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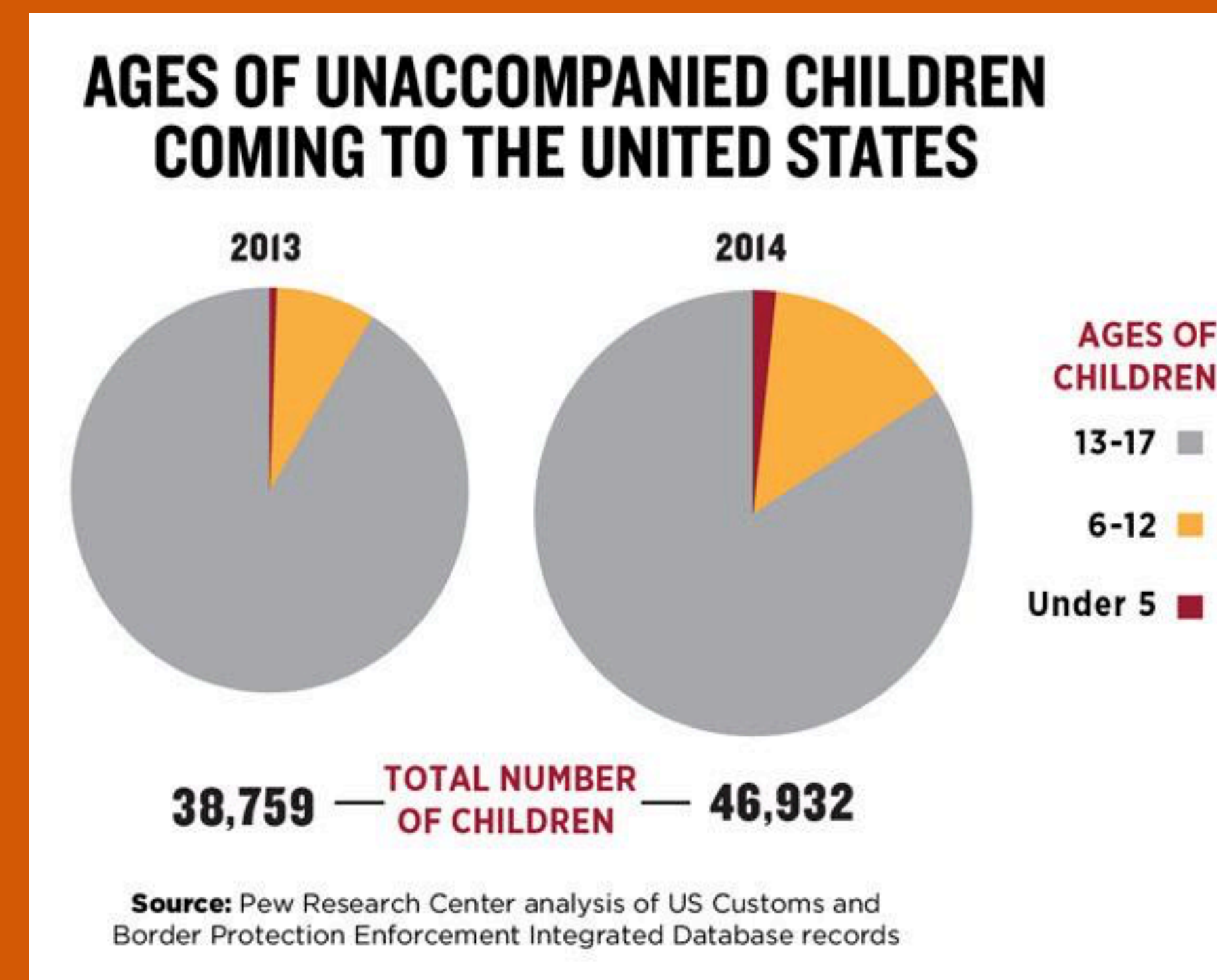
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Abstract

The way people view immigration has changed over the past few years. Children fleeing to the United States without their parents has been a huge issue lately. Unaccompanied children are kids younger than 18 who are sent alone, in this case to the United States. These kids migrate because of the extreme violence that occurs in their home countries.

Key Points

- In El Salvador, 38% percent of those murdered are between 15 and 24 years of age.
- In 2014, around 74% of unaccompanied children were from Central America.
- 69,000 unaccompanied children were taken into custody in the 'surge' of 2014.
- Children that reach the border have to be allowed into the U.S., but that does not mean they are guaranteed to stay.
- 47,000 children crossed the border in eight months in the year of 2014.



Conclusion & Discussion

Statistics prove that children in their home countries are exposed to much violence. Most are coming from the northern triangle of Central America. I believe they should have more rights here in the United States, and be treated just the same as any other child. The shelters that are open to them need to provide better care for the kids. For future ideas, one could look at the impacts child migration has on the kids themselves once they are in the country.

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