RETURNED UNACCOMPANIED MIGRANT CHILDREN TO GUATEMALA
January – December 2023

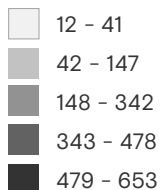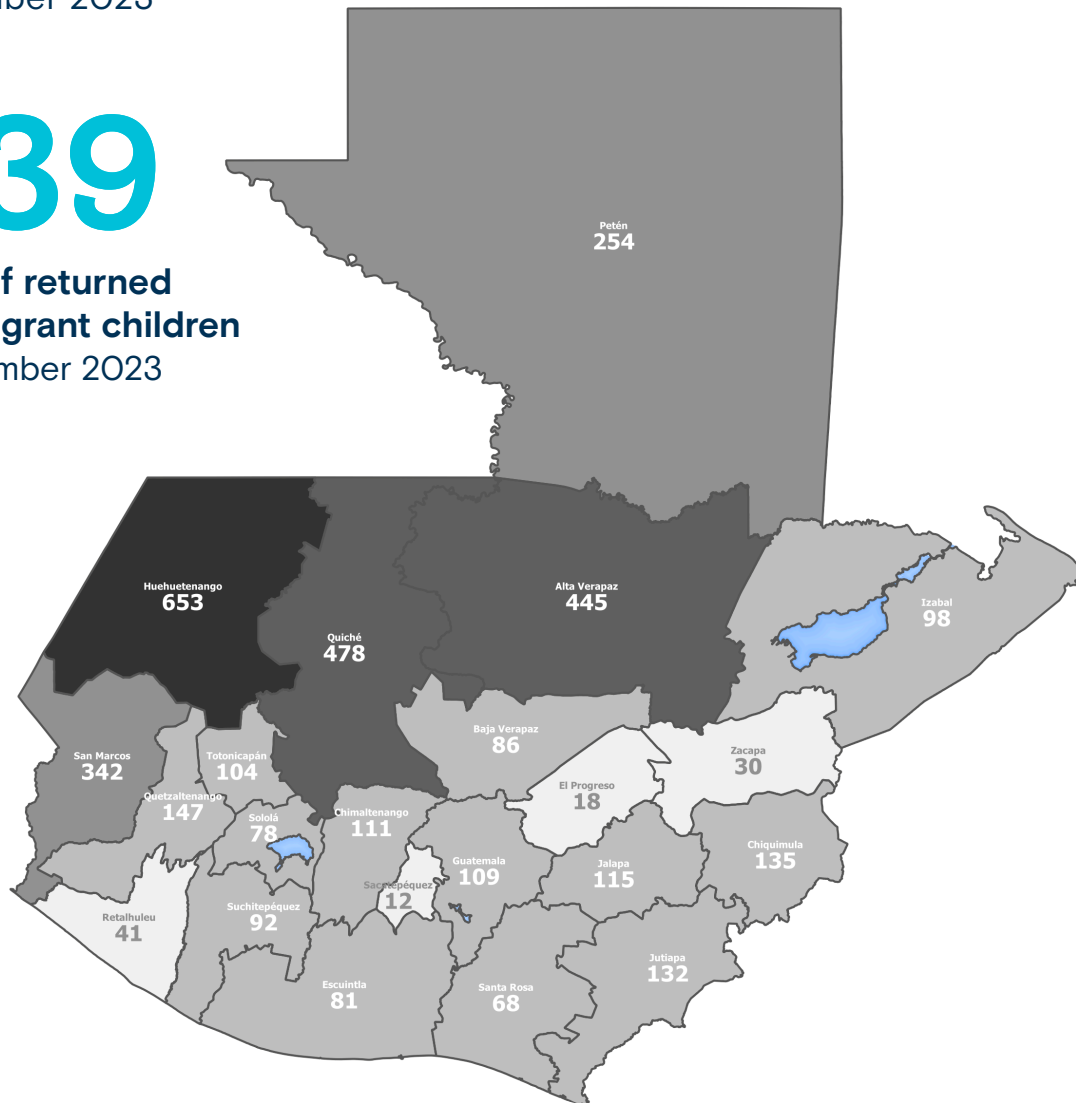IOM UN MIGRATION

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RETURNED UNACCOMPANIED MIGRANT CHILDREN BY DEPARTMENT
January – December 2023

3,939
Total number of returned unaccompanied migrant children
January – December 2023

Source: Secretaría de Bienestar Social (SBS).

Map — Returned unaccompanied migrant children by department

- Petén 254
- Huehuetenango 653
- Alta Verapaz 445
- Izabal 98
- Quiché 478
- Baja Verapaz 86
- Zacapa 30
- San Marcos 342
- Totonicapán 104
- El Progreso 18
- Quetzaltenango 147
- Sololá 78
- Chimaltenango 111
- Chiquimula 135
- Guatemala 109
- Jalapa 115
- Sacatepéquez 12
- Retalhuleu 41
- Suchitepéquez 92
- Jutiapa 132
- Escuintla 81
- Santa Rosa 68

Legend:
- 12 – 41
- 42 – 147
- 148 – 342
- 343 – 478
- 479 – 653

Data may vary due to data processing.

Total variation
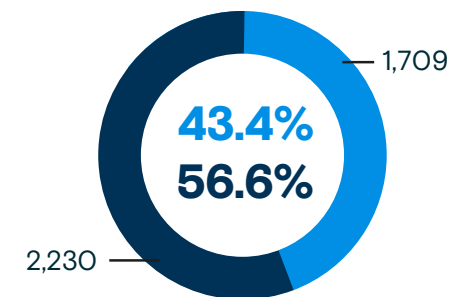January – December 2023

−48.5% ↓

JAN–DEC 2022: **7,654**
JAN–DEC 2023: **3,939**

Returned unaccompanied migrant children by country of apprehension
January – December 2023

MEXICO	USA	Other
3,595	207	137
91.3%	5.3%	3.5%

Returned unaccompanied migrant children by reception center
January – December 2023

43.4%
56.6%

1,709
2,230

● **CNRQ** "Casa Nuestras Raíces" Shelter – Quetzaltenango
● **CNRG** "Casa Nuestras Raíces" Shelter – Guatemala

Returned unaccompanied migrant children to Guatemala by month / January 2020 – December 2023
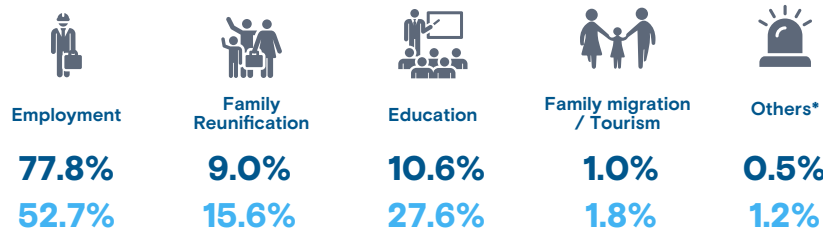

Source: Secretaría de Bienestar Social (SBS)

Legend: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Data points:

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan		127	575	294
Feb		334	671	461
Mar	583	617	658	380 / 345
Apr	264	506	531	145
May	53	635	1,086	357
Jun	92	588	734	231
Jul	213	908	431	330
Aug	359	745	753	427
Sep	442	1,136	523	338
Oct	682	1,020	468	346
Nov	720	818	638	253
Dec	440	680	586	140
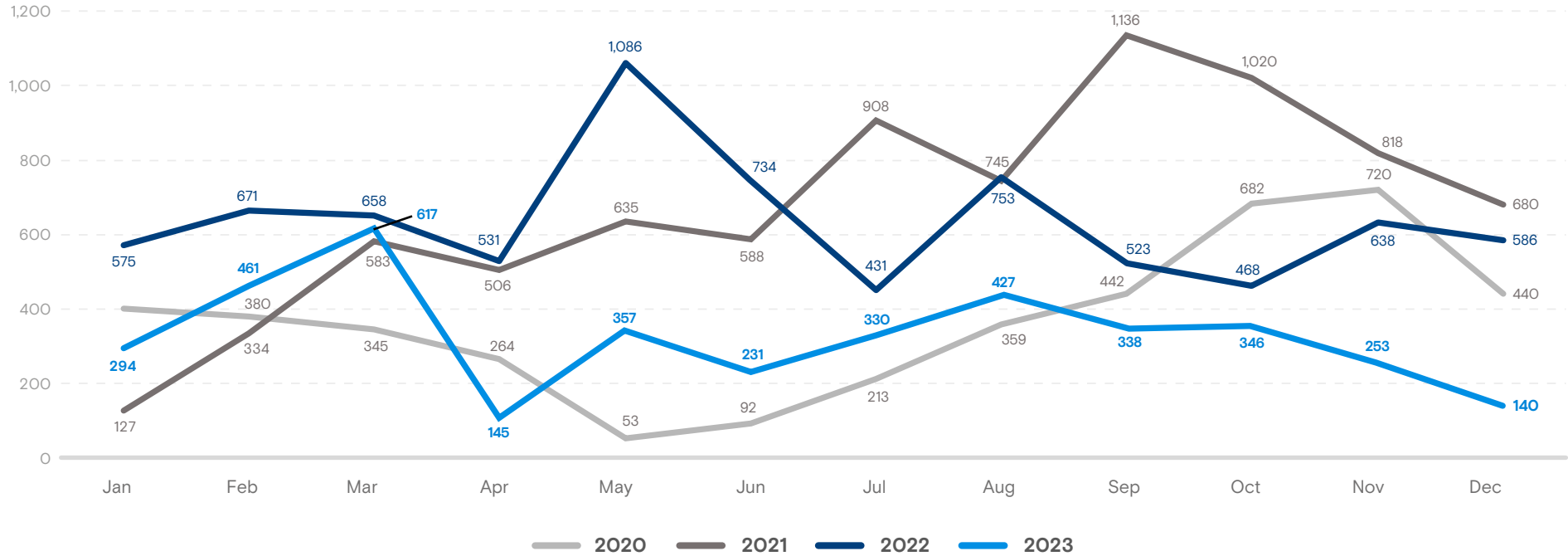
Characteristics of the population

Returned unaccompanied migrant children by sex
January – December 2023

Male children 2,684 — 68.1%

Female children 1,255 — 31.9%

Reported motivations to migrate of returned unaccompanied migrant children
January – December 2023

● CNRQ ● CNRG   **DK/NA:** CNRQ (1.1%) | CNRG (1.1%)

	Employment	Family Reunification	Education	Family migration / Tourism	Others*
CNRQ	77.8%	9.0%	10.6%	1.0%	0.5%
CNRG	52.7%	15.6%	27.6%	1.8%	1.2%

*Others include: economic shopping, violence, health.

Returned unaccompanied migrant children by ethnic group
January – December 2023

● Non-indigenous ● Indigenous ● Foreign

1,700

2,217

20

43.2%
56.3%
0.5%

DK/NA: 2 (0.1%)