

Total Pending Cases¹

Fiscal Year	Pending Cases
2008	186,079
2009	223,719
2010	262,674
2011	298,113
2012	327,482
2013	356,116
2014	429,831
2015	458,972
2016	519,053
2017	652,006
2018 (as of 3/31/2018)	697,777

New Cases² & Total Case Completions³

Fiscal Year	New Cases	Total Completions
2008	225,536	234,868
2009	254,776	237,416
2010	246,950	227,524
2011	237,900	223,406
2012	212,735	193,668
2013	196,411	167,815
2014	230,111	152,901
2015	192,992	157,300
2016	228,454	155,133
2017	295,062	169,150
2018 (as of 3/31/2018)	127,950	92,009

Inactive Pending Cases⁴

End of Fiscal Year	Inactive Pending Cases
2008	170,960
2009	174,184
2010	180,074
2011	183,048
2012	195,956
2013	220,092
2014	245,978
2015	280,980
2016	326,591
2017	355,835
2018 (as of 3/31/18)	352,159

¹ Pending cases consist of removal, deportation, exclusion, asylum-only, and withholding-only cases

² New cases are defined as new receipts of removal, deportation, exclusion, asylum-only, and withholding-only cases

³ Total Case Completions are defined as the sum of Initial Case Completions and Subsequent Case Completions

⁴ Inactive Pending Cases are defined as cases not currently on the active docket following an immigration judge's order of administrative closure. The number of Inactive Pending Cases includes both immigration court and Board of Immigration Appeal (BIA) cases.

In Absentia Removal Orders⁵

Fiscal Year	Total <i>In Absentia</i> Removal Orders	<i>In Absentia</i> Removal Orders of Aliens Released from Custody
2008	21,360	3,950
2009	18,658	3,644
2010	20,412	3,676
2011	18,467	5,632
2012	16,491	6,683
2013	18,345	8,129
2014	22,952	9,440
2015	34,686	10,335
2016	32,149	9,105
2017	40,579	11,022
2018 (as of 3/31/2018)	22,411	5,959

Asylum Rates⁶

Fiscal Year	Asylum Grants	Grant Rate	Asylum Denials	Denial Rate	Asylum Others	Other Closure Rate	Administrative Closures	Administrative Closure Rate	Total
2009	8,745	26.43%	9,631	29.11%	13,262	40.08%	1,447	4.37%	33,085
2010	8,480	27.23%	8,167	26.23%	11,694	37.56%	2,797	8.98%	31,138
2011	10,072	32.88%	9,174	29.95%	10,243	33.44%	1,145	3.74%	30,634
2012	10,650	32.50%	8,349	25.47%	9,922	30.27%	3,853	11.76%	32,774
2013	9,819	26.99%	8,744	24.04%	10,090	27.74%	7,721	21.23%	36,374
2014	8,710	24.71%	9,219	26.16%	9,836	27.91%	7,481	21.23%	35,246
2015	8,231	20.50%	8,813	21.95%	10,733	26.73%	12,382	30.83%	40,159
2016	8,772	16.86%	11,736	22.56%	12,642	24.30%	18,872	36.28%	52,022
2017	10,690	20.22%	17,718	33.51%	14,623	27.66%	9,840	18.61%	52,871
2018 (as of 3/31/18)	6,302	22.08%	11,937	41.82%	8,793	30.81%	1,511	5.29%	28,543

Defensive Asylum Applications⁷

Fiscal Year	Defensive Asylum Applications Filed	Defensive Asylum Granted	Defensive Receipts : Defensive Grants Ratio
2008	13,214	2,928	4.51:1
2009	12,259	2,458	4.98:1
2010	12,771	2,273	5.61:1
2011	17,981	2,808	6.4:1
2012	19,893	2,891	6.88:1
2013	23,302	2,620	8.89:1
2014	30,962	2,766	11.19:1
2015	45,805	3,388	13.51:1
2016	68,530	4,864	14.08:1
2017	119,144	6,988	17.04:1
2018 (as of 3/31/2018)	60,386	4,317	13.98:1

⁵ *In Absentia* removal orders are issued in removal, deportation, and exclusion cases when the alien is not present.

⁶ Asylum decisions on affirmative and defensive applications issued in completed removal, deportation, exclusion, and asylum-only proceedings. “Asylum Others” have a decision of abandonment, not adjudicated, other, or withdrawn. “Administrative Closures” are decisions that have not been placed back on the docket following a granted motion to recalendar.

⁷ Defensive Asylum Applications filed and Defensive Asylum Applications granted in removal, deportation, exclusion, and asylum-only proceedings.

Asylum Applicant *In Absentia* Removal Orders⁸

Fiscal Year	<i>In Absentia</i> Removal Orders
2008	3,545
2009	3,313
2010	1,784
2011	1,616
2012	1,545
2013	1,692
2014	1,707
2015	1,800
2016	2,926
2017	4,599
2018 (as of 3/31/2018)	3,256

Pending Unaccompanied Children (UAC) Cases

Fiscal Year	Pending UAC Cases
2008	3,186
2009	3,254
2010	3,974
2011	4,320
2012	5,510
2013	6,790
2014	18,854
2015	31,622
2016	51,706
2017	71,521
2018 (as of 3/31/2018)	76,634

Current Number of UAC Cases Pending Longer Than Three Years

Fiscal Year	Pending Longer Than Three Years
2018 (as of 3/31/2018)	8,378

UAC *In Absentia* Removal Orders⁹

Fiscal Year	<i>In Absentia</i> Removal Orders
2008	888
2009	644
2010	521
2011	579
2012	584
2013	913
2014	2,138
2015	7,280
2016	6,557
2017	6,931
2018 (as of 3/31/2018)	3,487

⁸ *In Absentia* removal orders issued in removal, deportation, and exclusion proceedings in which an asylum application had been filed.

⁹ *In Absentia* removal orders are issued in removal, deportation, and exclusion cases when the alien is not present.

Median Completion Times for Detained Cases¹⁰

Fiscal Year	Median Days Completed
2008	7
2009	8
2010	12
2011	16
2012	18
2013	26
2014	29
2015	36
2016	44
2017	43
2018 (as of 3/31/2018)	40

¹⁰ Detention status indicates the status at the time of the Initial Case Completion. Completion times are for Initial Case Completions in removal, deportation, exclusion, asylum-only, and withholding-only proceedings.

Motions to Reopen

Fiscal Year	Immigration Courts	BIA
2008	22,153	10,793
2009	20,668	10,071
2010	21,785	9,534
2011	21,427	9,097
2012	19,734	8,246
2013	20,363	7,693
2014	19,871	6,692
2015	25,177	5,908
2016	27,960	5,641
2017	36,208	5,897
2018 (as of 3/31/2018)	17,600	3,138