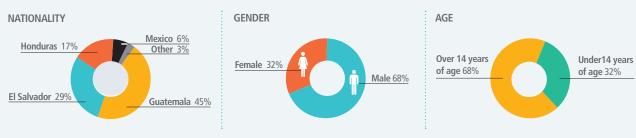
Children Seeking Refuge in the United States

decades. In fact, the United States has entered into numerous treaties with other countries to ensure the protection, safety and well-being of refugees. Over 107,000 children have Of the 63,000 unaccompanied 100,000 children apprehended at the Southern border 56,828 have been reunited with a family member or sponsor. 80,000 (As of December 2014) 60,000 The number of children apprehended at the U.S./ 40.000 Mexico border between 2004 and 2011 averaged 6,800 per year. 20,000 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Oct. Dec. Mar. 2014 2016 2014

Unaccompanied children* have been entering the United States for

*An unaccompanied child is a child who has no lawful immigration status in the United States; is under the age of 18; and, who has no parent or legal guardian in the United States, or has no parent or legal guardian in the United States available to provide care and physical custody. See 6 U.S.C § 279(g)(2)

Who are the unaccompanied children entering the U.S. Southern border? (2015 data)



Top receiving states of unaccompanied children. (2013-2016 data)



refuge in the United States include, but are not limited to, the following:

- To escape violence, abuse, persecution and communities overrun by crime, corruption, endemic poverty and human trafficking.
- To find family members already residing in the United States.
- To seek better educational or economic opportunities.
- Were brought to the United States by human smugglers.



Resources

AFT Website: go.aft.org/BorderCrisis

Colorín Colorado: www.colorincolorado.org/principals/unaccompanied

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Reasons why these children are seeking