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