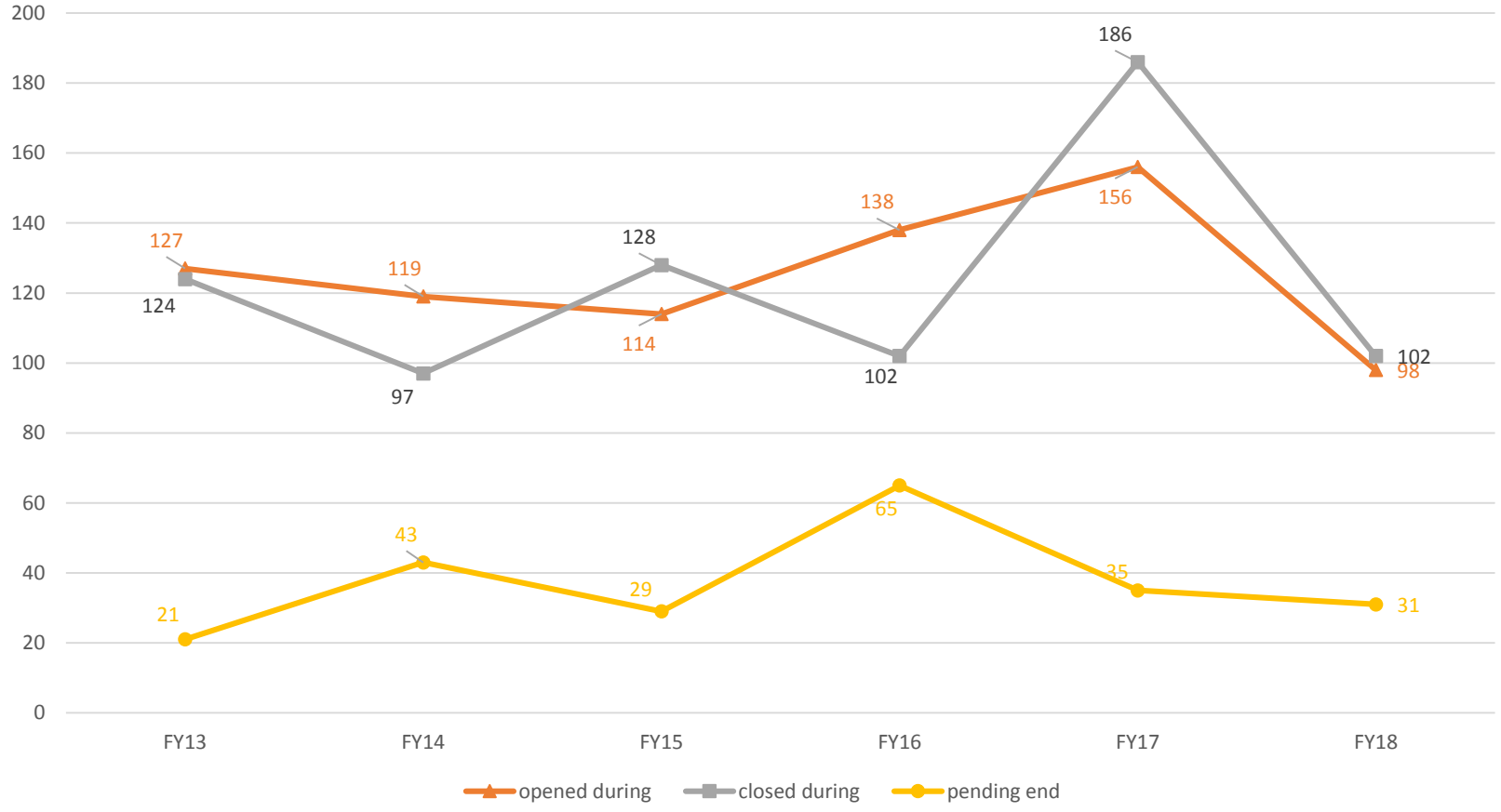
Complaints Against Immigration Judges

Fiscal Year 2018

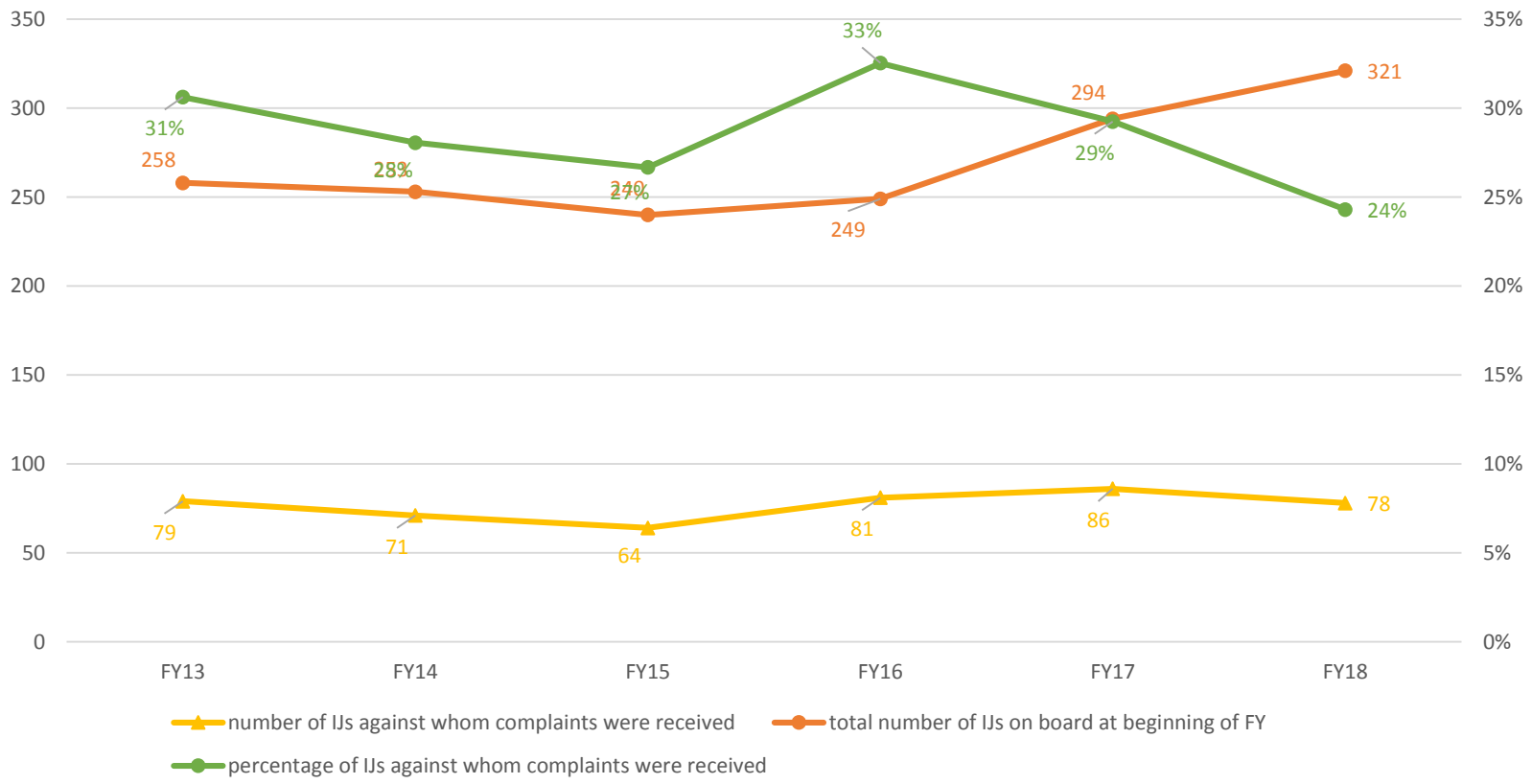
October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018

U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review
Office of the Director

Immigration Judge Complaints Opened, Closed, and Pending FY2013- FY2018



Number and Percentage of IJs Against Whom Complaints Were Received FY2013- FY2018



Natures of Complaints Opened in FY2018

Due Process	70 (71%)
In-Court Conduct	68 (69%)
Bias	38 (39%)
Legal	36 (37%)
Out-of-Court Conduct	14 (14%)
Criminal	3 (3%)
Incapacity	1 (1%)

*some complaints have more than one nature, so percentages total > 100%

Sources of Complaints Opened in FY2018

Respondent's Attorney	47 (48%)
Respondent	18 (18%)
Third Party	16 (16%)
DHS/EOIR/OIL	12 (12%)
BIA	3 (3%)
Anonymous	2 (2%)
Circuit Courts	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)
OPR/OIG	0 (0%)
Media	0 (0%)

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Method of Disposition for Complaints Closed in FY2018

Dismissed	62%
not substantiated	*28%*
failure to state a claim	*14%*
merits-related	*13%*
frivolous	*4%*
disproven	*3%*
Corrective Actions (oral counseling, written counseling, training, performance-based action)	32%
Concluded (e.g., retirement, resignation, termination)	6%
Discipline (reprimand, suspension)	0%
Other (resolved per another complaint)	0%
TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS CLOSED	100