Credible Fear and Asylum Process:
Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 – FY 2019 Quarter 2

Out of 100 aliens who were to claim a credible fear...

CREDIBLE FEAR INTERVIEW
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) would refer 81 credible fear claimants to EOIR (81% of claims referred to EOIR)

REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS
EOIR would receive and complete 83 I-862 cases originating from credible fear claims

ASYLUM APPLICATION
44 credible fear claimants would file for asylum (Of completed I-862 cases originating from a credible fear claim made to USCIS, 53 percent of aliens filed for asylum)

ASYLUM DECISION
U.S. would grant asylum to only 14 credible fear claimants and would not grant asylum to 30 credible fear claimants (Of completed I-862 cases originating from a credible fear claim made to USCIS, U.S. grant asylum 17 percent of the time)

OPTION FOR EOIR TO REVIEW A NEGATIVE FEAR FINDING
7 cases are closed
3 credible fear claimants would not request review by an immigration judge (IJ)
9 credible fear claimants would request review by an IJ

CREDLIBLE FEAR REVIEW (CFR)
IJ's would find credible fear for 2 credible fear claimants (IJ's find credible fear in 21% of CFRs)

... only 14 out of 100 would be granted asylum.

EOIR Data Generated: April 23, 2019

1 Percentages used in assessing this population may change as more cases are completed over time and because some cases may be reopened.
2 Based on USCIS data (generated April 26, 2019). Includes claims referred to EOIR in which USCIS did not make a credible fear finding because it could not obtain an interpreter.
3 Closed cases include those in which a claim is dissolved or withdrawn or an alien is found to be ineligible for the credible fear process.
4 If USCIS finds that an alien has not established a credible fear, the alien may request review of that finding by an IJ. If the IJ finds that an alien has established a credible fear, then the alien (unless the alien is a stowaway) is placed in removal proceedings.
5 Includes completed removal, exclusion, and deportation case types.