

# Unaccompanied Migrant Children Returning to Honduras

Source: IOM Human Mobility Household Survey 2016



IOM implemented the Human Mobility Household survey at reception centers from November 2015 to March 2016 to enable information-based decision making for all key actors involved in the provision of services for returning migrants and their families.

Based on the principle of the child's best interests, no children were interviewed during this process. Instead, parents or legal guardians were interviewed while they waited for the child's arrival at reception centers.

## Methodology

**Target population:** Returning unaccompanied migrant children and their household at the national level.

**Data collection methodology:** Cross-sectional household survey of parents or legal guardians of migrant children performed at returning migrants' reception centers.

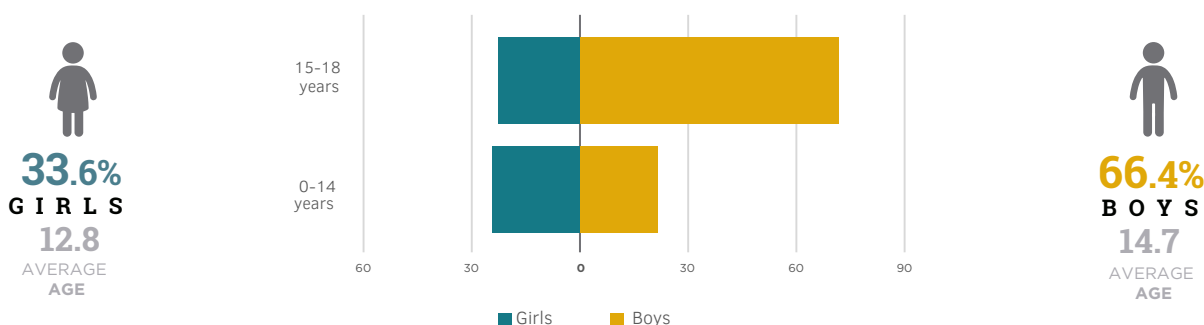
**Temporal scope:** Migration/Human Mobility events that happened in the last five years.

Category		
Total households		158
Population in the sample	Women	481
	Men	496
	<b>Total</b>	<b>981</b>
Total migrant children in the sample.	Girls	48
	Boys	95
	<b>Total</b>	<b>143</b>

\*Sex data not available for 4 observations.

## Unaccompanied migrant children

This section describes the general characteristics of the returning unaccompanied migrant children in the sample.



### AVERAGE YEARS OF SCHOOLING

Age Group	Girls	Boys	Expected years of schooling
12-15 years old	6.1	7.1	6-9 years
16-18 years old	8	7.3	9-11 years

## Average number of household members

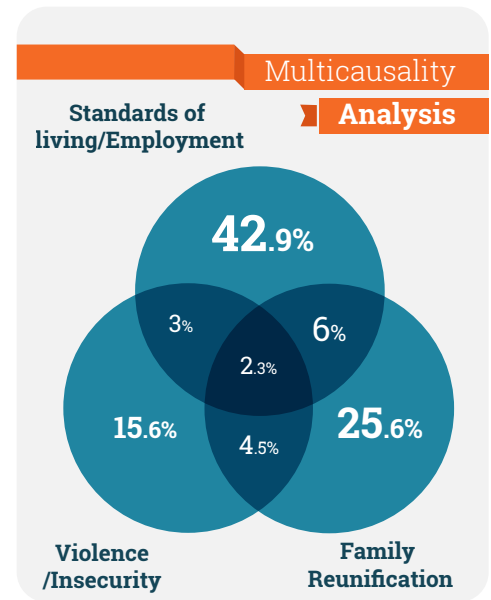


AGE	WOMEN	MEN	TOTAL
0-18	1.3	1.3	2.6
19-60	1.3	1.0	2.3
61+	0.1	0.1	0.2
MIGRANT CHILDREN	0.4	0.8	1.2
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>6.3</b>

## Reported reasons to migrate

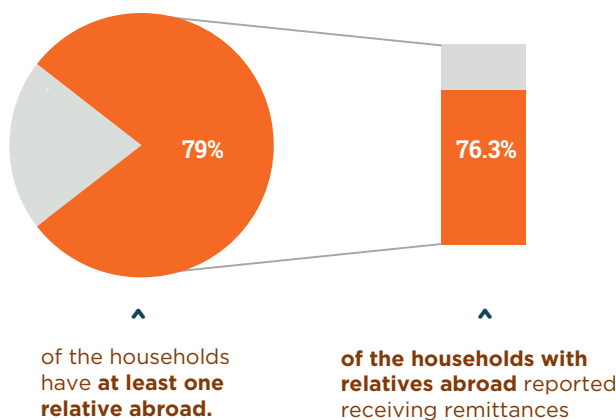
This section presents a classification of the children's reasons to migrate reported by their parents or legal guardians at reception centers. Respondants could provide multiple reasons so percentages can add up over 100%.

A multicausal analysis is provided in a Venn diagram considering only responses including violence/insecurity, family reunification and a combination of both better standards of living and employment.



## Family reunification

Family reunification is associated with parent-child relations. However, the extended family can play an important role in the child's migration. The data shows the majority of these households report to have at least one relative abroad. This section presents two key indicators from other sections in the survey to provide a brief snapshot of these "transnational families."



## Violence/Insecurity

The chart below shows a classification of the acts of violence reported as the reason for the child's migration by the parent or legal guardian at the reception center. A very important limitation of this survey is that information on domestic violence is limited or non-available due to counter-incentives related to the respondents being the parents or legal guardians of the child.

