

AP reveals scope of migrant kids program

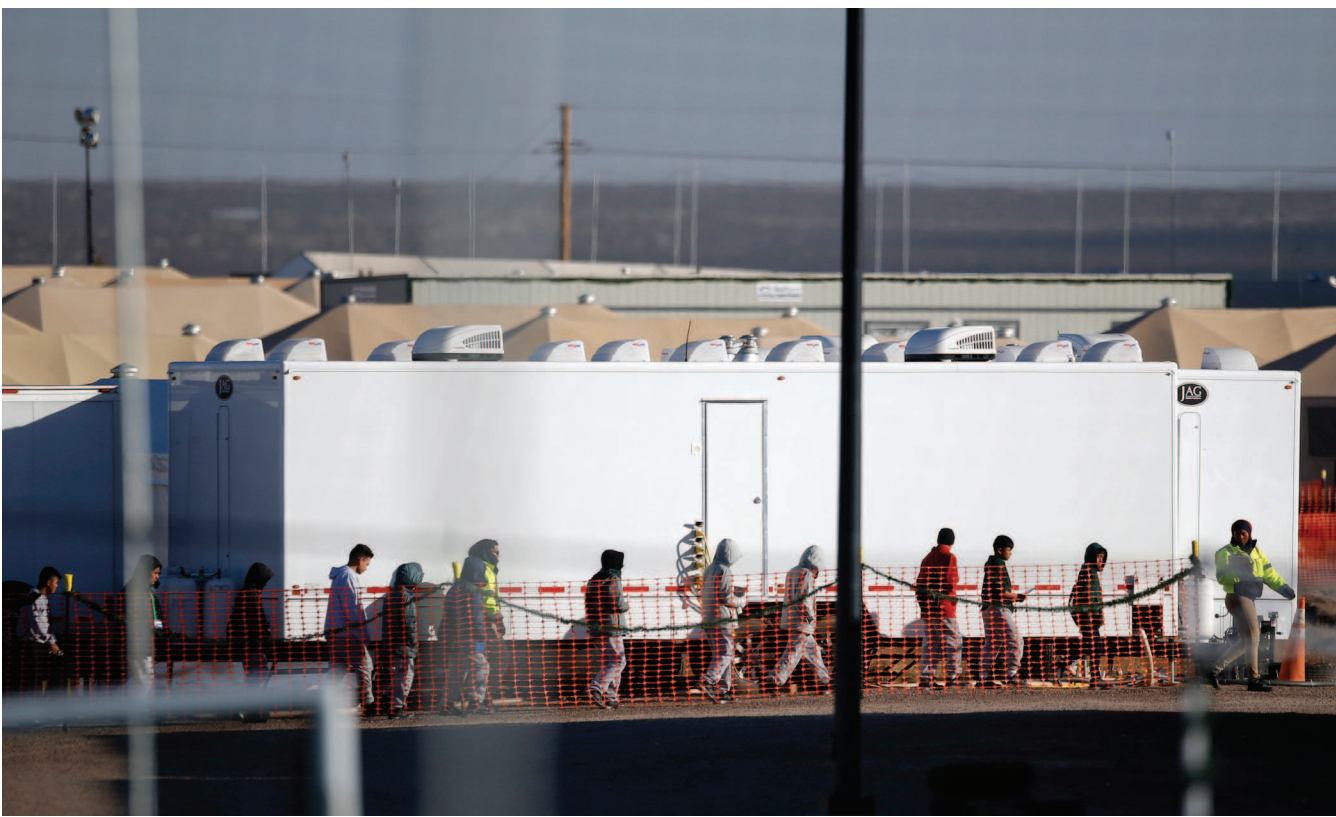
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Decades after the U.S. stopped institutionalizing kids because large and crowded orphanages were causing lasting trauma, it is happening again. The federal government has placed most of the 14,300 migrant toddlers, children and teens in its care in detention centers and residential facilities packed with hundreds, or thousands, of children.

As the year draws to a close, some 5,400 detained migrant children in the U.S. are sleeping in shelters with more than 1,000 other children. Some 9,800 are in facilities with 100-plus total kids, according to confidential government data obtained and cross-checked by The Associated Press.

That’s a huge shift from just three months after President Donald Trump took office, when the same federal program had 2,720 migrant youth in its care; most were in shelters with a few dozen kids or in foster programs. Some of the children may be released sooner than anticipated, because this week the administration ended a portion of its strict screening policies that had slowed the placement of migrant kids with relatives in the U.S.

Until now, public information has been limited about the number of youths held at each facility overseen by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, even for attorneys representing the kids. But the AP obtained data showing the number of children in individual



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Migrant teens walk in a line through the Tornillo detention camp in Tornillo, Texas, on Thursday, Dec. 13.

detention centers, shelters and foster care programs for nearly every week over the past 20 months, revealing in detail the expanse of a program at the center of the Trump administration’s immigration crackdown.

The data shows the degree to which the government’s approach to migrant youth has hardened, marking a new phase in a federal program originally intended to offer safe haven to vulnerable children fleeing danger across the globe. It’s been taking at least twice as long, on average two months rather than one, for youth held inside the system to get out, in part because the Trump administration added more restrictive screening measures for parents and relatives who would take them in.

That changed Tuesday when the administration

BY THE NUMBERS

Through dozens of interviews and data analysis, AP found:

— As of Dec. 17, some 9,800 children were in facilities housing more than 100 kids; 5,405 of those were in three facilities with more than 1,000 youths — two in Texas and one in Florida.

— Texas had the most growth over the last 20 months in the number of kids under ORR custody. In April 2017, there were 1,368 migrant children in facilities or foster care in Texas. As of Dec. 17, the number was about 8,700.

— New York had the second-highest number of children: 1,653, up from 210 in April 2017. Cayuga Centers grew from about 40 kids to close to 900; all are in foster homes.

— The states with children in care are: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Washington state.

ended a policy requiring every adult in households where migrant children will live to provide the government with fingerprints. All still must submit to background checks, and parents themselves still need to be

fingerprinted. Nonetheless, officials said they could now process some children more rapidly, and hoped to shorten shelter stays that had dragged on so long kids sometimes wondered if their parents had abandoned

them for good.

“It’s a pain we will never get through,” said Cecilio Ramirez Castaneda, a Salvadoran whose 12-year-old son, Omar, was taken from him when they were apprehended in June under the administration’s “zero tolerance” policy, which led to nearly 3,000 children being separated from their families. Omar feared his father had given up on him during the five months he spent in a Southwest Key shelter in Brownsville, Texas, with dozens of kids.

Ramirez was reunited with Omar last month only to learn that his son had been hospitalized for depression and medicated for unclear reasons and suffered a broken arm while in government custody.

“It’s a system that causes irreparable damage,” he said. “My son says they would tell him that because

he wasn’t from here, he had no rights.”

Experts say the deep anxiety and distrust children suffer when they’re institutionalized away from loved ones can cause long-lasting mental and physical health problems. It’s dangerous for all but worse for younger children, those who stay more than a few days and those who are in larger facilities with less personal care.

“This is not a perplexing scientific puzzle. This is a moral disaster,” said Dr. Jack Shonkoff, who heads Harvard University’s Center on the Developing Child. “There has to be some way to communicate, in unequivocal terms, that we are inflicting punishments on innocent children that will have lifelong consequences. No matter how a person feels about immigration policy, very few people hate children — and yet we are passively allowing bad things to happen to them.”

Administration officials said increased need has driven them to expand the number of beds available for migrant children from 6,500 last fall to 16,000 today. Mark Weber, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees ORR, said sheltering children in large facilities, while not preferable, is a better alternative than holding them for long periods at Border Patrol stations ill-suited to care for them.

“This is an amazing program with incredibly dedicated people who are working to take care of these kids,” he said. “There are a large number of children and it’s a difficult situation, and we are just working hard to make sure they are taken care of and placed responsibly.”

THURSDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

DECEMBER 20, 2018

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FOX	11	Into the Wild	Divorce Court	Steve!		Judge Mathis (N)		The People's Court		Paid Program	Mom	Last Man St.	Last Man St.	Modern Family	Modern Family	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	A Christmas Story Live!				First at Ten (N)	:35 Dateline		:35 Mike & Molly												
KPTV	3	12 O' News (N)		Wendy Williams		Truth	Truth	People's Court		Judy	Judy	News (N)		News (N)		Feud	Feud	A Christmas Story Live!				News (N)		News	Page Six												
CBS	19	FunnyAsk	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		Let's Make a Deal		Dr. Phil		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Inside Edition	The Big Bang	The Simpsons	The Big Bang	Young Sheldon	The Big Bang	Murphy B. (N)	S.W.A.T. "Hunted"	News (N)	:35 Colbert													
KOIN	19	Local 6	B & B	The Talk (N)		The 700 Club		Dr. Phil		News (N)		News	News	News	News	Extra	ET (N)	BigBang	Sheldon	BigBang	Murphy	S.W.A.T. "Hunted"	News	Colbert													
NBC	25	TMZ	Paid Program	Days of Our Lives		The Wendy Williams Show		Daily Mail TV	Daily Mail TV	Ellen DeGeneres (N)		News	News	News (N)	News (N)	Family Feud	Jeopardy! (N)	Timeless (F) (N)		Timeless (F) (N)		Games "Holiday Spectacular"	News (N)	:35 Tonight													
KNDU	6																																				
KGW	8	News	Paid	Days of Our Lives		The Dr. Oz Show		E.DeGeneres (N)		KGW News (N)		News	News	KGW News (N)	Cassidy	InsEd.	Timeless (F) (N)		Timeless (F) (N)		Game of Games	News	Tonight														
ABC	42	GMA Day (N)		General Hospital		The Doctors		The Rachael Ray Show		The Dr. Oz Show		News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	ET (N)	Extra	A Charlie Brown Christmas		Baking Show "Semi-Final" (N)		Baking Show "Final" (SF) (N)	News (N)	:05 Jimmy Kimmel													
KATU	5	GMA Day (N)		General Hospital		Afternoon Live		Million? Million?		KATU News (N)		News	News	News (N)		Jeop. (N)	Wheel	C. Brown C'mas		Baking Show (N)		Baking "Final" (N)	News	Kimmel													
PBS	31	Amanpour & Company	Test Kitchen	Knit and Crochet		Esmond de Tech.	Let's Go Luna!	Let's Go Luna!		Wild Kratts	Odd Squad	Arthur	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Feel Better Fast and Make It Last With Daniel Amen, M.D.		Handel's Messiah and		Precision "Mass and Moles"		Amanpour & Company (N)															
OPB	59	Art "Sea Turtle" e Feast	Moveable Feast	To Dine	Week-end Ex.	Nature Cat	Ready Jet Go!	Arthur	Arthur	Odd Squad	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts	Family Travel	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)	Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer Murders	:50 Midsomer		Masterpiece Classic "Unforgotten"															
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AMC	60	***** Miracle on 34th Street					***** Gremlins ('84, Com) Zach Galligan.					***** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory					***** The Santa Clause 2 ('02, Fam) Tim Allen.					***** The Santa Clause 2 ('02, Fam) Tim Allen.															
ANPL	24	Treehouse	Treehouse			Treehouse		Treehouse		Treehouse		Treehouse		Treehouse		Treehouse		It's The Irwins	Secret-Zoo (N)	Secret-Zoo (N)	Secret-Zoo (N)	Secret Life of-Zoo															
CMT	42	Home I.	Home I.	Home I.	Home I.	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	***** Fight Club ('99, Psy)	Edward Norton, Brad Pitt.				***** Fight Club ('99, Psy)	Edward Norton, Brad Pitt.							Cops													
CNBC	72	Closing Bell				Fast Money		Mad Money		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Paid	Paid												
CNN	68	CNN Newsroom	The Lead			The Situation		The Situation		OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Cuomo		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		Cuomo		CNN Tonight													
DISC	51	The Last Alaskans	The Last Alaskans			The Last Alaskans		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced													
DISN	26	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bizaard	Bizaard	Bizaard	StuckM.	StuckM.	StuckM.	Raven's	Raven's	Raven's	CoopCmi	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's	Raven's	Bizaard	StuckM.	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's	Raven's												
ESPN	33	NBA: The Jump (L)	H.Noon	Highly?		Horn (N)	Interrupt	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		NCAA Football	Gasparilla Bowl Marshall at South Florida (L)			SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)													
ESPN2	34	College Football Live (L)				H.Noon	Highly?	Horn (N)	Interrupt	NCAA Basketball	Tex.Tech/Duke (L)	ESPNMg	Best of Count. (N)	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		Skateboard Street League		First Take																	
FNC	66	Shepard Smith	Your World			The Five		Special Report		The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		Ingraham Angle		Fox News		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		Ingraham Angle													
FOOD	61	Cupcake Wars	Pioneer	Pioneer		BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	BeatPlay	Cookie Challenge		Cookie Challenge		Cookie Challenge		Holiday Baking		Cookie Challenge													
FREE	32	***** Life Size Tyra Banks.			***** Life-Size 2: A Christmas Eve			***** The Santa Clause 3: The Escape ...			:35 Santa Claus			:40 ***** The Incredibles			Craig T. Nelson.			:20 ***** Ice Age: Continental Drift			***** Cars 2														
FX	65	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mike&M	Mike&M	Mike&M	Mike&M	***** Christmas With the Kranks		***** A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas			***** The Night Before			***** The Night Before																			
GOLF	88	PGA Golf BMW Championship				PGA Golf Tour Championship Site: East Lake Golf Club -- Atlanta, Ga.				Final Round "2018 PGA Championship - Final Round" (N)			Final Round Fav. "2018 PGA Championship - Final Round"																								
GSN	76	The Chase	Caroline	Feud		Am.Says	Am.Says	Feud	Feud	Feud	Feud	Feud	Feud	Am.Says	Feud	Feud	Feud	CashCb	CashCb	Feud	Feud	Am.Says	Reaction	Idiotest	Idiotest												
HALL	87	Home and Family			***** The Most Wonderful Time of th...			***** Christmas at the Palace			***** Road to Christmas			***** Once Upon a Holiday			Briana Evigan.			***** A Gingerbread Romance																	
HGTV	62	Fixer Upper		Music C.	Music C.	Music C.	Music C.	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House	H.Hunt	H.Hunt												
HIST	50	The Bible "Passion"			American Pickers			American Pickers			American Pickers			American Pickers			American Pickers			Amer. Pickers (N)			:05 Amer. Pickers			:05 Amer. Pickers											
LIFE	29	***** Heaven Sent Christian Kane.			***** A Perfect Christmas List			***** A Christmas Reunion			***** Kristin's Christmas Past			***** My Christmas Inn			:05 ***** Santa's Boots			Megan Hilty.																	
NICK	27	Machines	Butterb	PAW	PAW	PAW	PAW	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Sponge	Sponge	***** The SpongeBob		Movie: Sponge ...	Friends	Friends													
ROOT	37	Paid	Paid	The Dan Patrick Show (N)				Rodeo				Champions Tennis	Champions Classic	Hot Rod				Press (N)	Press	Fantasy FB (N)	NCAA Basketball																
SPIKE	42	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Rose.	Rose.	Rose.	Rose.	Rose.	Rose.	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	***** Bad Santa	Billy Bob Thornton.																		
SYFY	67	CSI	***** Knock Knock	Keanu Reeves.		:45 ***** Cucuy: The Boogeyman		:45 ***** The Cabin in the Woods		:45 ***** Limitless ('11, Myst)	Bradley Cooper.	***** 47 Ronin ('13, Act)	Keanu Reeves.																								
TBS	59	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Am.Dad	Am.Dad	Am.Dad	Am.Dad	Fam.Guy	Fam.Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	Frontal	:35 Sein.												
TCM	56	***** Anna & the King of Siam			***** Hard to Get			***** Hollywood Hotel			Dick Powell.			***** Christmas in July			***** You Never Can Tell			:15 ***** The Singing Marine			:15 ***** Cowboy From Broo...			Movie											
TLC	49	Four Weddings	Four Weddings	Four Weddings	Four Weddings	Four Weddings	Four Weddings	Four Weddings	Four Weddings	Four Weddings	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	Dr. Pimple	Dr. Pimple	Dr. Pimple	Dr. Pimple	Dr. Pimple	Dr. Pimple	Dr. Pimple	Dr. Pimple	Dr. Pimple	Dr. Pimple	Dr. Pimple	My Crazy												
TNT	57	Supernatural	Supernatural	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	NBA Basketball	Houston vs Miami (L)		NBA Basketball	Dallas vs L.A. Clippers (L)																									
UNI	21	Notic.	Vecinos	LIKE, La Leyenda		Como dice dicho	En Tierras Salva	El gordo y la flaca		NCIS "Faith"		NCIS																									
USA	58	NCIS	NCIS "Cloak"	NCIS "Dagger"		NCIS "Dagger"																															
WE	118	***** Bringing Down the House				Steve Martin.	***** Diary of a Mad Black Woman				Growing Up Hip H			Growing Up (N)			Growing Up Hip H			Growing Up Hip H			Braxton Values			Braxton Values			Growing Up Hip H								
WGN		In Heat of Night			Blue Bloods			Blue Bloods			Last Man			Last Man			Last Man			Last Man			Last Man			Last Man			Last Man								
HBO	518	VICE			:40 ***** Inception			Joseph Gordon-Levitt.			:10 Bleed Out			:35 ***** Murder on the Orient Express			News			***** Pacific Rim			Uprising John Boyega.			:55 R.104			:25 R.104			Momentum Gen.					
HBO2	520	***** All About Steve			***** Rampage			1stLook			:10 ***** Funny People			Adam Sandler.			:40 ***** Ready Player One			Tye Sheridan.			Dirty Clean			VICE			:45 ***** Icebox			:15 ***** Rampage					
HBO3	521	***** Darkest Hour			Gary Oldman.			:55 My True Brill.			:10 ***** Taken			:45 ***** Man on Fire			Denzel Washington.			:15 ***** The Hangover			Ed Helms.			***** Dangerous Minds			:45 ***** Kiss Kiss Bang Bang								
MAX	549	Movie			:50 ***** Repo Men			Jude Law.			:45 ***** The Client			Susan Sarandon.			:50 ***** Thoroughbreds			Anya Taylor-Joy.			:25 ***** MacGruber			***** Legend ('15, Thril)			Tom Hardy.			:15 ***** Atomic Blonde					
SHOW	578	***** Don't Knock T...			:05 ***** The Girl on the Train			***** What's Eating Gilbert Grape?			***** The Death of Stalin			:50 Rising			Escape "Part Five"			***** The Foreigner			Jackie Chan.			***** American Assassin			Dylan O'Brien.								
STARZ	621	:20 ***** Ferris Bueller's Day Off			***** Benched			Garret Dillahunt.			:55 ***** Confessions of a Sh...			:40 ***** Proud Mary			:15 Counterpart			:15 ***** The Tourist			Johnny Depp.			Counterpart			***** I Can Do Bad...								
STZENC	644	***** Changing Lanes			:25 ***** Easy A			***** Maximum Overdrive			:40 ***** Into the Blue			Jessica Alba.			:35 ***** Spy Kids 3D: Game ...			***** Monsters University			:45 ***** Fever Pitch			Drew Barrymore.			***** Movie								

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT & FRIDAY MORNING

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FOX	11	:05 Mike & Molly	:35 Two 1/2 Men	:05 CR TV	Featuring a selection of products and services.							CR TV		AgDay	The Game	Good Day (N)				Provi-	Provi-	Live PD:	Live PD:	Chicago P.D.	
	KPTV	3	TMZ Live!	Celebrity Page	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	King of Queens	Paid Program	Paid Program	This Minute	News (N)	Good Day Oregon at 5 a.m. (N)	Good Day Oregon at 6 a.m. (N)	Good Day Oregon (N)				MORE Good Day Oregon (N)		MORE Good Day Oregon (N)		The Rachael Ray Show			
KEPR	2	The Late Show	:35 James Corden	:35 Paid Program	:05 CBS Overnight News						Morning News	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	CBS This Morning (N)				Pickler & Ben		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
KOIN	19	The Late Show	:35 James Corden	:35 News	:10 CBS Overnight News					News (N)	News (N)	KOIN 6 News at 5 a.m. (N)	KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m. (N)	CBS This Morning (N)				Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless			
NBC	25	KNDU	6	Tonight Show	:35 Late Night With Seth Meyers	:35 Last Call	:05 Today Show	Early Today	Early Today	Early Today	Wake Up	Northwest (N)				Today Show (N)				Today Show III (N)		Today (N)		Millio-	Hot
KGW	8	Tonight Show	:35 Late Night With Seth Meyers	:35 Last Call	:05 Steve!	Early Today	Early Today	Early Today	News (N)	KGW News at Sunrise (N)	KGW News at Sunrise (N)	Today Show (N)				Today Show III (N)		Today (N)		Daily Blast		Daily Blast			
	42	KVEU	4	:05 Nightl.	:35 This Minute	Paternity Court	:35 ABC World News Now	Featuring the morning's top stories and breaking news from around the world.				America Morning	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Good Morning America (N)				Live Vanessa Hudgens		The View		Paid Program
KATU	5	Jimmy Kimmel	:35 Nightl.	:05 Paid Program	:35 Paid Program	:05 ABC World News Now	News (N)	News (N)	KATU News This Morning (N)				Good Morning America (N)				AM Northwest		The View		Live Vanessa Hudgens				
PBS	31	KTNW		Doc Martin	:50 Doc Martin	:35 Red Green	Lidia "A Heartland Holiday Feast"	Kingdoms of the Sky "Andes"	Nature	Nova "Ghosts of Stonehenge"	Esmon-de Tech.	Happy Yoga	Arthur's Perfect Christmas	Sesame Street	Splash & Bubbles	Dinosa-ur Train	Cat in the Hat	Daniel Tiger	Super WHY!	Pinka-Peter	Sit and Be Fit				
	39	OPB	13	PBS NewsHour		Nature	Nova "Ghosts of Stonehenge"	Ancient Invisible Cities "Cairo"	City in the Sky "Airborne"	Nightly Business	World News	Esmon-de Tech.	Wild Kratts	Nature Cat	Curious George	Let's Go Luna!	Daniel Tiger	Daniel Tiger	Pinka-Peter	Splash & Bubbles	Sesame Street	Dinosa-ur Train	Cat in the Hat		