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THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW

EOIR is responsible for adjudicating immigration cases. On behalf of the Attorney General, EOIR interprets and administers federal immigration laws and regulations through immigration court cases, appellate reviews, and administrative hearings in certain types of immigration-related cases. EOIR consists of three adjudicatory bodies: The Office of the Chief Immigration Judge (OCIJ), the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), and the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO).

OCIJ provides overall program direction and establishes priorities for over 400 immigration judges (IJ) located in 63 immigration courts and two immigration adjudication centers throughout the nation. The BIA hears appeals from certain decisions rendered by IJs and by district directors of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in a wide variety of cases. OCAHO conducts hearings in civil penalty cases arising from the unlawful employment of aliens, unfair immigration-related employment practices, and civil document fraud.

Although this Statistics Yearbook addresses each of EOIR's three adjudicatory bodies, most of the data presented comes from immigration court cases. Most immigration court cases involve removal proceedings. A removal proceeding has two parts. First, an immigration judge assesses whether an alien is removable as charged under the applicable law. If an immigration judge determines that the alien is not removable, then the immigration judge will terminate proceedings.¹ If the immigration judge sustains the charge or charges of removability, proceedings continue. A finding of removability by itself never guarantees that an alien will be ordered removed or that the alien will actually be removed. Rather, if the alien is found removable, the judge must also make a second determination as to whether the alien is eligible for any relief or protection that would allow the alien to remain in the United States. Examples of such relief or protection include asylum, withholding of removal, protection under the Convention Against Torture, adjustment of status, cancellation of removal for lawful permanent residents, cancellation of removal for certain non-permanent residents, and certain waivers provided by the Immigration and Nationality Act.²

The removal proceeding begins when the DHS (either U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), or U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)) serves an individual with a charging document, called a Notice to Appear (NTA), and files it with an immigration court.

Aliens in removal proceedings, called respondents, have a right to legal representation at no expense to the government. EOIR also provides a list of *pro bono* legal service providers to any respondent who appears in removal proceedings without representation.

During the removal proceeding, the immigration court schedules an initial hearing, referred to as a master calendar hearing, before an immigration judge. At this hearing, the immigration judge informs the

¹ Although applicable regulations distinguish between the dismissal of proceedings and the termination of proceedings, EOIR classifies both of them as "terminations" for statistical purposes because the outcomes are substantively identical.

² Voluntary departure is a form of relief from removal, but it carries an alternate order of removal if the departure is not timely effectuated. Consequently, EOIR classifies it as a separate outcome for statistical purposes and does not count it as either relief or an order of removal.



respondent of his or her rights and addresses representation. The judge may also take pleadings, determine removability, and ascertain apparent eligibility for any relief or protection provided for by law. If a judge finds an alien removable and the alien wishes to apply for relief or protection from removal, the judge will schedule an individual merits hearing on the alien's application where both parties (the respondent and DHS) may present arguments and evidence regarding that application. If the immigration judge finds the alien eligible for relief or protection from removal, the judge will then grant the application.

If an immigration judge finds an alien is removable and ineligible for any relief or protection from removal, the judge will order the alien removed. ICE is then responsible for any subsequent detention and removal activities. The issuance of a removal order does not guarantee the actual physical removal of an alien from the United States.

Within 30 days of the immigration judge's decision in a removal case, either party or both parties may appeal the decision to the BIA. If the BIA decision is adverse to the alien, the alien may file a petition for review of that decision with the appropriate federal circuit court of appeals within 30 days.

In certain circumstances, a party to a removal case may also file a motion with the immigration court to reconsider or reopen the case after an immigration judge or the BIA has rendered a decision.

In certain circumstances, for aliens detained by DHS or aliens recently released from custody by DHS, an immigration judge may consider requests to redetermine the conditions of custody or to ameliorate the conditions of release. Any alien may make such a request, and an immigration judge will preside over a hearing on the request, commonly called a "bond hearing." Whether an immigration judge grants the request ultimately depends on the facts and applicable law of each case. Either party or both parties may appeal the immigration judge's bond decision to the BIA.



STATISTICS YEARBOOK KEY DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are applicable to the FY 2018 Yearbook. Please note that prior Yearbooks may have used different definitions and that some terms may have different usages or definitions outside the Yearbook context.

Immigration court matters include cases, bond redeterminations, and motions to reopen, reconsider, and recalendar.

Immigration court cases include twelve case types, divided into four categories. I-862 case types include removal, deportation, and exclusion cases. I-863 case types include asylum-only and withholding-only cases. Review case types include credible fear review, reasonable fear review, and claimed status review cases. Other case types include rescission, non-removal Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA), departure control, and continued detention review cases.

Immigration court receipts is the total number of charging documents, bond redeterminations, and motions to reopen, reconsider, and recalendar received within the reporting period.

Immigration court matter completions is the total number of immigration judge decisions on cases and bond redeterminations, plus the total number of denied motions to reopen, reconsider, and recalendar.

Initial case completion (ICC) is the first dispositive decision rendered by an immigration judge. For instance, an I-862 removal case is completed by an order of removal, relief, voluntary departure, termination, or other. An order granting a continuance, changing venue, or administratively closing a case is not a dispositive decision and, thus, does not constitute a case completion.

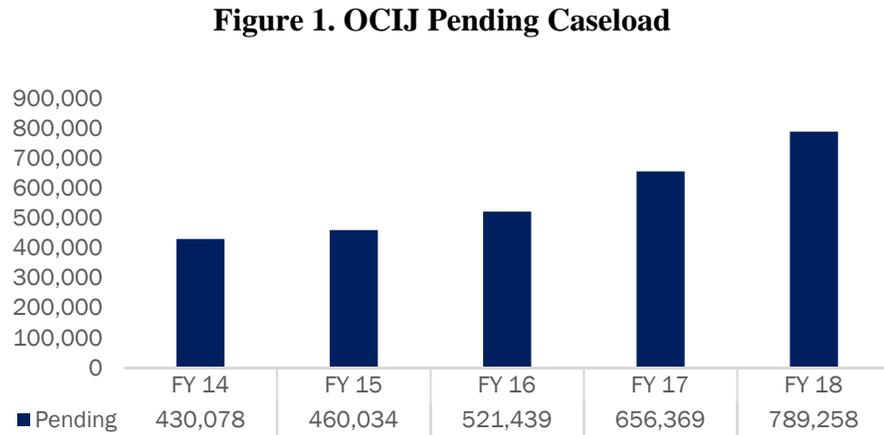
Subsequent case completion refers to any dispositive decision by an immigration judge after an ICC.



IMMIGRATION COURTS

PENDING CASELOAD

Figure 1. The number of pending immigration court cases has grown by 84 percent since the end of FY 2014, and by 20 percent since the end of FY 2017.



I-862 AND I-863 NEW NTA'S AND TOTAL COMPLETIONS

Figure 2. New NTA's and Total Completions

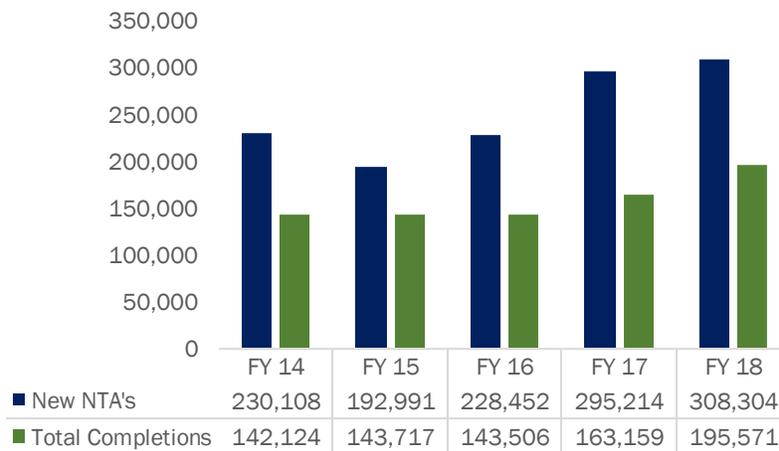




Table 1. Immigration Courts Pending Cases

Immigration Court	Pending Cases as of 9/30/2018
Adelanto	1,197
Arlington	44,053
Atlanta	25,078
Aurora	534
Baltimore	34,595
Batavia	398
Bloomington	8,160
Boston	28,021
Buffalo	2,005
Charlotte	16,365
Chicago	29,697
Cleveland	10,122
Dallas	25,703
Denver	12,116
Detroit	5,304
El Paso	4,479
El Paso SPC	383
Elizabeth	753
Eloy	856
Fishkill	76
Florence	419
Harlingen	4,453
Hartford	5,404
Honolulu	458
Houston	52,361
Houston SPC	1,802
Imperial	3,957
Kansas City	8,479
Krome	802
Las Vegas	4,466
LaSalle	443
Los Angeles (N)	74,819
Los Angeles (D)	368
Louisville	5,132
Memphis	13,697
Miami	38,458
New Orleans	10,872
New York City	102,214
Newark	42,431
Oakdale	591
Omaha	10,801
Orlando	16,440
Otay Mesa	578
Otero	600
Pearsall	793
Philadelphia	14,619
Phoenix	8,625
Port Isabel	824
Portland	5,565
Saipan	156
Salt Lake City	2,727
San Antonio	27,089
San Diego	4,883
San Francisco	59,237
San Juan	294
Seattle	10,629
Stewart	690
Tacoma	952
Tucson	796
Ulster	98
Varick	839
York	502
Total	789,258



TOTAL I-862 MATTERS RECEIVED AND COMPLETED

Figure 3. The number of I-862 matters the immigration courts received increased by seven percent between FY 2017 and FY 2018. The number of I-862 matters the immigration courts completed increased by 20 percent from FY 2017 to FY 2018.

Figure 3. Total I-862 Immigration Court Matters



Figure 4. New NTAs constitute the bulk of the courts' work.

Figure 4. I-862 Immigration Court Matters Received by Type

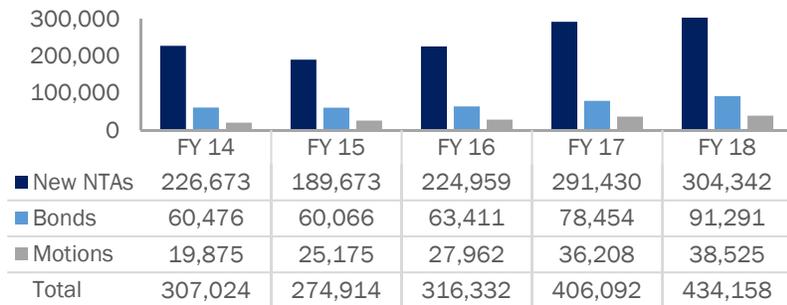


Figure 5. The majority of matters completed are I-862 ICCs.

Figure 5. I-862 Immigration Court Matters Completed by Type

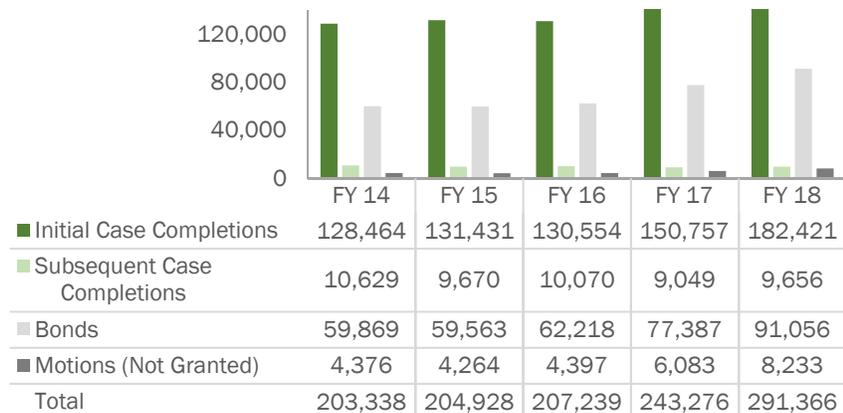




Table 2. Total I-862 Immigration Court Matters Received by Court

Immigration Court	FY 2017 Total Matters	FY 2018				Rate of Change: Total Matters
		Total Matters	New NTAs	Bonds	Motions	
Adelanto	8,488	11,324	5,240	6,019	65	33%
Arlington	15,543	10,833	7,828	1,477	1,528	-30%
Atlanta	11,710	13,479	9,789	2,837	853	15%
Aurora	3,850	5,327	2,593	2,669	65	38%
Baltimore	14,580	8,958	7,285	890	783	-39%
Batavia	2,492	2,702	1,216	1,449	37	8%
Bloomington	4,742	4,938	2,957	1,407	574	4%
Boston	11,047	9,678	6,843	1,275	1,560	-12%
Buffalo	782	1,105	722	0	383	41%
Charlotte	9,453	7,700	6,981	184	535	-19%
Chicago	11,508	13,897	9,480	3,314	1,103	21%
Cleveland	5,077	5,953	3,796	1,774	383	17%
Dallas	13,343	16,908	14,024	2,375	509	27%
Denver	2,713	3,015	2,454	83	478	11%
Detroit	3,753	4,936	2,579	2,011	346	32%
El Paso	1,742	1,840	1,464	4	372	6%
El Paso SPC	3,464	2,937	1,813	1,078	46	-15%
Elizabeth	4,931	5,432	2,306	3,060	66	10%
Eloy	8,040	9,277	4,443	4,695	139	15%
Fishkill	169	81	64	0	17	-52%
Florence	3,989	4,285	2,090	2,137	58	7%
Harlingen	3,429	6,308	5,177	2	1,129	84%
Hartford	2,648	2,274	1,934	165	175	-14%
Honolulu	591	583	420	108	55	-1%
Houston	14,231	14,398	12,597	10	1,791	1%
Houston SPC	14,363	14,922	8,024	6,657	241	4%
Imperial	4,311	3,776	1,880	1,795	101	-12%
Kansas City	4,290	5,798	3,947	1,059	792	35%
Krome	8,504	11,242	5,545	5,531	166	32%
Las Vegas	4,445	5,080	3,121	1,582	377	14%
LaSalle	5,998	6,266	3,139	3,098	29	4%
Los Angeles (N)	26,185	22,687	18,674	6	4,007	-13%
Los Angeles (D)	4,678	5,994	2,582	3,356	56	28%
Louisville	1,860	1,249	1,017	0	232	-33%
Memphis	6,429	5,425	4,631	7	787	-16%
Miami	16,576	13,886	10,962	4	2,920	-16%
New Orleans	5,183	5,402	4,856	0	546	4%
New York City	27,137	30,448	25,887	108	4,453	12%
Newark	8,707	11,690	10,603	0	1,087	34%
Oakdale	4,782	6,850	3,235	3,538	77	43%
Omaha	4,505	4,983	3,260	1,308	415	11%
Orlando	8,243	9,571	7,622	761	1,188	16%
Otay Mesa	4,938	4,150	1,911	2,186	53	-16%
Otero	1,904	3,706	2,522	1,167	17	95%
Pearsall	8,168	9,312	6,298	2,941	73	14%
Philadelphia	4,010	6,104	5,493	16	595	52%
Phoenix	3,335	4,904	3,424	1	1,479	47%
Port Isabel	4,062	5,751	4,088	1,594	69	42%
Portland	1,356	2,181	1,928	76	177	61%
Saipan	115	94	91	0	3	-18%
Salt Lake City	1,259	1,531	1,218	34	279	22%
San Antonio	7,994	8,134	5,904	367	1,863	2%
San Diego	2,841	2,801	2,213	0	588	-1%
San Francisco	20,325	20,963	16,766	2,600	1,597	3%
San Juan	336	302	128	18	156	-10%
Seattle	2,757	2,777	2,329	3	445	1%
Stewart	7,767	8,559	5,597	2,879	83	10%
Tacoma	6,649	8,244	4,228	3,928	88	24%
Tucson	608	705	563	0	142	16%
Ulster	241	205	184	2	19	-15%
Varick	3,257	4,191	1,672	2,397	122	29%
York	5,659	6,107	2,705	3,249	153	8%
Total	406,092	434,158	304,342	91,291	38,525	7%

Key
25%+ growth in Total Matters Received
25%+ decrease in Total Matters Received



Table 3. Total I-862 Immigration Court Matters Completed by Court and Type

Immigration Court	FY 2017 Total Matters	FY 2018					Rate of Change: Total Matters
		Total Matters	Initial Case Completions	Subsequent Case Completions	Bonds	Motions Not Granted	
Adelanto	6,637	8,503	2,125	78	6,275	25	28%
Arlington	6,512	6,742	4,795	313	1,434	200	4%
Atlanta	7,478	9,008	5,662	200	2,743	403	20%
Aurora	2,860	4,055	1,371	37	2,618	29	42%
Baltimore	4,278	5,382	3,952	316	858	256	26%
Batavia	1,850	2,047	648	29	1,349	21	11%
Bloomington	2,793	3,383	1,754	123	1,417	89	21%
Boston	4,861	5,096	3,387	308	1,260	141	5%
Buffalo	601	701	619	45	0	37	17%
Charlotte	4,510	5,353	4,847	198	186	122	19%
Chicago	7,880	9,476	5,730	354	3,241	151	20%
Cleveland	3,064	3,959	2,040	101	1,736	82	29%
Dallas	8,154	8,974	6,360	178	2,272	164	10%
Denver	1,780	2,230	1,910	155	91	74	25%
Detroit	2,959	4,187	1,954	168	1,976	89	42%
El Paso	1,422	1,710	1,537	58	4	111	20%
El Paso SPC	2,696	2,120	1,016	16	1,055	33	-21%
Elizabeth	4,044	4,317	1,301	44	2,952	20	7%
Eloy	6,685	7,549	2,663	65	4,764	57	13%
Fishkill	163	116	99	10	0	7	-29%
Florence	2,366	2,961	887	16	2,032	26	25%
Harlingen	2,537	2,117	1,289	140	1	687	-17%
Hartford	1,265	1,258	982	69	164	43	-1%
Honolulu	634	823	681	15	117	10	30%
Houston	7,307	11,001	9,988	511	7	495	51%
Houston SPC	9,569	11,858	5,017	87	6,698	56	24%
Imperial	2,434	2,438	573	27	1,785	53	0%
Kansas City	2,617	3,760	2,489	112	1,069	90	44%
Krome	7,071	9,756	4,046	107	5,513	90	38%
Las Vegas	3,769	4,305	2,499	162	1,553	91	14%
LaSalle	5,016	5,638	2,538	32	3,056	12	12%
Los Angeles (N)	11,804	11,630	9,970	940	9	711	-1%
Los Angeles (D)	4,275	5,322	1,743	81	3,474	24	24%
Louisville	845	1,333	1,228	51	0	54	58%
Memphis	3,635	3,912	3,613	110	6	183	8%
Miami	7,954	10,309	9,023	589	3	694	30%
New Orleans	2,698	3,488	3,290	129	0	69	29%
New York City	12,882	17,477	15,725	1,010	78	664	36%
Newark	3,174	4,278	3,702	297	0	279	35%
Oakdale	3,850	5,660	2,077	35	3,501	47	47%
Omaha	2,625	3,096	1,615	102	1,306	73	18%
Orlando	5,337	5,052	3,853	233	763	203	-5%
Otay Mesa	3,587	3,439	1,078	36	2,304	21	-4%
Otero	1,810	2,844	1,695	16	1,125	8	57%
Pearsall	4,137	4,876	1,806	26	3,021	23	18%
Philadelphia	1,871	2,326	2,139	118	11	58	24%
Phoenix	2,320	3,246	2,964	163	1	118	40%
Port Isabel	2,599	3,311	1,653	49	1,556	53	27%
Portland	613	986	853	49	76	8	61%
Saipan	25	36	35	0	0	1	44%
Salt Lake City	1,287	1,789	1,602	90	35	62	39%
San Antonio	5,229	5,550	4,376	276	450	448	6%
San Diego	1,707	2,372	2,045	180	0	147	39%
San Francisco	10,121	12,108	8,813	524	2,604	167	20%
San Juan	158	174	113	17	18	26	10%
Seattle	1,806	1,929	1,709	124	3	93	7%
Stewart	6,979	7,736	4,737	87	2,856	56	11%
Tacoma	5,872	6,674	2,564	43	4,018	49	14%
Tucson	729	754	696	41	0	17	3%
Ulster	218	205	187	8	2	8	-6%
Varick	2,567	3,530	1,086	74	2,325	45	38%
York	4,750	5,101	1,672	84	3,285	60	7%
Total	243,276	291,366	182,421	9,656	91,056	8,233	20%

Key
25%+ growth in Total Matters Completed
25%+ decrease in Total Matters Completed



CASES RECEIVED AND COMPLETED BY TYPE

Table 4. Immigration Court Cases Received by Case Type

Type of Case	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Removal	226,672	189,671	224,958	291,430	304,339
Credible Fear	6,506	6,644	7,464	6,534	6,664
Withholding Only	3,139	3,063	3,266	3,395	3,236
Reasonable Fear	1,778	2,608	2,519	2,471	2,744
Asylum Only	296	255	227	389	726
Rescission	31	45	27	37	38
Claimed Status	22	21	11	6	5
Deportation	1	2	1	0	2
NACARA	4	1	0	0	1
Exclusion	0	0	0	0	1
Continued Detention Review	3	2	1	0	0
Total	238,452	202,312	238,474	304,262	317,756

Table 5. Immigration Court Initial and Subsequent Case Completions by Case Type

Type of Case	FY 2014		FY 2015		FY 2016		FY 2017		FY 2018	
	Initial	Subsequent	Initial	Subsequent	Initial	Subsequent	Initial	Subsequent	Initial	Subsequent
Deportation	455	1,175	431	1,122	461	1,098	364	836	390	614
Exclusion	33	105	19	103	35	83	20	64	21	68
Removal	127,976	9,349	130,981	8,445	130,058	8,889	150,373	8,149	182,010	8,974
Credible Fear	6,353	0	6,624	2	7,492	0	6,534	0	6,668	0
Reasonable Fear	1,707	0	2,559	0	2,536	2	2,438	0	2,769	1
Claimed Status	22	0	19	0	15	0	4	1	8	0
Asylum Only	313	58	246	34	214	36	273	52	371	32
Rescission	30	1	28	3	28	2	33	1	26	1
Continued Detention Review	2	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
NACARA	1	1	2	0	1	1	3	2	0	0
Withholding Only	2,587	73	2,230	106	2,539	93	2,900	127	2,950	141
Total	139,479	10,762	143,142	9,815	143,381	10,204	162,942	9,232	195,213	9,831



I-862 CASE COMPLETIONS BY DECISION

Figure 6. I-862 ICCs increased 21 percent from FY 2017 to FY 2018.

Figure 6. I-862 Case Completions

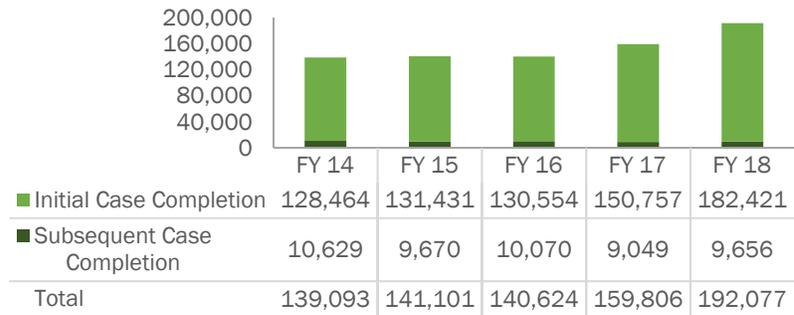


Figure 7. All I-862 case outcomes except “other” increased in FY 2018.

Figure 7. I-862 ICCs by Decision

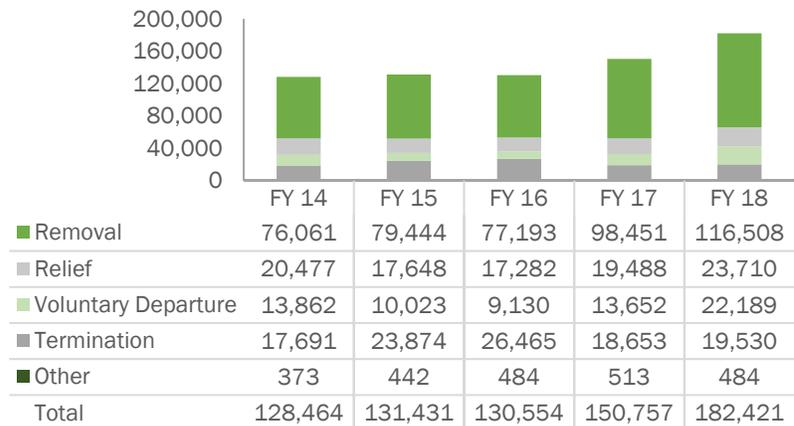


Figure 8. For I-862 cases, subsequent case completions have decreased by about nine percent between FY 2014 and FY 2018.

Figure 8. I-862 Subsequent Case Completions by Decision

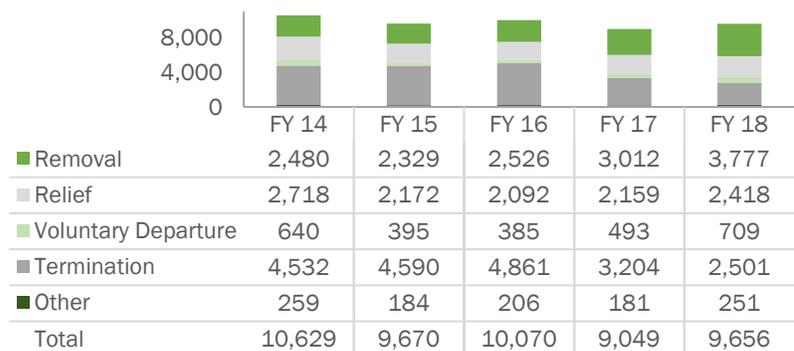




Figure 9. Administrative closures decreased by about 67 percent from FY 2017 to FY 2018.

Figure 9. Administrative Closures

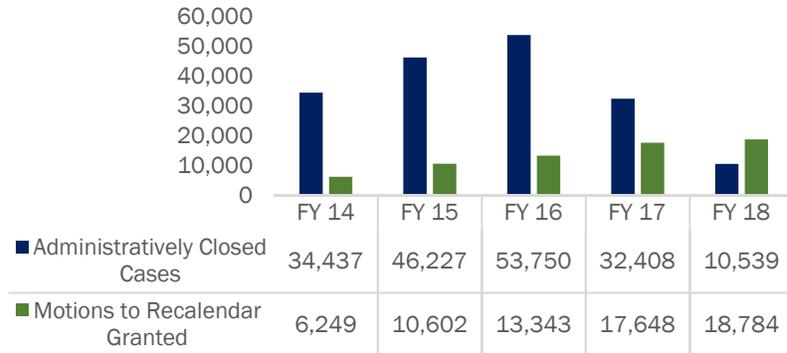


Figure 10. The rate of increase of the inactive pending caseload has slowed in the past two fiscal years. From FY 2017 to FY 2018, the inactive pending caseload only increased by three percent.

Figure 10. Inactive Pending End of Fiscal Year Totals

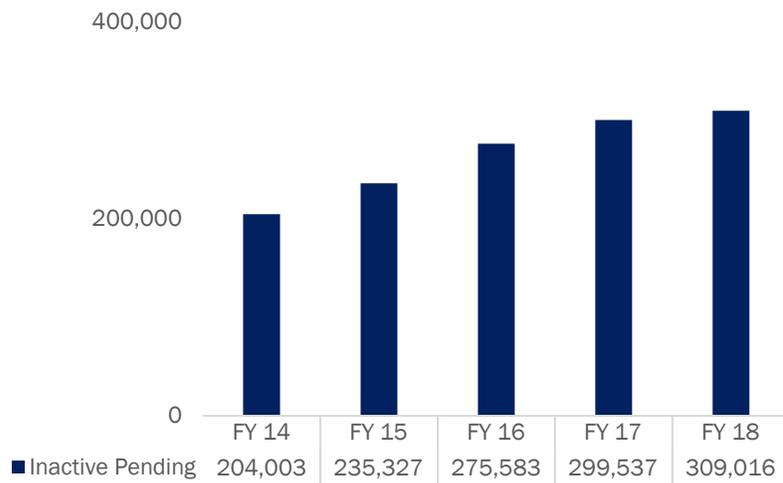




Figure 11. For I-862 cases, changes of venue have increased 10 percent since FY 2014 and transfers have increased 35 percent in the same period.

Figure 11. Total I-862 Changes of Venue and Transfers

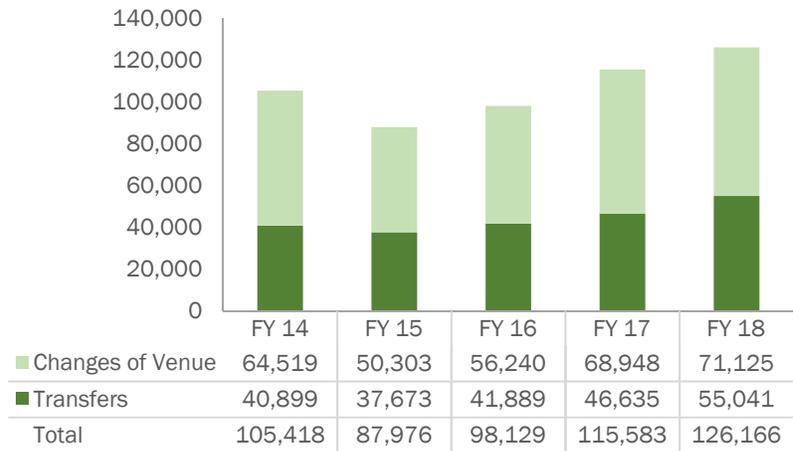


Table 6. Credible Fear (CF) and Reasonable Fear (RF) Review ICCs by Decision

Disposition	FY 2014		FY 2015		FY 2016		FY 2017		FY 2018	
	CF	RF								
Affirmed DHS Decision	5,232	1,439	5,219	2,053	5,333	1,915	4,852	1,812	5,206	2,193
Vacated DHS Decision	1,055	230	1,347	451	2,088	571	1,647	588	1,386	508
Other	67	43	65	64	73	57	38	45	78	71
Total	6,354	1,712	6,631	2,568	7,494	2,543	6,537	2,445	6,670	2,772



Table 7. I-862 Changes of Venue and Transfers

Immigration Court	Changes of Venue	Transfers	Total
Adelanto	3,341	306	3,647
Arlington	1,755	1,924	3,679
Atlanta	1,271	3,581	4,852
Aurora	1,327	11	1,338
Baltimore	1,193	1,736	2,929
Batavia	120	523	643
Bloomington	226	1,444	1,670
Boston	443	1,085	1,528
Buffalo	519	64	583
Charlotte	769	36	805
Chicago	2,134	7,453	9,587
Cleveland	544	1,220	1,764
Dallas	626	2,814	3,440
Denver	453	57	510
Detroit	347	1,039	1,386
El Paso	1,866	172	2,038
El Paso SPC	19	1,014	1,033
Elizabeth	61	1,411	1,472
Eloy	2,398	2	2,400
Fishkill	27	17	44
Florence	1,551	14	1,565
Harlingen	3,878	262	4,140
Hartford	212	95	307
Honolulu	64	52	116
Houston	3,456	3,359	6,815
Houston SPC	1,611	2,593	4,204
Imperial	932	1,536	2,468
Kansas City	408	611	1,019
Krome	1,800	484	2,284
Las Vegas	335	1,221	1,556
LaSalle	802	50	852
Los Angeles (N)	3,791	160	3,951
Los Angeles (D)	1,276	185	1,461
Louisville	291	220	511
Memphis	525	777	1,302
Miami	1,484	19	1,503
New Orleans	1,046	13	1,059
New York City	3,392	474	3,866
Newark	1,814	313	2,127
Oakdale	774	460	1,234
Omaha	277	806	1,083
Orlando	674	396	1,070
Otay Mesa	1,287	23	1,310
Otero	5	662	667
Pearsall	216	4,799	5,015
Philadelphia	968	1,388	2,356
Phoenix	1,671	66	1,737
Port Isabel	710	1,661	2,371
Portland	351	34	385
Saipan	1	0	1
Salt Lake City	178	239	417
San Antonio	7,829	3,008	10,837
San Diego	890	220	1,110
San Francisco	1,928	1,712	3,640
San Juan	58	9	67
Seattle	376	14	390
Stewart	1,283	46	1,329
Tacoma	1,877	1	1,878
Tucson	229	8	237
Ulster	60	25	85
Varick	156	879	1,035
York	1,220	238	1,458
Total	71,125	55,041	126,166



I-862 ICCs BY COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY

EOIR IJs hear cases from many different nationalities each year.

Figure 12. About 75 percent of I-862 ICCs in FY 2018 were cases of nationals from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, or El Salvador.

Figure 12. I-862 ICCs by Nationality

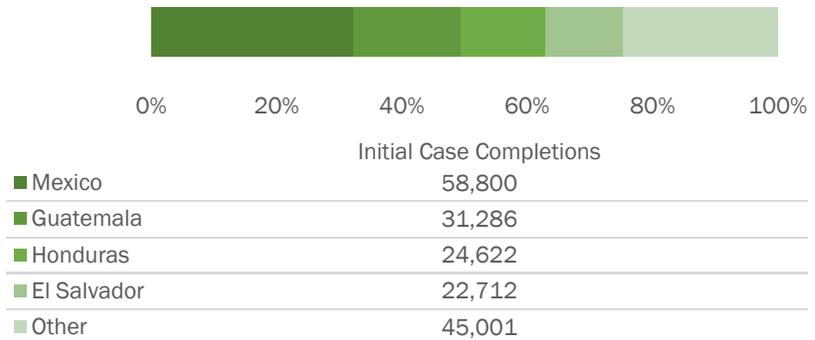


Table 8. In the last five years, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, China, India, Ecuador, and Cuba, were eight of the top ten countries of nationality.

Table 8. I-862 ICCs by Top 25 Countries of Nationality

Rank	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
1	Mexico	Mexico	Mexico	Mexico	Mexico
2	Guatemala	Honduras	Guatemala	Guatemala	Guatemala
3	Honduras	Guatemala	Honduras	Honduras	Honduras
4	El Salvador				
5	China	China	China	China	China
6	Cuba	Ecuador	Ecuador	Haiti	Haiti
7	Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic	Ecuador	India
8	Ecuador	India	Cuba	Dominican Republic	Ecuador
9	India	Cuba	India	Cuba	Cuba
10	Jamaica	Jamaica	Jamaica	India	Brazil
11	Colombia	Haiti	Colombia	Brazil	Dominican Republic
12	Haiti	Colombia	Haiti	Jamaica	Jamaica
13	Philippines	Peru	Brazil	Colombia	Colombia
14	Peru	Philippines	Somalia	Nicaragua	Nicaragua
15	Nicaragua	Nicaragua	Nicaragua	Romania	Romania
16	Brazil	Brazil	Peru	Peru	Peru
17	Nigeria	Somalia	Ghana	Nepal	Nepal
18	Nepal	Nigeria	Philippines	Philippines	Venezuela
19	Ethiopia	Ethiopia	Nigeria	Pakistan	Nigeria
20	Russia	Nepal	Pakistan	Ghana	Bangladesh
21	Egypt	Bangladesh	Nepal	Nigeria	Pakistan
22	Pakistan	Pakistan	Bangladesh	Eritrea	Eritrea
23	Vietnam	Ghana	Canada	Canada	Philippines
24	Kenya	Vietnam	Romania	Venezuela	Cameroon
25	Canada	Canada	Egypt	Cameroon	Russia



I-862 ICCs BY LANGUAGE

In parallel to the many nationalities that come before IJs, there are similarly hundreds of languages in which hearings are conducted. EOIR provides interpretation services for all aliens in proceedings as appropriate.

Figure 13. About 84 percent of I-862 ICCs in FY 2018 were cases of Spanish- or English-speaking aliens.

Figure 13. I-862 ICCs by Language

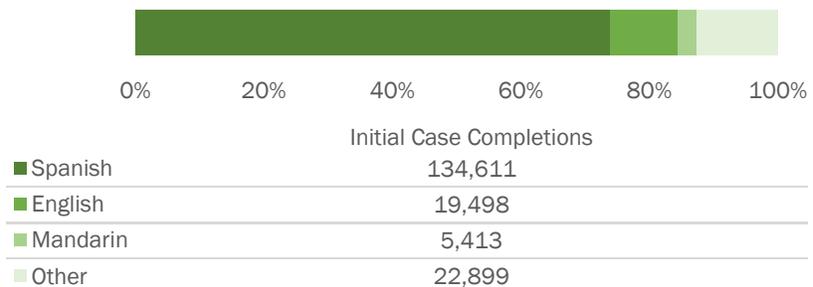


Table 9. In the last five years, six of the top ten languages were Spanish, English, Mandarin, Punjabi, Arabic, or Russian.

Table 9. I-862 ICCs by Top 25 Languages

Rank	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
1	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish
2	English	English	English	English	English
3	Mandarin	Mandarin	Mandarin	Mandarin	Mandarin
4	Unknown Language	Unknown Language	Unknown Language	Creole	Creole
5	Russian	Arabic	Arabic	Unknown Language	Unknown Language
6	Arabic	Russian	Punjabi	Punjabi	Punjabi
7	Punjabi	Punjabi	Russian	Portuguese	Portuguese
8	Creole	Creole	Portuguese	Arabic	Arabic
9	French	Somali	Mam	Russian	Mam
10	Portuguese	French	Somali	Mam	Russian
11	Korean	Portuguese	Creole	French	Quiche
12	Nepali	Quiche	Quiche	Quiche	Nepali
13	Somali	Nepali	French	Nepali	French
14	Foo Chow	Mam	Nepali	Tigrigna - Eritrean	Konjobal
15	Amharic	Bengali	Foo Chow	Romanian-Moldovan	Tigrigna - Eritrean
16	Vietnamese	Foo Chow	Bengali	Konjobal	Bengali
17	Gujarati	Korean	Amharic	Somali	Romanian-Moldovan
18	Quiche	Amharic	Korean	Bengali	Urdu
19	Mam	Vietnamese	Tigrigna - Eritrean	Urdu	Albanian
20	Tagalog	Tigrigna - Eritrean	Konjobal	Foo Chow	Foo Chow
21	Urdu	Gujarati	Romanian-Moldovan	Korean	Konjobal, Western (Akateko)
22	Albanian	Albanian	Urdu	Albanian	Gujarati
23	Armenian	Konjobal	Albanian	Amharic	Hindi
24	Indonesian	Tagalog	Vietnamese	Vietnamese	Somali
25	Tigrigna - Eritrean	Urdu	Armenian	Gujarati	Vietnamese



I-862 ICCs FOR DETAINED CASES

Detention locations include DHS Service Processing Centers (SPC), DHS contract detention facilities, state and local government jails, and Bureau of Prisons institutions. For the purpose of Figure 13, Institutional Hearing Program (IHP) cases are considered detained cases as are cases of unaccompanied alien children (UAC) in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Figure 14. Detained I-862 ICCs increased 15 percent from FY 2017 to FY 2018.

Figure 14. I-862 ICCs by Detention Status

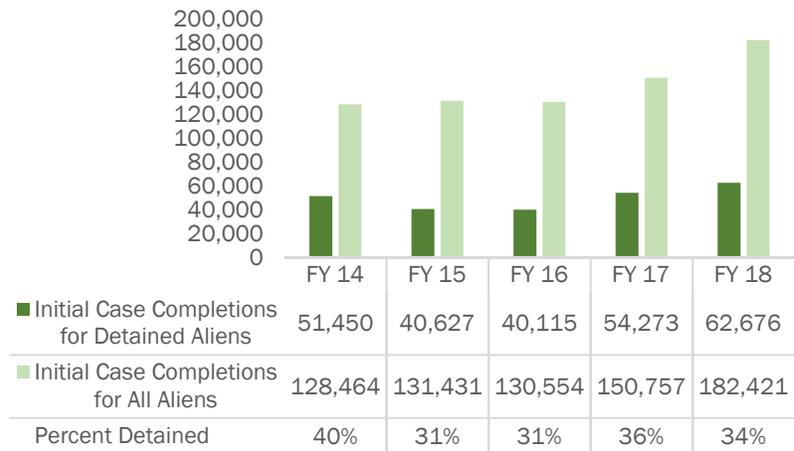


Figure 15. The number of standard detained completions – aliens at least 18 years of age that are not at an IHP location, are not UAC or in HHS custody, and are not considered to have competency concerns or to be subject to the *Franco* litigation – have increased 17 percent from FY 2017 to FY 2018.

Figure 15. I-862 Standard Detained ICCs

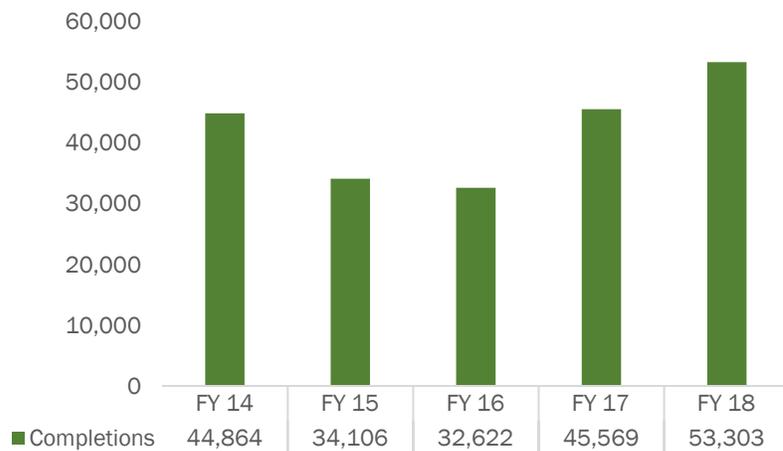




Table 10. I-862 Detained ICCs

Immigration Court	Completions
Adelanto	2,082
Arlington	1,009
Atlanta	2,383
Aurora	1,345
Baltimore	464
Batavia	621
Bloomington	996
Boston	951
Buffalo	0
Charlotte	1
Chicago	1,717
Cleveland	950
Dallas	3,857
Denver	100
Detroit	1,093
El Paso	107
El Paso SPC	1,014
Elizabeth	1,293
Eloy	2,652
Fishkill	99
Florence	881
Harlingen	19
Hartford	181
Honolulu	137
Houston	21
Houston SPC	5,012
Imperial	439
Kansas City	723
Krome	4,012
Las Vegas	1,131
LaSalle	2,535
Los Angeles (N)	17
Los Angeles (D)	1,712
Louisville	0
Memphis	0
Miami	98
New Orleans	0
New York City	42
Newark	3
Oakdale	2,076
Omaha	800
Orlando	731
Otay Mesa	1,052
Otero	1,692
Pearsall	1,806
Philadelphia	12
Phoenix	43
Port Isabel	1,645
Portland	1
Saipan	5
Salt Lake City	160
San Antonio	717
San Diego	42
San Francisco	1,691
San Juan	12
Seattle	9
Stewart	4,704
Tacoma	2,557
Tucson	298
Ulster	187
Varick	1,070
York	1,669
Total	62,676



I-862 INSTITUTIONAL HEARING PROGRAM CASES RECEIVED AND COMPLETED

IHP is a cooperative effort between EOIR, DHS, and various federal, state, and municipal corrections agencies. IJs and court staff either travel to IHP facilities to conduct IHP hearings, or the IJs conduct the hearings by video teleconferencing.

Figure 16. New IHP case receipts increased slightly over FY 2017 levels.

Figure 16. I-862 IHP Receipts and ICCs

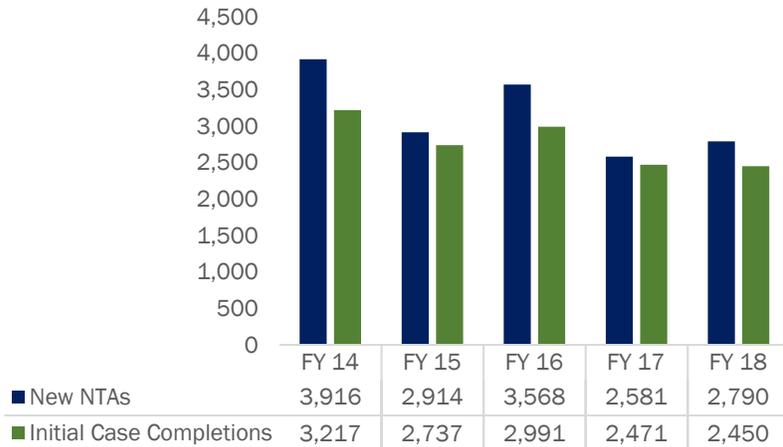


Table 11. I-862 IHP ICCs by Decision

Disposition	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
Removal	3,100	2,591	2,743	2,340	2,315
Termination	86	95	95	54	100
Relief	28	40	117	63	22
Voluntary Departure	3	7	28	10	12
Other	0	4	8	4	1
Total Completions	3,217	2,737	2,991	2,471	2,450



I-862 ICCs WITH APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF

Figure 17. The percent of completed I-862 cases with applications for relief increased about 19 percent since FY 2017.

Figure 17. I-862 ICCs by Application Filing Status

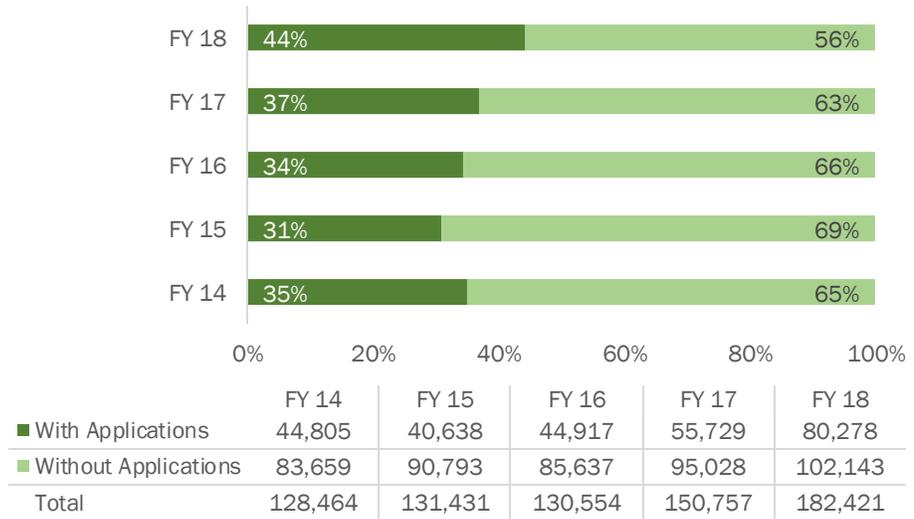




Table 12. I-862 ICCs with Applications for Relief

Immigration Court	Initial Case Completions	Number of Completions with Applications	Percent with Applications
Adelanto	2,125	990	47%
Arlington	4,795	2,322	48%
Atlanta	5,662	1,681	30%
Aurora	1,371	424	31%
Baltimore	3,952	1,997	51%
Batavia	648	219	34%
Bloomington	1,754	553	32%
Boston	3,387	1,789	53%
Buffalo	619	297	48%
Charlotte	4,847	1,167	24%
Chicago	5,730	1,989	35%
Cleveland	2,040	737	36%
Dallas	6,360	1,428	22%
Denver	1,910	886	46%
Detroit	1,954	673	34%
El Paso	1,537	437	28%
El Paso SPC	1,016	294	29%
Elizabeth	1,301	530	41%
Eloy	2,663	949	36%
Fishkill	99	28	28%
Florence	887	264	30%
Harlingen	1,289	459	36%
Hartford	982	516	53%
Honolulu	681	511	75%
Houston	9,988	4,916	49%
Houston SPC	5,017	1,159	23%
Imperial	573	297	52%
Kansas City	2,489	919	37%
Krome	4,046	1,293	32%
Las Vegas	2,499	1,191	48%
LaSalle	2,538	377	15%
Los Angeles (N)	9,970	5,792	58%
Los Angeles (D)	1,743	814	47%
Louisville	1,228	388	32%
Memphis	3,613	1,521	42%
Miami	9,023	4,998	55%
New Orleans	3,290	983	30%
New York City	15,725	11,866	75%
Newark	3,702	1,461	39%
Oakdale	2,077	349	17%
Omaha	1,615	673	42%
Orlando	3,853	1,604	42%
Otay Mesa	1,078	528	49%
Otero	1,695	330	19%
Pearsall	1,806	563	31%
Philadelphia	2,139	1,008	47%
Phoenix	2,964	1,569	53%
Port Isabel	1,653	765	46%
Portland	853	544	64%
Saipan	35	16	46%
Salt Lake City	1,602	1,001	62%
San Antonio	4,376	1,765	40%
San Diego	2,045	1,075	53%
San Francisco	8,813	5,413	61%
San Juan	113	33	29%
Seattle	1,709	1,041	61%
Stewart	4,737	471	10%
Tacoma	2,564	1,033	40%
Tucson	696	341	49%
Ulster	187	61	33%
Varick	1,086	535	49%
York	1,672	445	27%
Total	182,421	80,278	44%

Key
>50% of completions had applications
<15% of completions had applications



I-862 ASYLUM CASES RECEIVED AND ICCs

There are two types of asylum processes – defensive and affirmative. The defensive asylum process applies to aliens who appear before EOIR and who request asylum before an IJ. The affirmative asylum process applies to aliens who initially file an asylum application with USCIS and, subsequently, have that application referred by USCIS to EOIR.

Figure 18. Defensive asylum receipts have increased significantly (258 percent) from FY 2014 to FY 2018. In the same period, affirmative asylum receipts have increased 202 percent.

Figure 18. Asylum I-862 Receipts

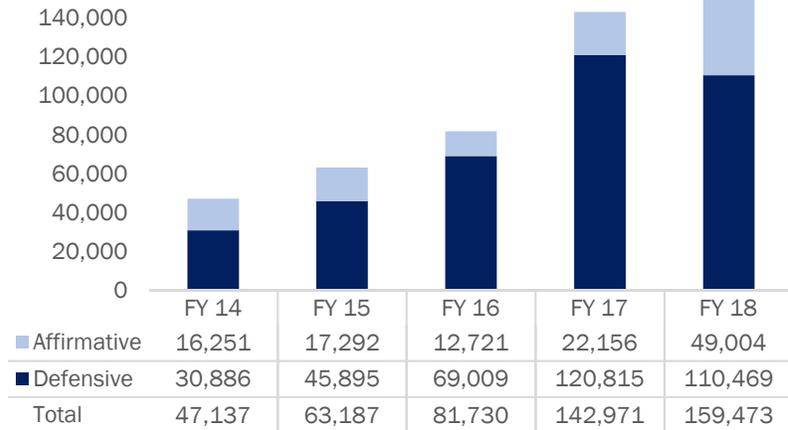


Figure 19. Asylum receipts increased 238 percent from FY 2014 to FY 2018; completions increased by 125 percent over the same period.

Figure 19. Asylum I-862 Receipts and ICCs

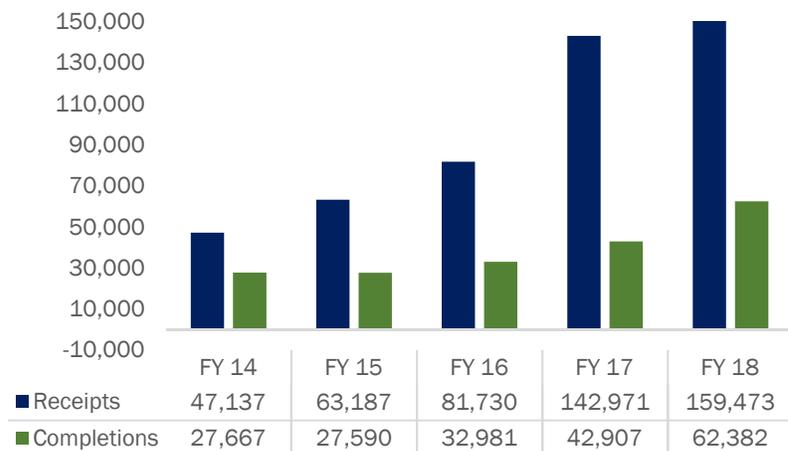




Table 13. Asylum I-862 ICCs by Court for FY 2018

Immigration Court	Completions
Adelanto	826
Arlington	2,089
Atlanta	963
Aurora	302
Baltimore	1,904
Batavia	167
Bloomington	346
Boston	1,215
Buffalo	174
Charlotte	961
Chicago	1,192
Cleveland	551
Dallas	773
Denver	531
Detroit	407
El Paso	191
El Paso SPC	263
Elizabeth	340
Eloy	604
Fishkill	5
Florence	201
Harlingen	218
Hartford	420
Honolulu	486
Houston	4,148
Houston SPC	602
Imperial	265
Kansas City	755
Krome	846
Las Vegas	817
LaSalle	195
Los Angeles (N)	4,698
Los Angeles (D)	647
Louisville	242
Memphis	1,100
Miami	4,281
New Orleans	755
New York City	11,029
Newark	1,058
Oakdale	223
Omaha	472
Orlando	1,370
Otay Mesa	432
Otero	260
Pearsall	391
Philadelphia	800
Phoenix	767
Port Isabel	543
Portland	466
Saipan	12
Salt Lake City	751
San Antonio	1,384
San Diego	905
San Francisco	4,213
San Juan	6
Seattle	944
Stewart	226
Tacoma	823
Tucson	204
Ulster	6
Varick	320
York	297
Total	62,382



I-862 ASYLUM ICCs BY DECISION

An asylum application also generally serves as an application for withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). As such, EOIR reports on these two forms of relief and protection from removal contemporaneously.

Figure 20. In the past five years, asylum grants have increased by about 53 percent. In the same period, denials increased 193 percent.

Figure 20. Asylum I-862 ICCs by Decision

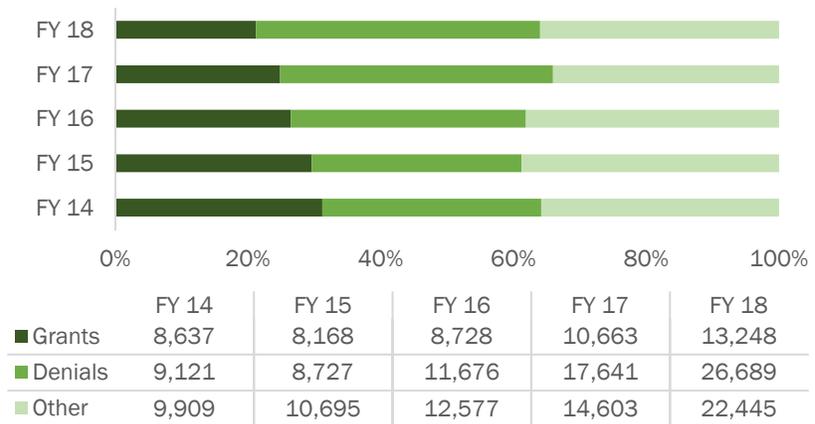


Figure 21. The defensive grant rate is consistently lower than that of affirmative asylum applications.

Figure 21. Affirmative and Defensive Asylum I-862 ICCs by Decision

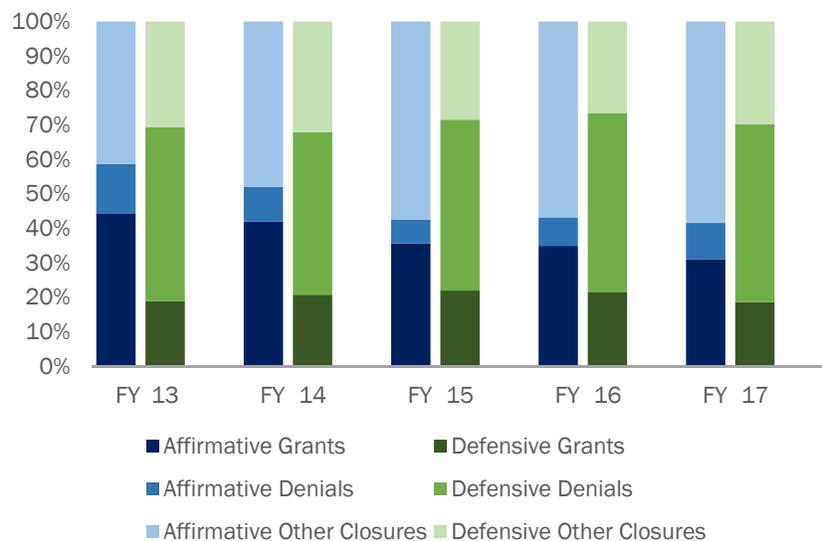




Figure 22.
Administrative
closures of asylum
cases decreased by
about 81 percent from
FY 2017 to FY 2018.

**Figure 22. Asylum I-862 Administrative Closures, Including Those
with a Subsequent Granted Motion to Recalendar**

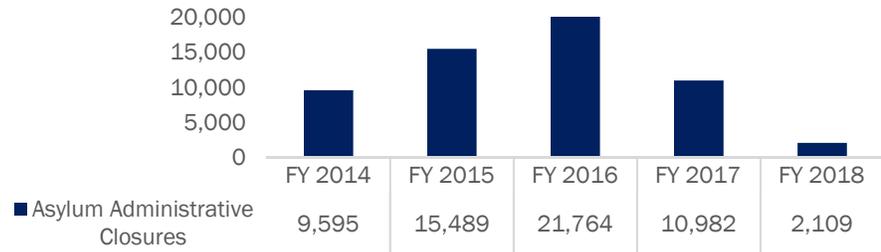


Figure 23. The grant
rate for either asylum
or withholding of
removal has decreased
about 33 percent in the
last five years.

**Figure 23. I-862 Asylum and I-862 Withholding of Removal ICCs by
Decision**

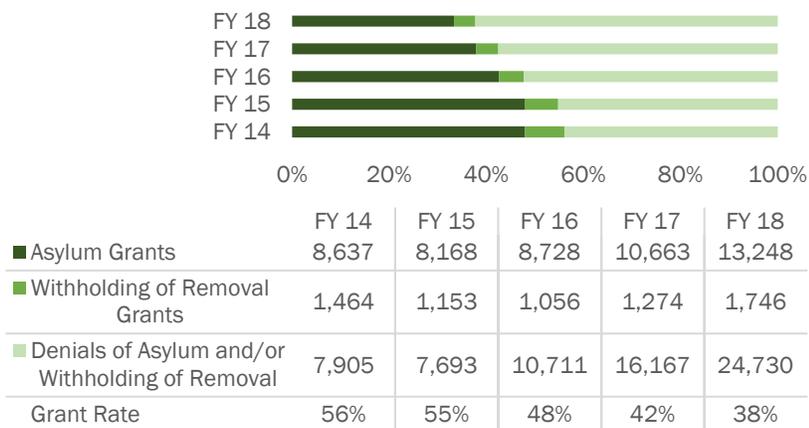


Figure 24. The withholding of
removal grant rate has
decreased about 38 percent
from FY 2014 to FY 2018.

Figure 24. I-862 Withholding of Removal ICCs by Decision

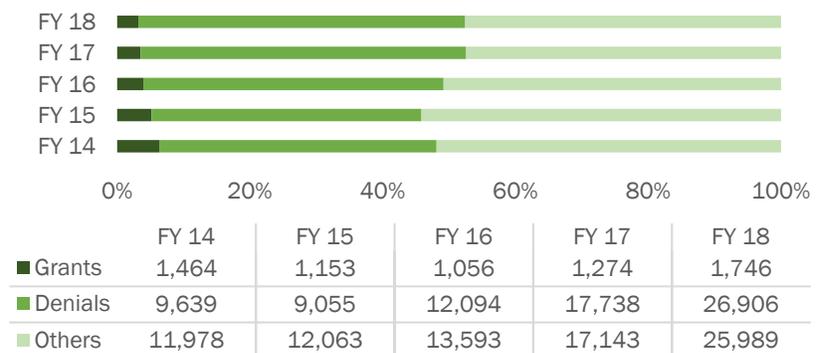




Table 14. I-862 ICC Asylum Decision Rate by Immigration Court

Immigration Court	Grants		Denials		Other Closures		Administrative Closure		Total
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Adelanto	140	17%	531	64%	155	19%	1	0%	827
Arlington	665	31%	679	32%	745	35%	39	2%	2,128
Atlanta	22	2%	629	65%	312	32%	9	1%	972
Aurora	40	13%	192	62%	70	23%	7	2%	309
Baltimore	737	38%	617	32%	550	28%	53	3%	1,957
Batavia	18	11%	90	54%	59	35%	1	1%	168
Bloomington	39	11%	163	45%	144	40%	13	4%	359
Boston	352	26%	296	22%	567	42%	142	10%	1,357
Buffalo	34	19%	94	53%	46	26%	3	2%	177
Charlotte	32	3%	700	71%	229	23%	26	3%	987
Chicago	410	33%	399	32%	383	31%	60	5%	1,252
Cleveland	60	11%	266	47%	225	40%	13	2%	564
Dallas	73	9%	428	55%	272	35%	11	1%	784
Denver	106	19%	237	43%	188	34%	18	3%	549
Detroit	37	9%	200	49%	170	41%	4	1%	411
El Paso	4	2%	71	37%	116	60%	3	2%	194
El Paso SPC	41	16%	176	67%	46	17%	1	0%	264
Elizabeth	83	24%	164	48%	93	27%	3	1%	343
Eloy	12	2%	361	59%	231	38%	3	0%	607
Fishkill	0	0%	3	60%	2	40%	0	0%	5
Florence	9	4%	118	58%	74	37%	1	0%	202
Harlingen	5	2%	94	42%	119	53%	7	3%	225
Hartford	92	21%	197	46%	131	31%	8	2%	428
Honolulu	295	60%	158	32%	33	7%	9	2%	495
Houston	243	6%	2,757	65%	1,148	27%	126	3%	4,274
Houston SPC	19	3%	364	59%	219	36%	13	2%	615
Imperial	77	29%	152	57%	36	14%	0	0%	265
Kansas City	81	11%	407	53%	267	35%	8	1%	763
Krome	20	2%	386	46%	440	52%	1	0%	847
Las Vegas	32	3%	514	56%	271	30%	99	11%	916
LaSalle	4	2%	100	51%	91	47%	0	0%	195
Los Angeles (N)	555	11%	1,383	28%	2,760	56%	192	4%	4,890
Los Angeles (D)	80	12%	421	65%	146	23%	0	0%	647
Louisville	23	9%	151	61%	68	28%	5	2%	247
Memphis	101	9%	700	63%	299	27%	7	1%	1,107
Miami	404	9%	2,775	63%	1,102	25%	144	3%	4,425
New Orleans	81	10%	514	66%	160	21%	25	3%	780
New York City	4,894	43%	2,384	21%	3,751	33%	316	3%	11,345
Newark	151	13%	143	13%	764	68%	70	6%	1,128
Oakdale	21	9%	131	59%	71	32%	0	0%	223
Omaha	18	4%	229	46%	225	46%	21	4%	493
Orlando	104	7%	813	57%	453	32%	54	4%	1,424
Otay Mesa	67	15%	293	68%	72	17%	1	0%	433
Otero	7	3%	185	71%	68	26%	0	0%	260
Pearsall	79	20%	234	60%	78	20%	2	1%	393
Philadelphia	222	27%	218	26%	360	44%	24	3%	824
Phoenix	91	12%	117	15%	559	71%	17	2%	784
Port Isabel	38	7%	421	78%	84	15%	0	0%	543
Portland	108	21%	170	33%	188	37%	44	9%	510
Saipan	0	0%	11	0%	1	0%	0	0%	12
Salt Lake City	99	13%	431	56%	221	29%	16	2%	767
San Antonio	184	13%	504	35%	696	49%	43	3%	1,427
San Diego	81	8%	606	64%	218	23%	48	5%	953
San Francisco	1,514	33%	729	16%	1,970	43%	342	8%	4,555
San Juan	0	0%	0	0%	6	100%	0	0%	6
Seattle	266	27%	470	48%	208	21%	36	4%	980
Stewart	16	7%	156	69%	54	24%	1	0%	227
Tacoma	175	21%	470	57%	178	22%	3	0%	826
Tucson	23	11%	146	71%	35	17%	2	1%	206
Ulster	0	0%	3	43%	3	43%	1	14%	7
Varick	20	6%	172	53%	128	39%	6	2%	326
York	44	14%	166	55%	87	29%	7	2%	304
Total	13,248	21%	26,689	41%	22,445	35%	2,109	3%	64,491



I-862 ICC ASYLUM GRANTS BY COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY

Figure 25. In FY 2018, the top four nationalities accounted for 53 percent of asylum grants. China alone accounted for 23 percent of all asylum grants.

Figure 25. Asylum I-862 ICC Grants by Country of Nationality

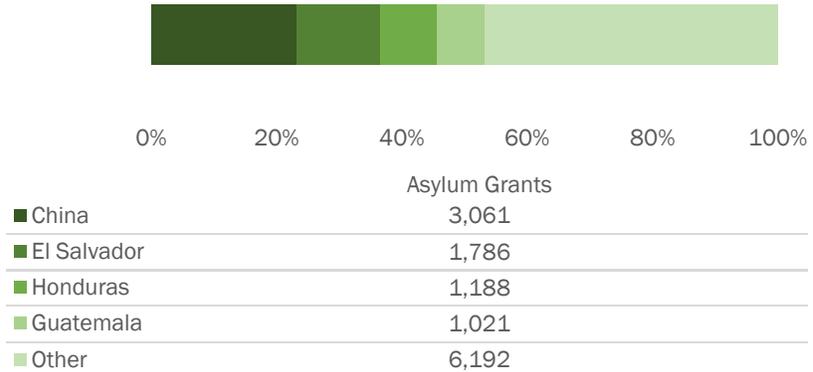


Table 15. For each of the five years, six of the top 10 countries from which aliens were granted asylum were China, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, India, and Nepal.

Table 15. Asylum I-862 ICC Grants by Top 25 Countries of Nationality

Rank	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
1	China	China	China	China	China
2	India	Guatemala	El Salvador	El Salvador	El Salvador
3	Ethiopia	Honduras	Guatemala	Honduras	Honduras
4	Nepal	El Salvador	Honduras	Guatemala	Guatemala
5	Egypt	India	Mexico	Mexico	India
6	El Salvador	Nepal	India	India	Mexico
7	Guatemala	Ethiopia	Nepal	Nepal	Nepal
8	Eritrea	Mexico	Ethiopia	Eritrea	Cameroon
9	Soviet Union	Somalia	Somalia	Cameroon	Bangladesh
10	Honduras	Soviet Union	Eritrea	Ethiopia	Eritrea
11	Somalia	Egypt	Egypt	Syria	Albania
12	Russia	Eritrea	Soviet Union	Egypt	Egypt
13	Cameroon	Syria	Cameroon	Bangladesh	Cuba
14	Mexico	Russia	Bangladesh	Soviet Union	Syria
15	Pakistan	Cameroon	Albania	Albania	Pakistan
16	Venezuela	Bangladesh	Russia	Pakistan	Ethiopia
17	Iraq	Nigeria	Syria	Haiti	Venezuela
18	Gambia	Albania	Pakistan	Somalia	Ecuador
19	Sri Lanka	Haiti	Burkina Faso	Guinea	Russia
20	Moldavia (Moldova)	Colombia	Nigeria	Burkina Faso	Soviet Union
21	Colombia	Pakistan	Ghana	Ecuador	Ukraine
22	Syria	Gambia	Iran	Ghana	Guinea
23	Albania	Iraq	Kirghizia (Kyrgyzstan)	Nigeria	Iraq
24	Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso	Guinea	Ukraine	Kirghizia (Kyrgyzstan)
25	Nigeria	Kirghizia (Kyrgyzstan)	Ukraine	Venezuela	Burkina Faso



CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE

In 1999, the Department of Justice implemented regulations regarding the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Convention Against Torture or CAT). There are two forms of protection under the Convention Against Torture, withholding of removal and deferral of removal.

Table 16. Convention Against Torture I-862 Initial and Subsequent Case Completions by Decision

Granted			Denied	Other	Withdrawn	Abandoned	Not Adjudicated	Total
Withholding	Deferral	Total						
1,157	177	1,334	25,964	25,802	9,816	3,414	3,288	69,618



Table 17. Convention Against Torture I-862 Initial and Subsequent Case Completions by Court

Immigration Court	Completions
Adelanto	1,225
Arlington	2,288
Atlanta	1,123
Aurora	465
Baltimore	1,926
Batavia	256
Bloomington	491
Boston	915
Buffalo	245
Charlotte	1,019
Chicago	3,626
Cleveland	596
Dallas	957
Denver	532
Detroit	644
El Paso	473
El Paso SPC	317
Elizabeth	498
Eloy	907
Fishkill	38
Florence	543
Harlingen	251
Hartford	424
Honolulu	436
Houston	3,491
Houston SPC	910
Imperial	1,027
Kansas City	757
Krome	890
Las Vegas	1,059
LaSalle	242
Los Angeles (N)	4,128
Los Angeles (D)	872
Louisville	291
Memphis	1,166
Miami	4,492
New Orleans	802
New York City	8,143
Newark	1,036
Oakdale	293
Omaha	335
Orlando	1,585
Otay Mesa	1,278
Otero	274
Pearsall	530
Philadelphia	1,316
Phoenix	550
Port Isabel	725
Portland	553
Saipan	16
Salt Lake City	660
San Antonio	1,886
San Diego	1,055
San Francisco	5,279
San Juan	16
Seattle	1,040
Stewart	274
Tacoma	1,132
Tucson	146
Ulster	72
Varick	621
York	481
Total	69,618



I-862 APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF OTHER THAN ASYLUM

In addition to asylum, there is a variety of types of relief from removal available to aliens in immigration proceedings. These include, but are not limited to, different forms of cancellation of removal, adjustment of status, and different types of waivers.

Table 18. I-862 Cases Grants of Relief

Fiscal Year	Relief Granted to Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR)		Relief Granted to Non-LPR				
	Relief Granted Under Section 212(c)	Cancellation of Removal	Not Subject to Annual Cap of 4,000 Grants			Subject to Annual Cap of 4,000 Grants	
			Adjustment of Status to LPR	Suspension of Deportation	Cancellation of Removal	Suspension of Deportation	Cancellation of Removal
FY 14	551	3,220	3,281	69	275	2	3,847
FY 15	439	2,592	2,198	53	279	2	3,826
FY 16	385	2,239	1,854	31	246	1	3,730
FY 17	401	2,202	1,861	54	304	0	3,719
FY 18	368	2,152	3,088	37	187	0	3,752



I-862 *IN ABSENTIA* ORDERS

When an alien fails to appear for a hearing, the IJ may conduct a hearing in the alien’s absence (*in absentia*). The *in absentia* rate refers to the proportion of all IJ decisions at the ICC where the removal order is issued *in absentia*.

Table 19. I-862 *In Absentia* Orders and ICCs by Respondent Type

FY	Decision Subset	All Cases	Never Detained Cases	Released Cases	UAC Cases	Asylum Cases
FY 14	In Absentia Orders	26,234	15,409	10,709	2,153	1,700
	Initial Case Completion	128,464	49,483	27,531	3,969	27,669
FY 15	In Absentia Orders	38,432	26,954	11,409	7,255	1,797
	Initial Case Completion	131,431	62,245	28,559	14,387	27,592
FY 16	In Absentia Orders	34,557	24,644	9,838	6,499	2,934
	Initial Case Completion	130,554	64,340	26,098	15,543	32,982
FY 17	In Absentia Orders	42,205	30,518	11,601	6,875	4,594
	Initial Case Completion	150,757	68,740	27,745	14,123	42,908
FY 18	In Absentia Orders	46,480	34,133	12,268	6,782	7,135
	Initial Case Completion	182,421	83,568	36,180	13,572	62,383

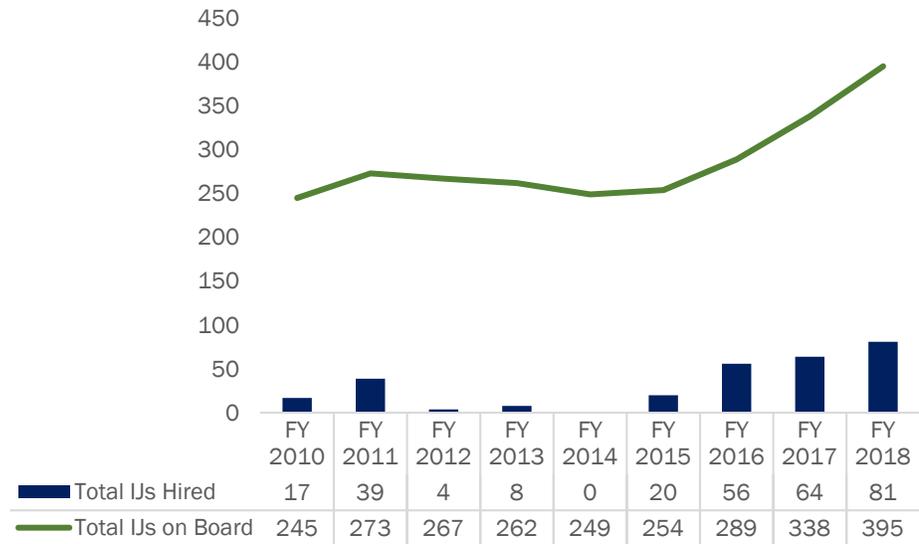


IMMIGRATION JUDGE HIRING

To better manage its caseload, EOIR focused on increased hiring of immigration judges in FY 2017 and FY 2018.

Figure 26. The number of IJs on board increased 17 percent from FY 2017 to FY 2018.

Figure 26. Immigration Judge Hiring





BOARD OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS

TOTAL CASES RECEIVED AND COMPLETED

The majority of cases BIA reviews arise from decisions IJs make in removal, deportation, or exclusion cases. A full list of case types heard by BIA originating from OCIJ is below. For purposes of this Statistics Yearbook, these types of cases are collectively referred to as appeals from IJ decisions.

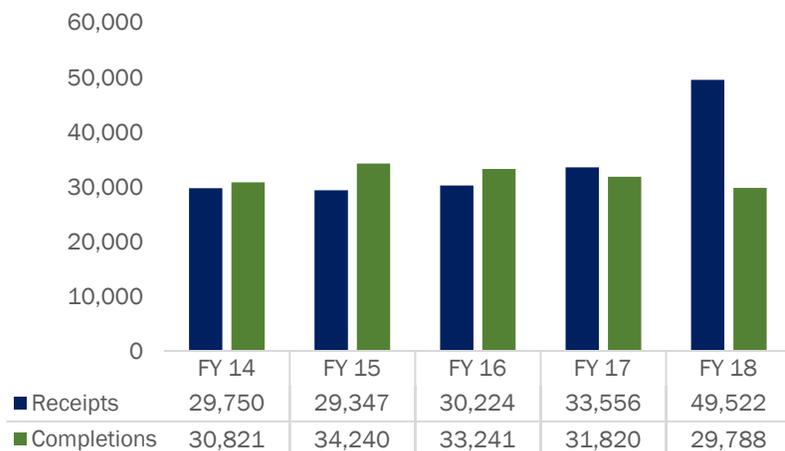
- Case appeals from the decisions of IJs in removal, deportation, and exclusion cases at the court level;
- Appeals filed from the decisions of IJs on motions to reopen;
- Motions to reopen and/or reconsider filed in cases already decided by the BIA;
- Appeals pertaining to bond, parole, or detention;
- Interlocutory appeals; and
- Cases (or appeals) remanded from the Federal Court.

The BIA also has jurisdiction to review appeals arising from certain decisions that DHS officials render. These types of appeals are listed below. For purposes of this Statistics Yearbook, appeals from these DHS decisions are referred to as DHS decision appeals.

- Family-based visa petitions adjudicated by DHS district directors or regional service center directors;
- Waivers of inadmissibility for non-immigrants under INA § 212(d)(3)(A)(ii); and
- Fines and penalties imposed upon carriers for violations of immigration laws.

Figure 27. In FY 2018 completions decreased slightly while receipts increased by about 48 percent.

Figure 27. Total BIA Cases Received and Completed





CASES RECEIVED AND COMPLETED BY TYPE

BIA has jurisdiction over appeals from IJ decisions and certain DHS decisions. The majority of appeals from IJ decisions are from case appeals, and the majority of appeals from DHS decisions are from visa petitions.

Figure 28. Appeals from IJ decisions make up most of the BIA’s work. Completions of appeals from IJ decisions were roughly constant from FY 2017 to FY 2018. Completions from DHS decisions decreased by about 51 percent.

Figure 28. BIA Receipts and Completions by Case Type

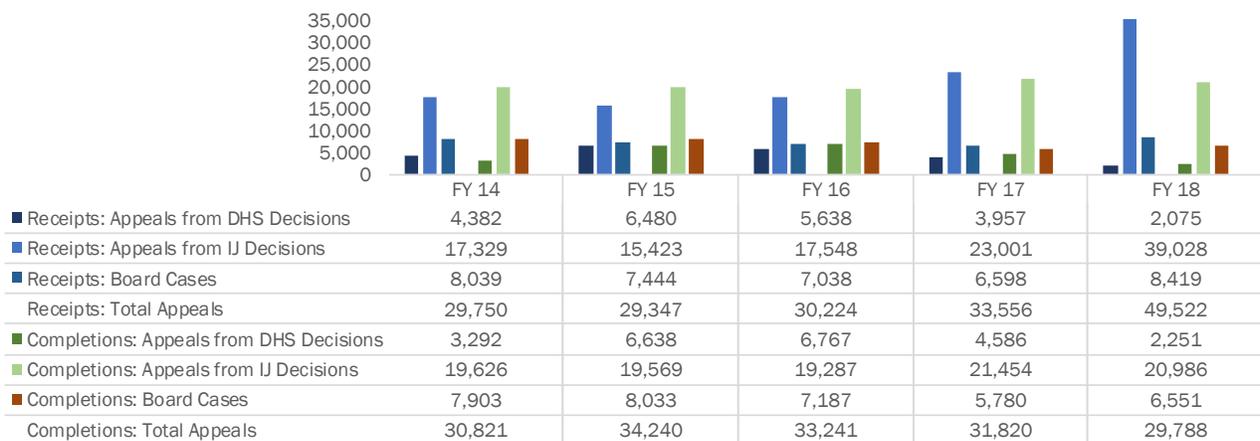


Table 20. BIA Receipts and Completions by Type

Appeal Type	FY 2014		FY 2015		FY 2016		FY 2017		FY 2018	
	Receipts	Comp.								
Total Appeals from IJ Decisions	17,329	19,626	15,423	19,569	17,548	19,287	23,001	21,454	39,028	20,986
<i>Case Appeal</i>	13,558	15,775	11,475	15,474	12,738	14,563	17,136	15,966	31,902	14,464
<i>Appeal of IJ Motion to Reopen</i>	1,516	1,691	1,455	1,659	1,453	1,631	1,789	1,960	2,604	1,793
<i>Bond Appeal</i>	2,091	1,990	2,253	2,220	3,003	2,805	3,624	3,124	3,576	3,951
<i>Interlocutory Appeal</i>	163	169	240	216	353	287	452	404	946	778
<i>Continued Detention Review</i>	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
<i>Zero Bond Appeal</i>	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Appeals from DHS Decisions	4,382	3,292	6,480	6,638	5,638	6,767	3,957	4,586	2,075	2,251
<i>Decisions on Visa Petitions</i>	4,333	3,267	6,435	6,573	5,612	6,734	3,912	4,553	1,988	2,169
<i>212(d)(3)(A) Waiver Decisions</i>	49	25	45	65	26	33	45	33	87	82
<i>Decisions on Fines and Penalties</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Board Cases	8,039	7,903	7,444	8,033	7,038	7,187	6,598	5,780	8,419	6,551
<i>Motion to Reopen/Reconsider-BIA</i>	6,693	6,394	5,908	6,427	5,641	5,586	5,897	5,000	7,659	5,823
<i>Bond MTR</i>	32	35	52	47	57	45	33	43	65	52
<i>Federal Court Remand</i>	1,314	1,474	1,484	1,559	1,340	1,556	668	737	695	676
Grand Total	29,750	30,821	29,347	34,240	30,224	33,241	33,556	31,820	49,522	29,788



APPEALS COMPLETED BY COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY

BIA hears appeals involving hundreds of nationalities. Appeals arise primarily in cases of aliens from Mexico and Central America.

Figure 29. Over half of completed appeals involve an alien from one of three countries.

Figure 29. Completed Appeals (excluding DHS Decisions) by Nationality

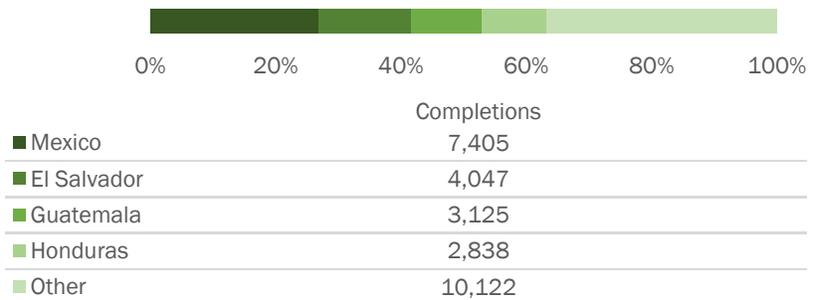


Table 21. For the past five years, nine countries ranked among the top ten: Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, China, Haiti, India, Jamaica, and Dominican Republic.

Table 21. BIA Appeals from ICCs by Top 25 Countries of Nationality

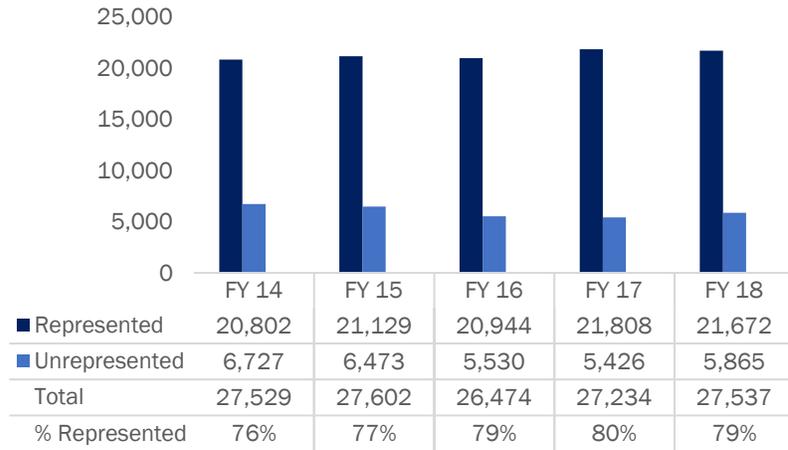
Rank	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
1	Mexico	Mexico	Mexico	Mexico	Mexico
2	China	El Salvador	El Salvador	El Salvador	El Salvador
3	El Salvador	China	China	Guatemala	Guatemala
4	Guatemala	Guatemala	Guatemala	Honduras	Honduras
5	Honduras	Honduras	Honduras	China	China
6	India	India	India	India	Haiti
7	Jamaica	Haiti	Haiti	Haiti	India
8	Colombia	Jamaica	Jamaica	Jamaica	Jamaica
9	Haiti	Colombia	Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic
10	Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic	Colombia	Ecuador	Ecuador
11	Brazil	Brazil	Bangladesh	Colombia	Brazil
12	Indonesia	Nigeria	Ecuador	Bangladesh	Iraq
13	Nigeria	Ecuador	Brazil	Brazil	Colombia
14	Peru	Philippines	Nigeria	Nigeria	Nigeria
15	Pakistan	Peru	Philippines	Ghana	Somalia
16	Ecuador	Indonesia	Peru	Philippines	Pakistan
17	Philippines	Nicaragua	Indonesia	Pakistan	Bangladesh
18	Kenya	Bangladesh	Armenia	Peru	Nicaragua
19	Venezuela	Pakistan	Nicaragua	Somalia	Peru
20	Nicaragua	Nepal	Ghana	Nicaragua	Indonesia
21	Ghana	Kenya	Nepal	Venezuela	Venezuela
22	Russia	Armenia	Pakistan	Kenya	Ghana
23	Nepal	Venezuela	Venezuela	Cameroon	Cameroon
24	Albania	Russia	Kenya	Cuba	Cuba
25	Armenia	Ghana	Albania	Nepal	Guinea



APPEALS COMPLETED BY REPRESENTATION STATUS

Figure 30. Representation rate for appeals has remained roughly constant across the past five years, reaching a high of 80 percent of completed appeals represented in FY 2017.

Figure 30. Completed Appeals (excluding DHS Decisions) by Representation Status





CASE APPEALS COMPLETED FOR DETAINED CASES

BIA handles detained cases (including aliens in IHP) as priority cases. For the purposes of Figure 31, figures for detained cases include IHP cases and cases of unaccompanied alien children in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Figure 31. The percent of completed case appeals that were detained increased about 39 percent from FY 2017 to FY 2018.

Figure 31. Complete Case Appeals by Detention Status

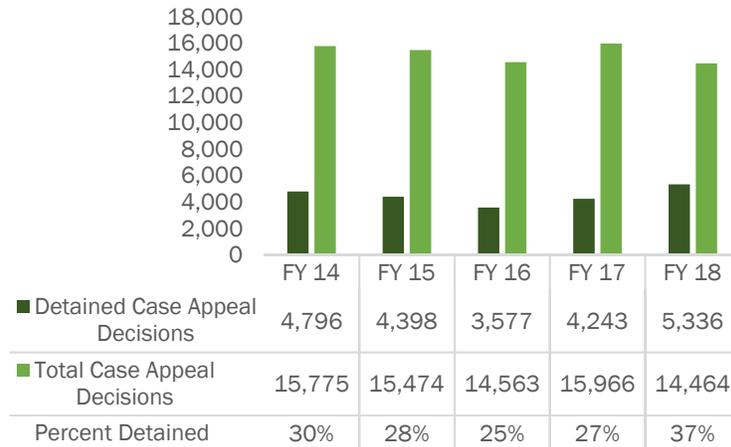


Table 22. The percent of total detained IHP completions has been consistently between four and seven percent for the past five years.

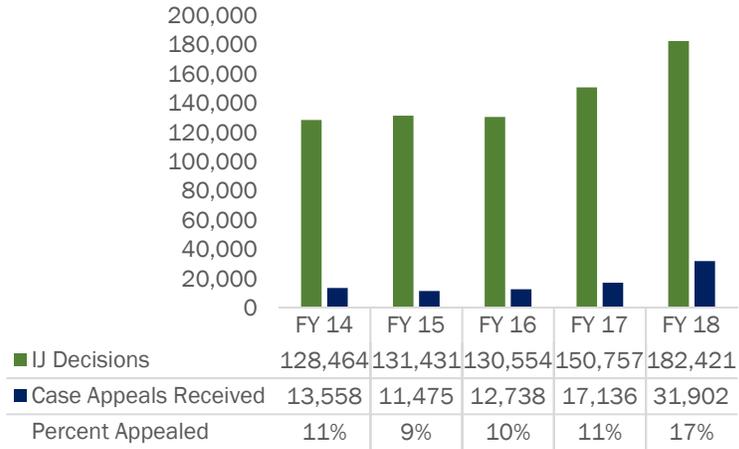
Table 22. BIA Detained Completions

Fiscal Year	Total Detained Completions	IHP Completions	Percent IHP Completions
FY 14	4,796	272	6%
FY 15	4,398	280	6%
FY 16	3,577	266	7%
FY 17	4,243	288	7%
FY 18	5,336	222	4%



IJ DECISIONS (I-862 ICCs) APPEALED

Figure 32. I-862 ICCs Appealed to BIA





OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER

TOTAL CASES RECEIVED AND COMPLETED

OCAHO is headed by the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer, who is responsible for the general supervision of administrative law judges (ALJs), management of OCAHO and review of ALJ decisions relating to illegal hiring, employment eligibility verification violations and document fraud. OCAHO's ALJs hear cases and adjudicate issues arising under provisions of the INA relating to:

- Knowingly hiring, recruiting or referring for a fee unauthorized aliens, or the continued employment of unauthorized aliens, failure to comply with employment eligibility verification requirements, and/or requiring indemnity bonds from employees in violation of section 274A of the INA (employer sanctions provisions);
- Unfair immigration-related employment practices in violation of section 274B of the INA (anti-discrimination provisions); and
- Immigration-related document fraud in violation of section 274C of the INA (document fraud provisions).

Employer sanctions and document fraud complaints are brought by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Anti-discrimination complaints may be brought by the U.S. Department of Justice's Immigrant and Employee Rights Section or private litigants. All final agency decisions may be appealed to the appropriate federal circuit court of appeals.



Figure 33. The bulk of OCAHO receipts are 274A and 274B complaints. Note that OCAHO began monitoring remand receipts in FY 2018; there may have been remand receipts in prior years.

Figure 33. OCAHO Receipts by Type

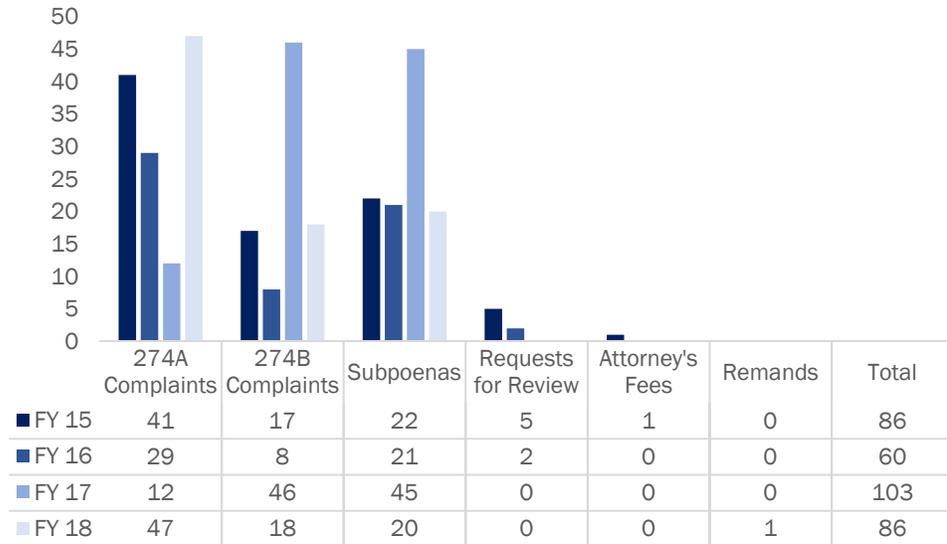
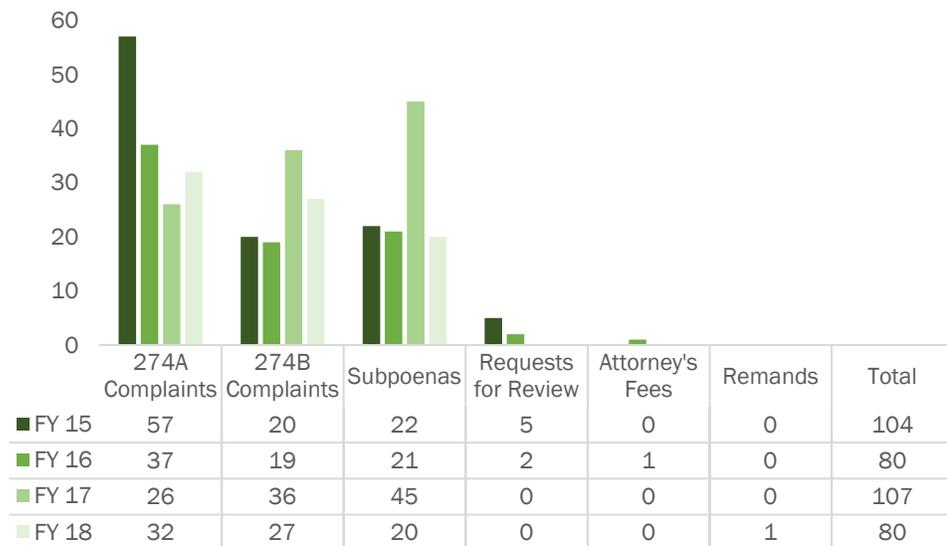


Figure 34. The bulk of OCAHO's completions are 274A and 274B complaints. Note that completions may have been for cases received in prior years. Further, OCAHO began monitoring remand completions in FY 2018; there may have been remand completions in prior years.

Figure 34. OCAHO Completions by Type





FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

FOIA RECEIPTS

Figure 35. Since FY 2013, the number of FOIA requests received by EOIR has increased by about 107 percent.

Figure 35. FOIA Receipts

