

Enhancing Government Services: The Quest for
Qualified Mayan Dialect Interpreters under the
Service Contract Labor Standards (SCLS)

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Mayan Language Info

- 26 Mayan Languages in Guatemala alone
- 50 + Indigenous Languages in other parts of Central America
- 10 + with less than 30K native speakers

Q'eqchi'

Central, Northern, Eastern Guatemala & Southern Belize
900K – 1.3M

K'iche'

Central Highlands Guatemala
2.3M (300K monolingual)

Mam

Southwestern Guatemala
500K

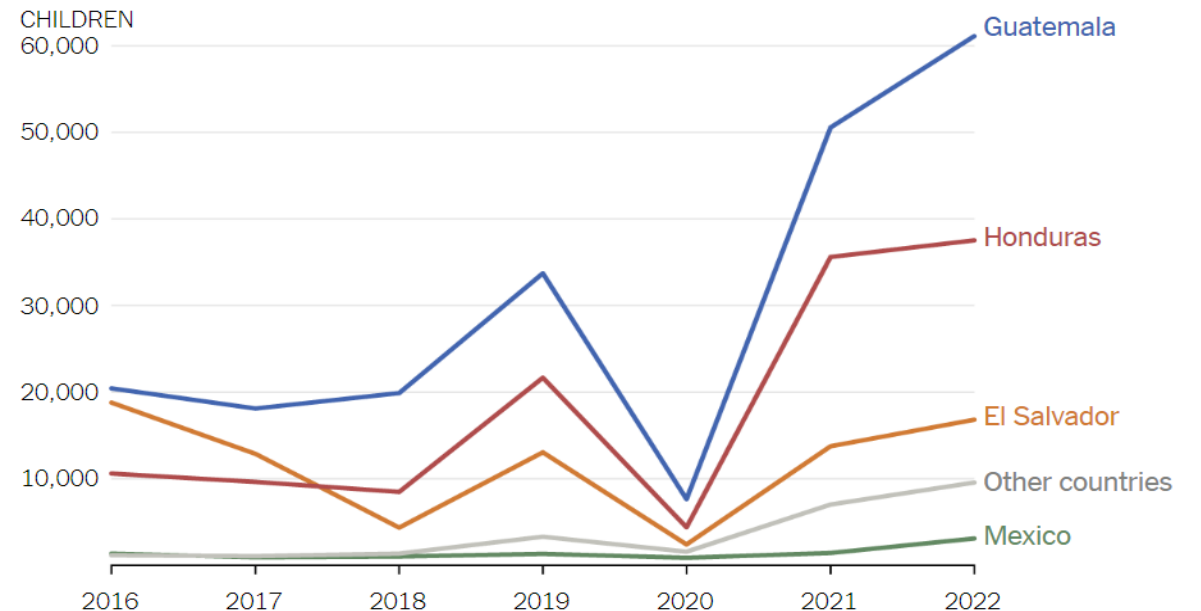
Akateko & Q'anjob'al

Western Guatemala
60K and 170K

- Guatemala – 4M
- Mexico 2.5M
- Belize, Honduras, El Salvador

Where Child Migrants Are Coming From



Children from Guatemala and Honduras are coming in numbers that far surpass those of any other country.



Source: Analysis of H.H.S. data • Note: Years are reported as fiscal years.

Mayan Language Unaccompanied Minors

May 17, 2023 – March 13, 2024

Language (List Languages) 	
Acateco	259
Achi	67
Awakatek	7
Chorti	9
Chuj	284
Ixil	121
Jacaltelco (Popti)	27
Kaqchikel	79
K'iche'	952
Mam	1242
Maya	13
Poqomam	7
Qanjobal	316
Q'eqchi	2258
Sipakapense	3
Tectiteco	1
Tzeltal	24
Tzotzil	65
Tz'utujil	9
Uspanteko	4

QUESTIONS?



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