



Recently arrived immigrant children and families—NYC’s response

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Behind the crisis

- **Why are children coming?** Violence, gang activity, and political insecurity in Central America—particularly in Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador.
- **Ongoing crises.** Children and families have been coming to the U.S. from Central America for a long time, dating back to the civil wars in the 1980s and even before. But the population arriving now consists of many more girls (about 35% now, compared to just 20% a few years ago) and is far younger (average age has now dropped to 15-16, with a huge increase in the 0-9 and 10-12 age groups).

Nationwide numbers

- 68,541 unaccompanied children were apprehended crossing the United States border without authorization in FY2014 (Oct. 2013 – Sept. 2014). This represents a 77% increase over last year.
- El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras have been the sources of the fastest rise, with a rise in child migrants of nearly 400% compared to FY2012, and nearly 1,200% compared to five years ago:

Unaccompanied Alien Children Encountered by Fiscal Year
Fiscal Years 2009-2013; Fiscal Year 2014 through September 30

Country	Fiscal Year 2009	Fiscal Year 2010	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014
El Salvador	1,221	1,910	1,394	3,314	5,990	16,404
Guatemala	1,115	1,517	1,565	3,835	8,068	17,057
Honduras	968	1,017	974	2,997	6,747	18,244
Mexico	16,114	13,724	11,768	13,974	17,240	15,634

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection

- In addition to the unaccompanied child migrants, 62,856 families with children have been apprehended at the border so far this year—an increase of 471% over last year.

Transfer from the border to NYC

Unaccompanied Children at the Southwest Border

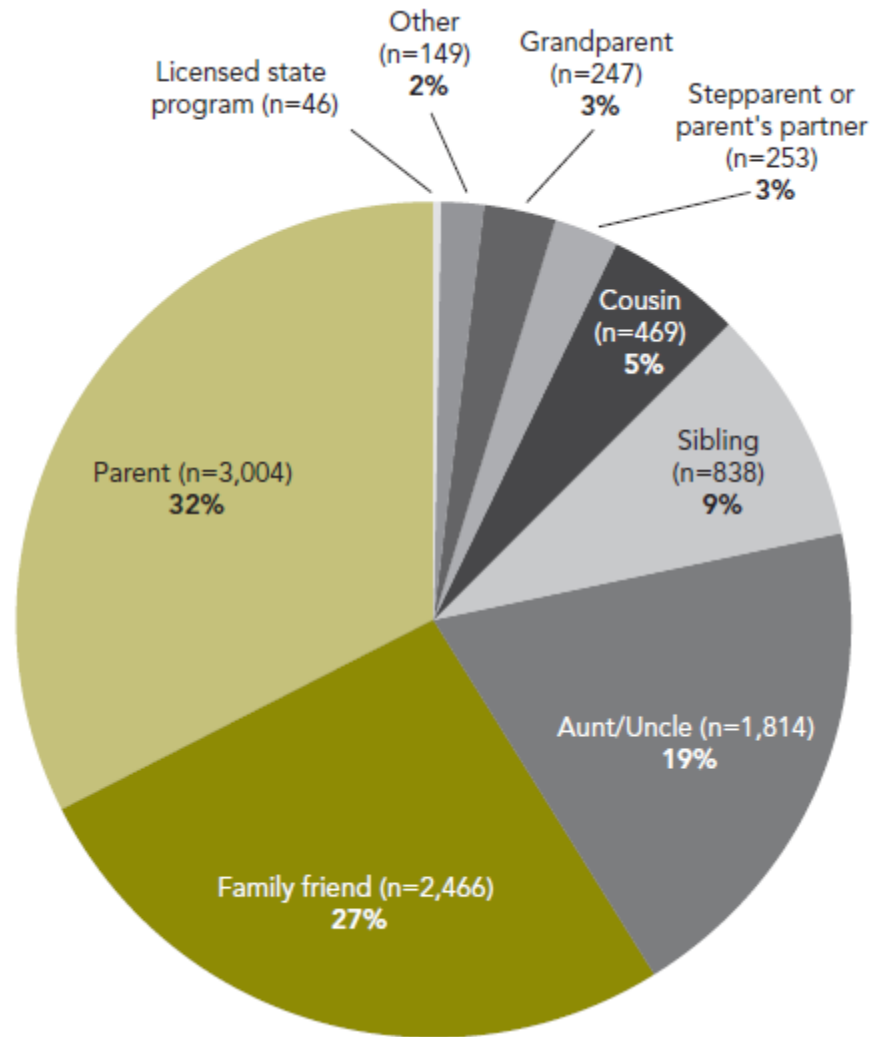
At the direction of the President, a Unified Coordination Group is leveraging Federal resources to address the humanitarian situation associated with the influx of unaccompanied children entering the U.S. across the southwest border. This chart depicts the general process to enhance capacity resulting from federal coordination.



* Note: This chart only shows interagency process to address the humanitarian situation.

DoD is providing temporary shelter to assist HHS including JB Lackland, NB Ventura County and Ft. Sill.

Whom are these children living with?



Source: HHS ORR data, analysis by the Vera Institute of Justice

How many children are in NYC?

- From January 1 through September 30, more than 1,600 children were placed with family members or other sponsors in New York City.

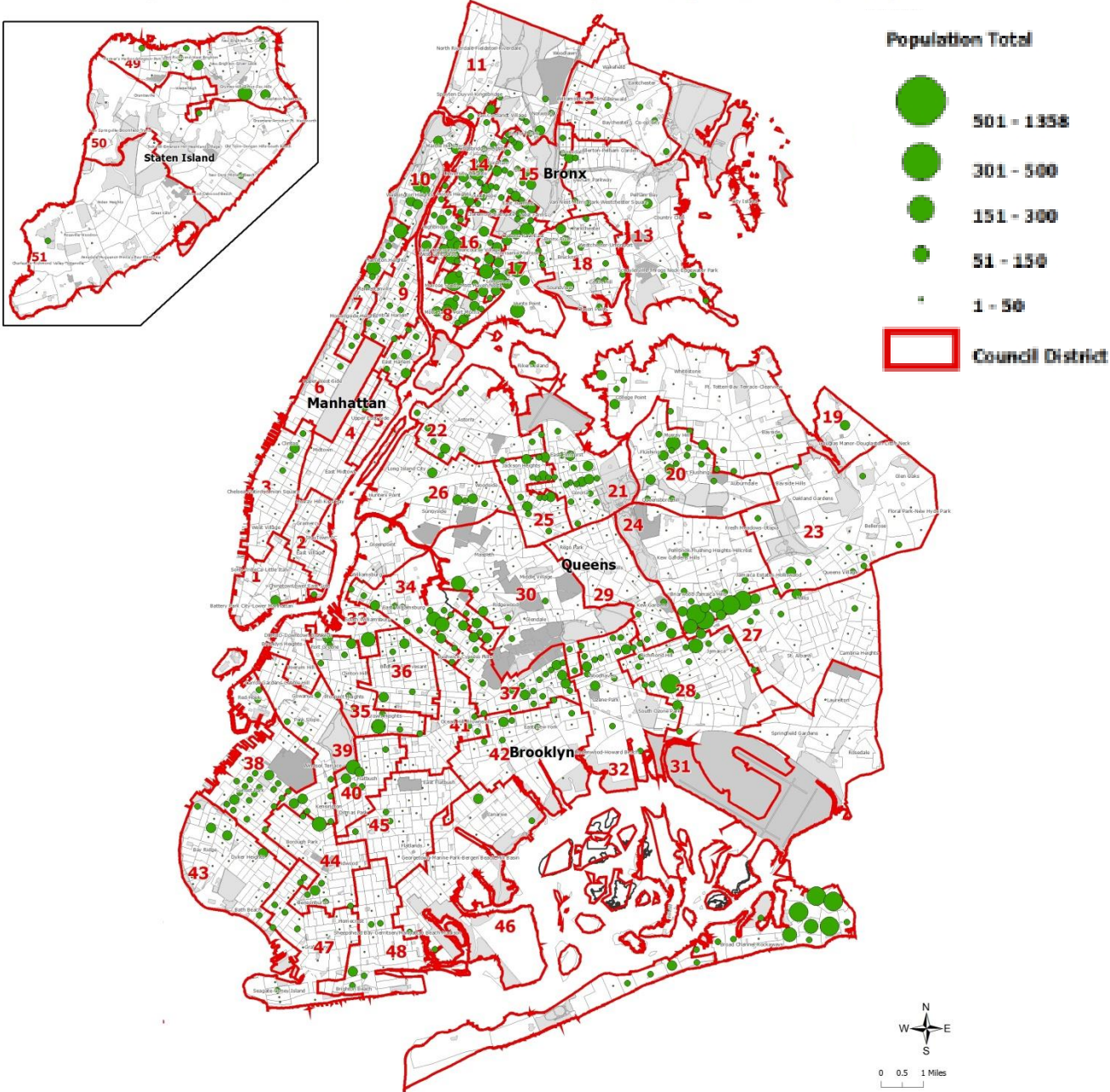
NY	Bronx County	433
NY	Kings County	434
NY	Nassau County	1,250
NY	New York County	63
NY	Orange County	71
NY	Queens County	732
NY	Rockland County	194
NY	Suffolk County	1,358
NY	Westchester County	270

Source: HHS Administration for Children and Families

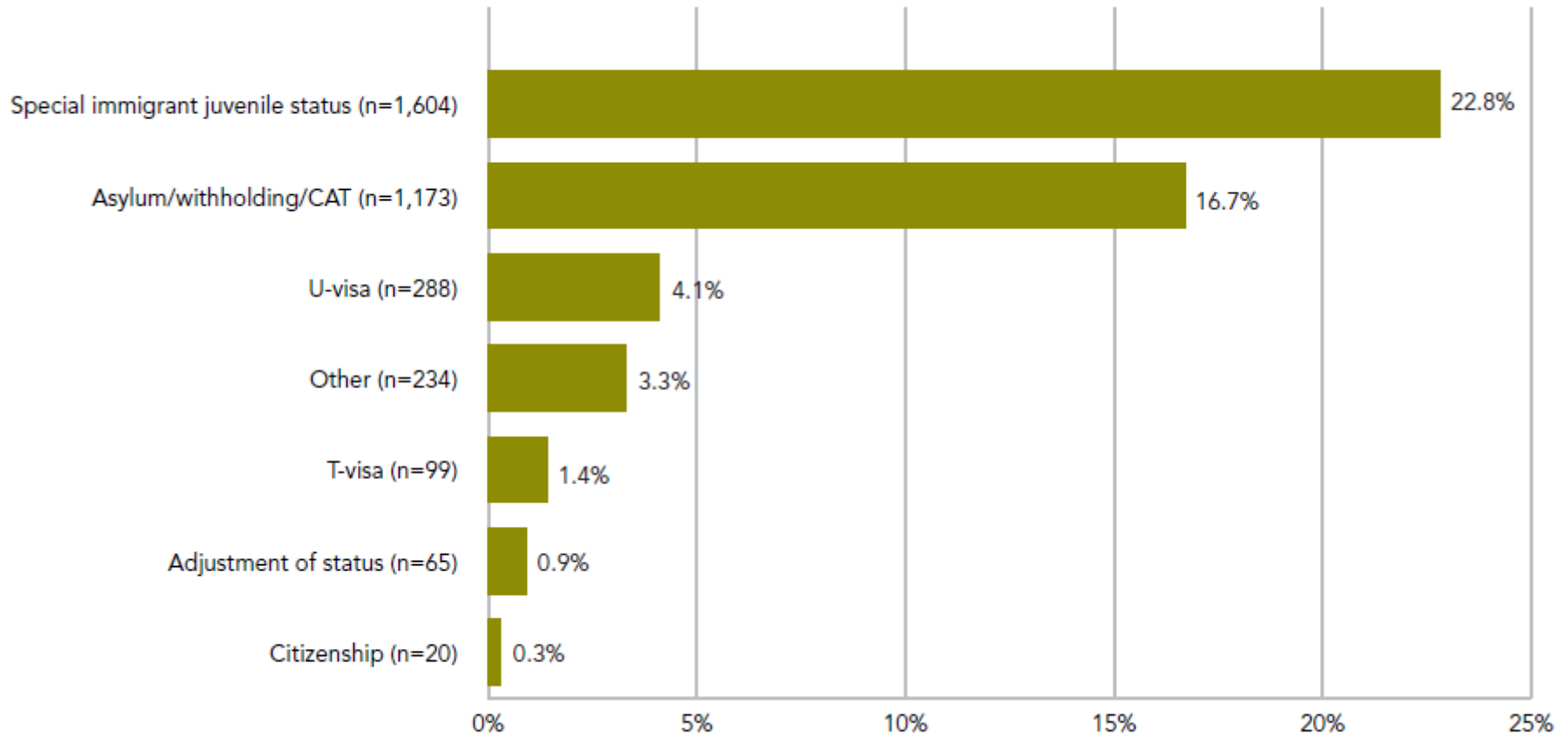
- These numbers do not account for children who cross the border without encountering CBP. Past estimates of 50-60% apprehension rates may not be reliable for this population; we expect that the apprehension rate is much higher.

U.S. Census data on existing settlement of Central Americans in NYC

NYC: Total Foreign Born Guatemalan/Salvadoran/Honduran Population by Census Tract (2012)



Bases for eligibility to remain in the United States



Source: Vera Institute of Justice

Needs assessment

- Legal services
- Education
- Health services, including insurance
- Child and family welfare

New York City's response

- Inter-agency task force: MOIA, DOE, DYCD, ACS, DOHMH, DHS, HRA, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, MOCJ, DOP.
- NYC Immigration Court
- “NYC Services for Recently Arrived Immigrant Children” Resource and Referral Guide
- Community Youth Assistance Clinics
- Advocacy

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