

1. How many children are affected by the separation laws?

- a. 2,342 children were separated from 2,206 parents between the months of May 5, 2018 and June 9, 2018. This was all because of the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" policy of prosecuting people who cross the border illegally. On average, 46 children are separated from their families. While parents are separated from their children, they are sent to court for prosecution.

b. Links:

- https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/q-and-a-understanding-the-controversy-over-separating-families-at-the-border/2018/06/19/8a61664a-73fb-11e8-be2f-d40578877b7b_story.html?utm_term=.ae7d2aec58b1
- <https://www.vox.com/2018/6/19/17479138/how-many-families-separated-border-immigration>

2. Which ethnicity is the most affected?

- a. Mexicans were the target of the Separation laws. Donald Trump was using his power as president to dehumanize people who aren't white.



3. About how long does it take for children to be reunited with their families?

- a. Unfortunately, these children have to wait for their parents to complete a full asylum case to be reunited. This could take up to months and years if not longer for children to be reunited with their family.
- b. Link: <https://www.vox.com/2018/6/19/17479138/how-many-families-separated-border-immigration>



4. How are these kids brought back to their families?

- a. It occurred that some parents that were separated from their children at the border have been deported back to their country of residence while leaving their children without a choice. Still to remain more than 350 children have yet to be

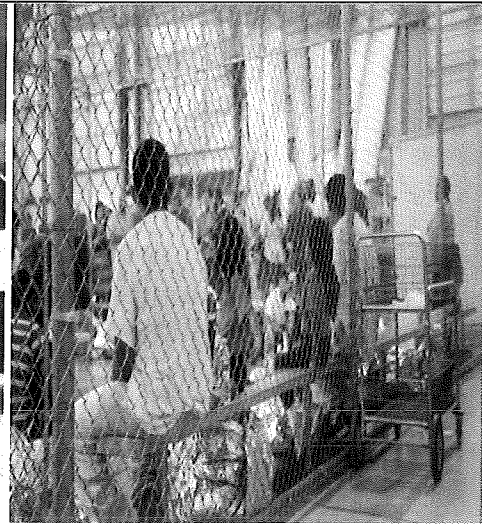
reunited with their family since the summer despite the court-ordered deadline of July 26, 2018. 141 children's parents waived their rights to reunification or indicated they did not immediately want to be reunited with their children because they figured that since they made it to the states, (not in the way they wanted to) they would have a better chance at life while living in an asylum in the states. The other fraction of the kids who remain in these facilities are because the U.S. Department of Homeland Security found some of the parents unfit to be a parent, saw "red flags" on their records, saw past criminal histories of abuse allegations to pending DNA results.

- b. Link: <https://www.texastribune.org/2018/10/04/zero-tolerance-policy-reunite-separated-immigrant-families/>



5. What are the living conditions like for children that are separated?
- a. The living conditions for these children are horrifying said reporters. The facilities the children are being kept in are compared to actual jails. In these detention centers, they house over 11,786 immigrant children. 3,280 are girls and 8,506 are boys.
- b. Link: <https://www.thecut.com/2018/06/immigrant-children-detention-center-separated-parents.html>

These 2 images are or how the children are transported and kept in facilities. On the right: a bus with literal cages as if these little children can cause harm to fully equipped men with guns. On the left: are how the children are kept once separated from their families.



6. Where and with who are children being placed once separated from their family?
- The children once taken from their family are placed in temporary facilities all over the U.S. Some are located on military bases in Texas. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) claim they are housed in new "soft-sided shelters" which are basically tents. Separated children are housed here while HHS tries to find the kids a sponsor, such as a relative or close friend and or they will be placed into a long- term foster care facility that is licensed.
 - Link: <https://www.vox.com/2018/6/19/17479138/how-many-families-separated-border-immigration>



7. Do the separated kids receive medical attention?
- Some children at various facilities did receive psychiatric care from child therapist because of the ongoing trauma the children have been and will continue to face.
 - Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/25/well/migrant-children-separated-parents-doctors.html>

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