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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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.



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## 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.

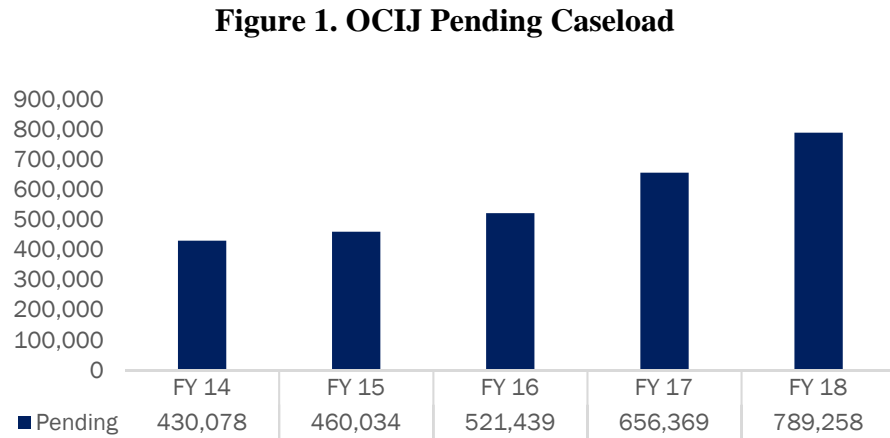
**Subsequent case completion** refers to any dispositive decision by an immigration judge after an ICC.



## IMMIGRATION COURTS

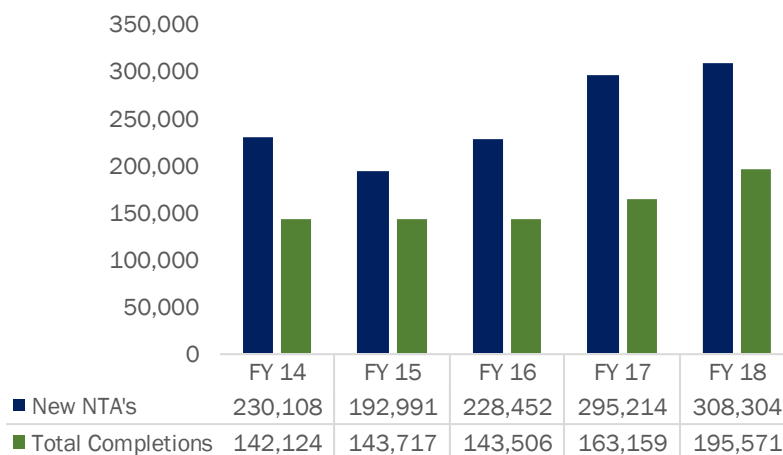
### PENDING CASELOAD

**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**

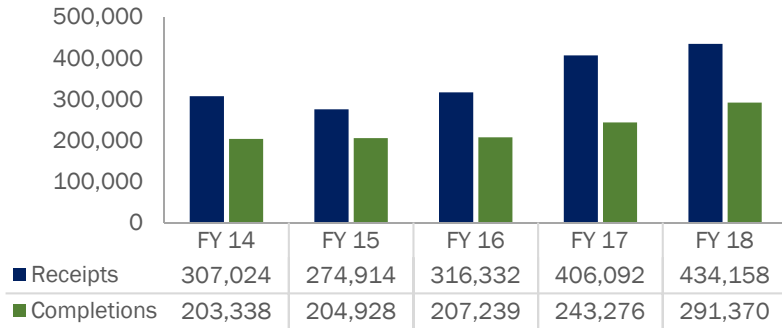
| <b>Immigration Court</b> | <b>Pending Cases as of 9/30/2018</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Adelanto                 | 1,197                                |
| Arlington                | 44,053                               |
| Atlanta                  | 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                                  |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>789,258</b>                       |



TOTAL I-862 MATTERS RECEIVED AND COMPLETED

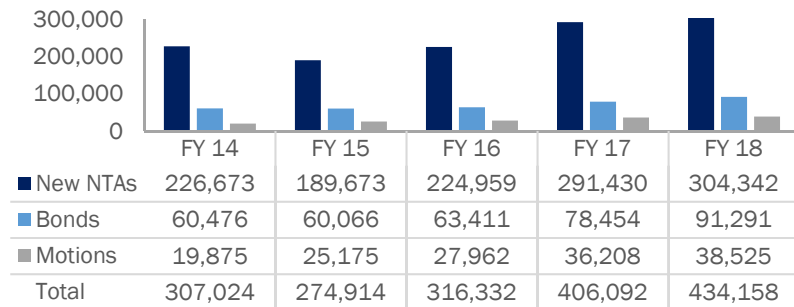
**Figure 3.** The number of I-862 matters the immigration courts received increased by seven percent between FY 2017 and FY 2018. The number of I-862 matters the immigration courts completed increased by 20 percent from FY 2017 to FY 2018.

**Figure 3. Total I-862 Immigration Court Matters**



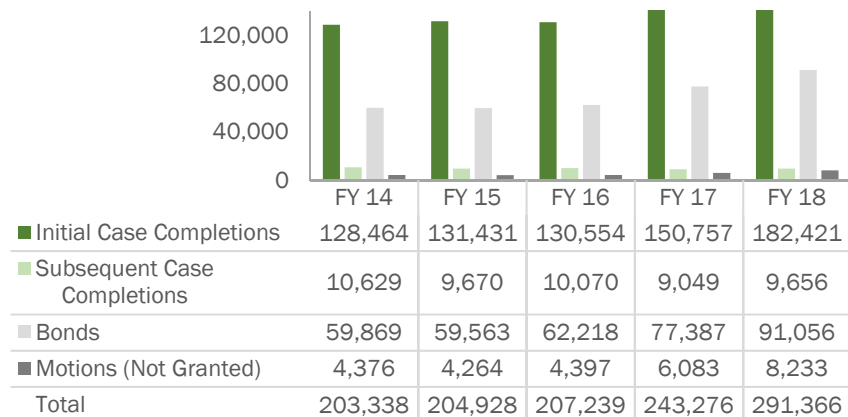
**Figure 4.** New NTAs constitute the bulk of the courts' work.

**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%                            |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>406,092</b>        | <b>434,158</b> | <b>304,342</b> | <b>91,291</b> | <b>38,525</b> | <b>7%</b>                     |

| Key                                            |
|------------------------------------------------|
| 25%+ <b>growth</b> in Total Matters Received   |
| 25%+ <b>decrease</b> 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%                            |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>243,276</b>        | <b>291,366</b> | <b>182,421</b>           | <b>9,656</b>                | <b>91,056</b> | <b>8,233</b>        | <b>20%</b>                    |

| Key                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------|
| 25%+ <b>growth</b> in Total Matters Completed   |
| 25%+ <b>decrease</b> 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              |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>238,452</b> | <b>202,312</b> | <b>238,474</b> | <b>304,262</b> | <b>317,756</b> |

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

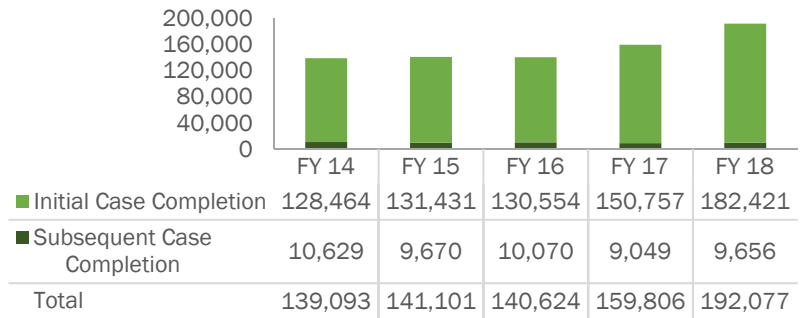
| Type of Case               | FY 2014        |               | FY 2015        |              | FY 2016        |               | FY 2017        |              | FY 2018        |              |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|                            | 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          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>139,479</b> | <b>10,762</b> | <b>143,142</b> | <b>9,815</b> | <b>143,381</b> | <b>10,204</b> | <b>162,942</b> | <b>9,232</b> | <b>195,213</b> | <b>9,831</b> |



## I-862 CASE COMPLETIONS BY DECISION

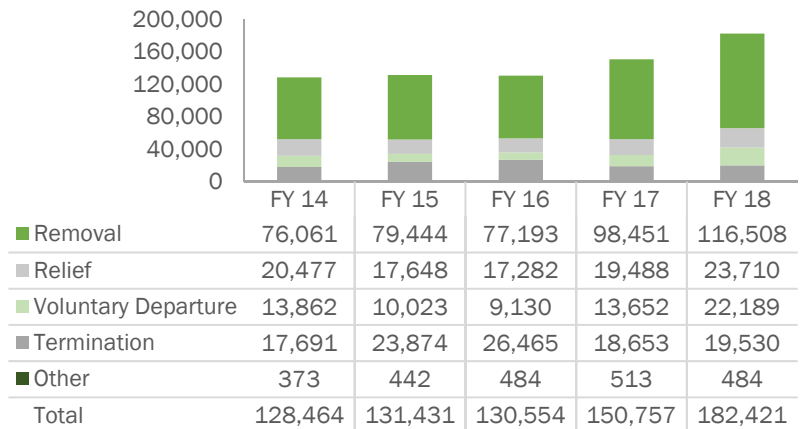
**Figure 6.** I-862 ICCs increased 21 percent from FY 2017 to FY 2018.

**Figure 6. I-862 Case Completions**



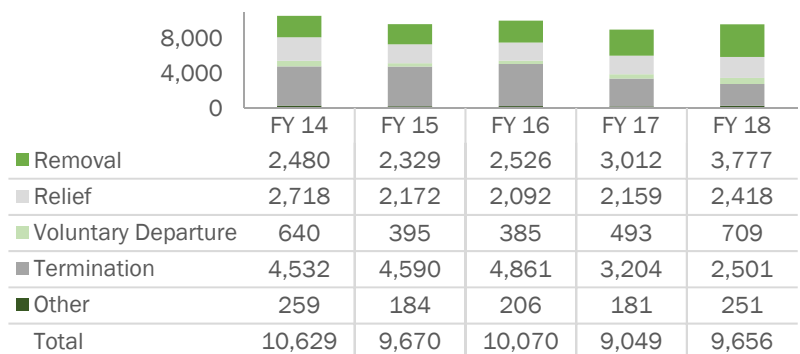
**Figure 7.** All I-862 case outcomes except “other” increased in FY 2018.

**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.

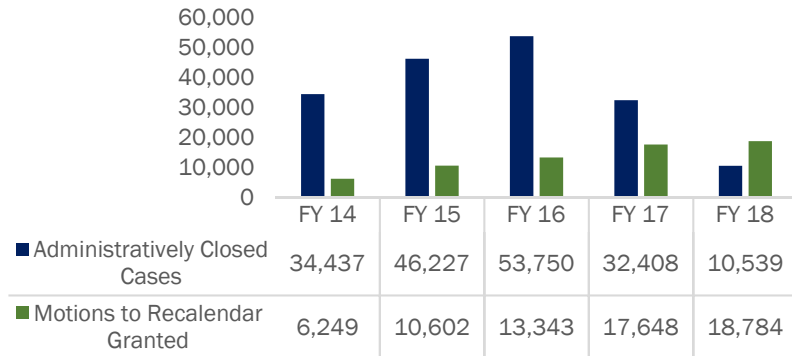
**Figure 8. I-862 Subsequent Case Completions by Decision**





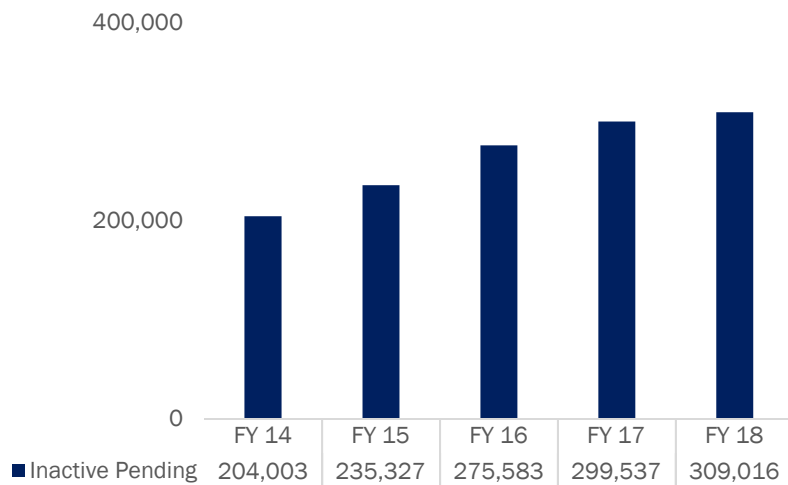
**Figure 9.** Administrative closures decreased by about 67 percent from FY 2017 to FY 2018.

**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.

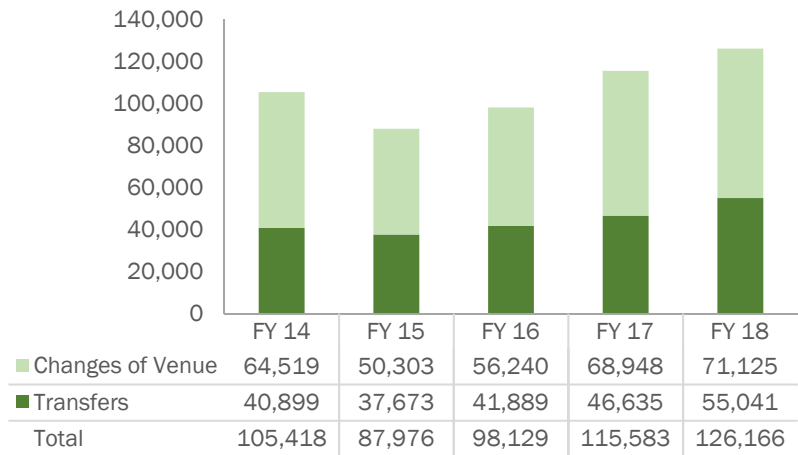
**Figure 10. Inactive Pending End of Fiscal Year Totals**





**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           | CF           | RF           | CF           | RF           | CF           | RF           | 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           |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>6,354</b> | <b>1,712</b> | <b>6,631</b> | <b>2,568</b> | <b>7,494</b> | <b>2,543</b> | <b>6,537</b> | <b>2,445</b> | <b>6,670</b> | <b>2,772</b> |





**Table 7. I-862 Changes of Venue and Transfers**

| <b>Immigration Court</b> | <b>Changes of Venue</b> | <b>Transfers</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 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          |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>71,125</b>           | <b>55,041</b>    | <b>126,166</b> |

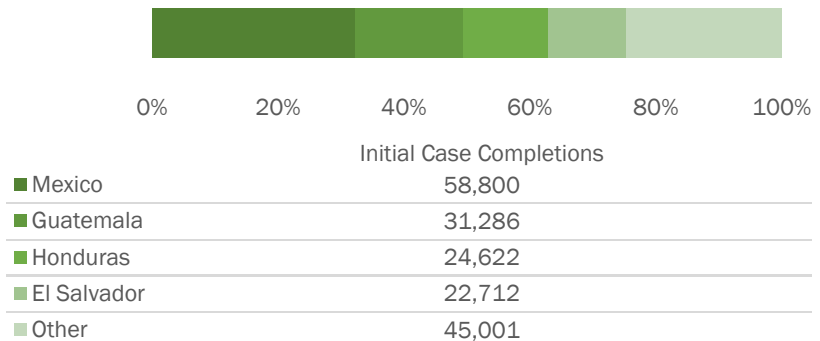


## I-862 ICCs BY COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY

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        | El Salvador        | El Salvador        | El Salvador        | 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             |

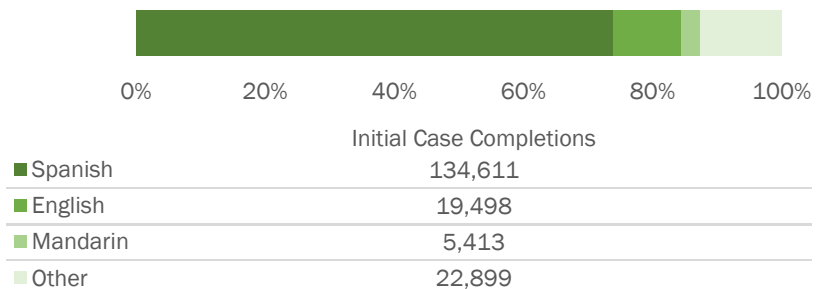


## I-862 ICCs BY LANGUAGE

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                  |

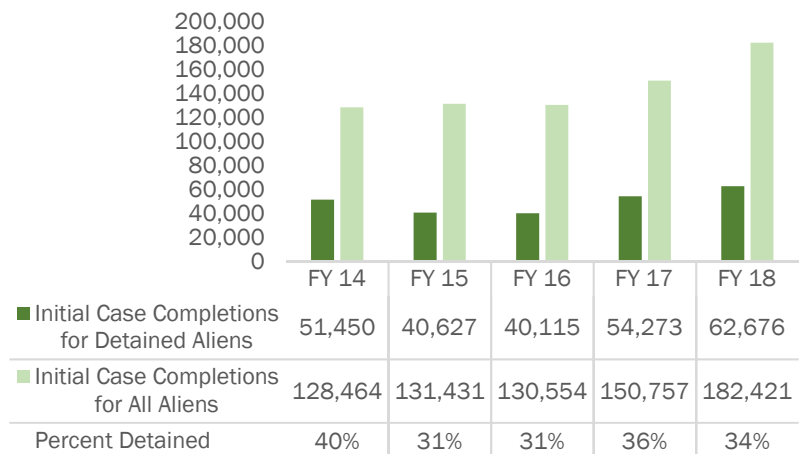


## I-862 ICCs FOR DETAINED CASES

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.

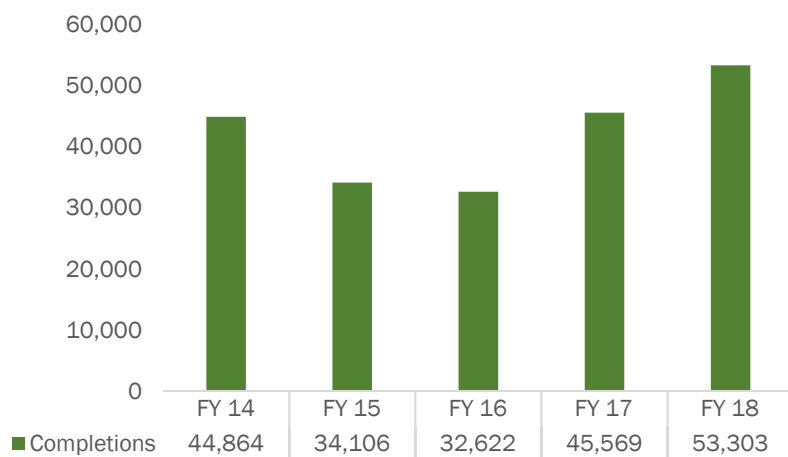
**Figure 14.** Detained I-862 ICCs increased 15 percent from FY 2017 to FY 2018.

**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**

| <b>Immigration Court</b> | <b>Completions</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 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              |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>62,676</b>      |

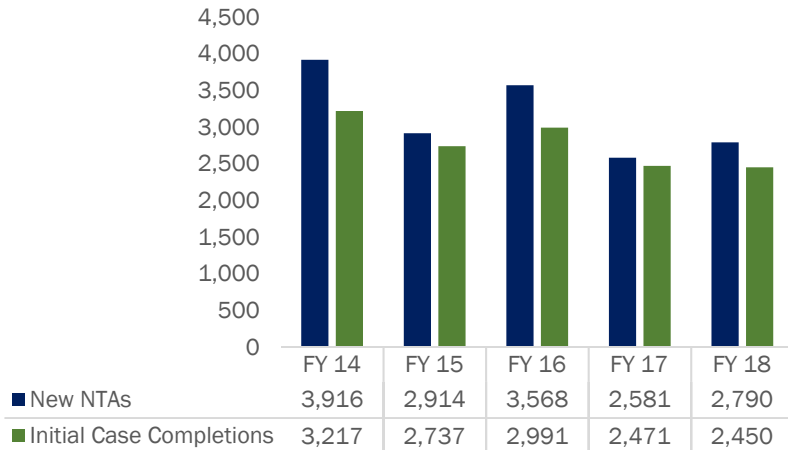


## I-862 INSTITUTIONAL HEARING PROGRAM CASES RECEIVED AND COMPLETED

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**

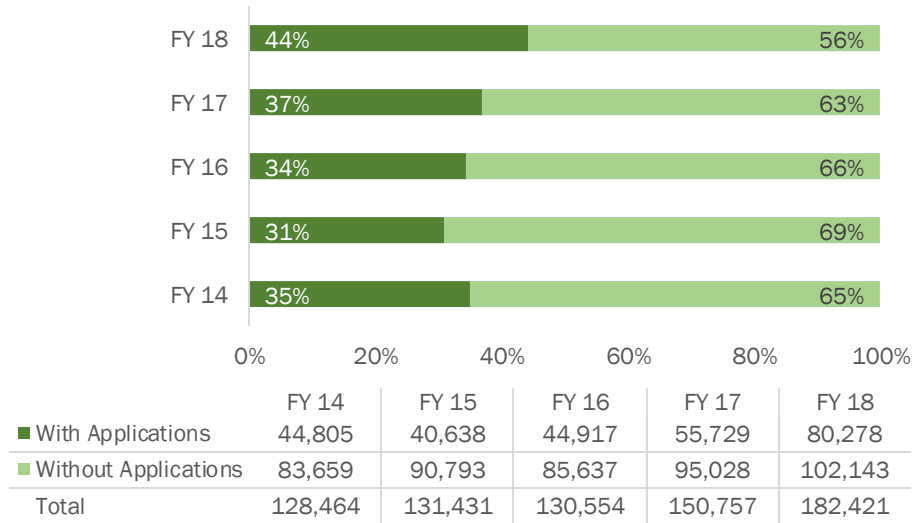
| Disposition              | FY 14        | FY 15        | FY 16        | FY 17        | FY 18        |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Removal                  | 3,100        | 2,591        | 2,743        | 2,340        | 2,315        |
| 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            |
| <b>Total Completions</b> | <b>3,217</b> | <b>2,737</b> | <b>2,991</b> | <b>2,471</b> | <b>2,450</b> |



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%                       |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>182,421</b>           | <b>80,278</b>                           | <b>44%</b>                |

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



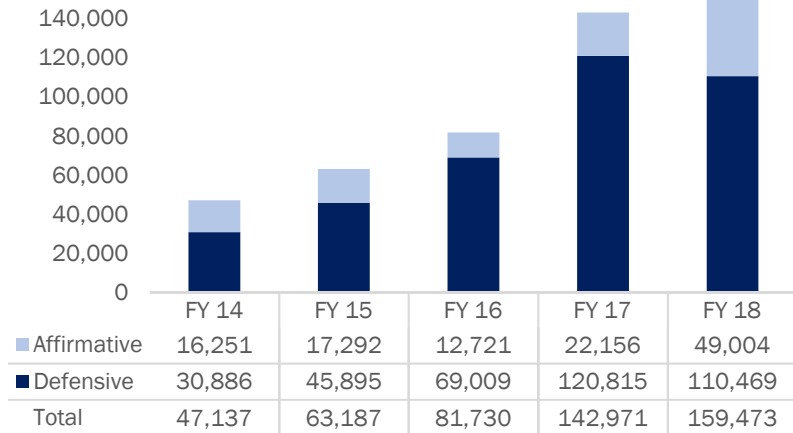


## I-862 ASYLUM CASES RECEIVED AND ICCs

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.

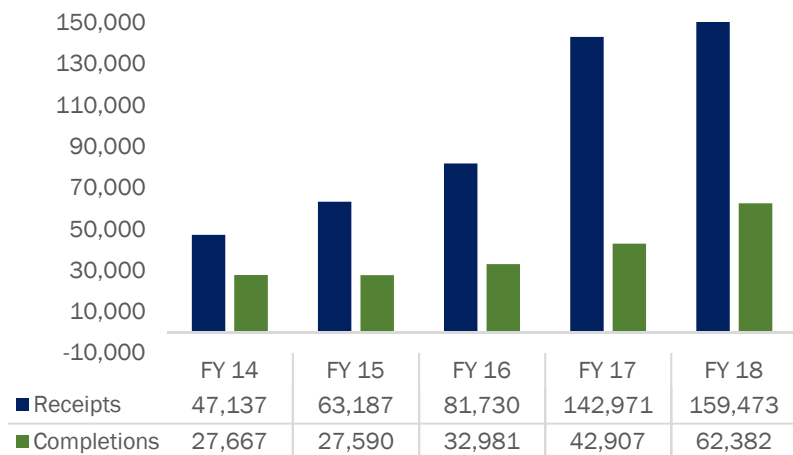
**Figure 18.** Defensive asylum receipts have increased significantly (258 percent) from FY 2014 to FY 2018. In the same period, affirmative asylum receipts have increased 202 percent.

**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**

| <b>Immigration Court</b> | <b>Completions</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 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                |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>62,382</b>      |

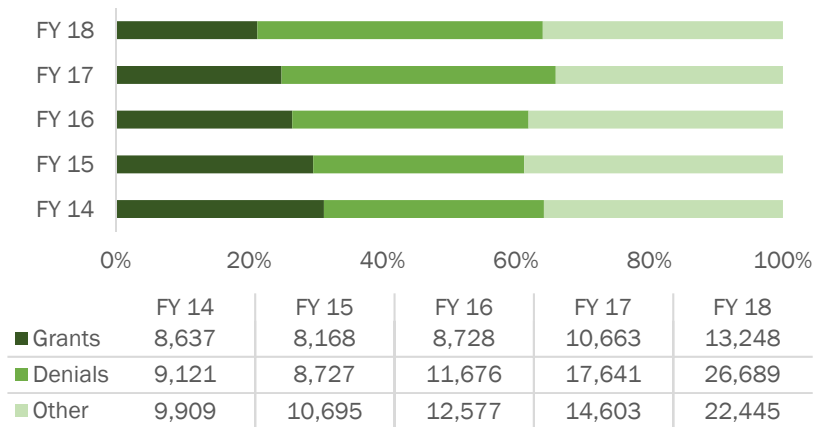


## I-862 ASYLUM ICCs BY DECISION

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.

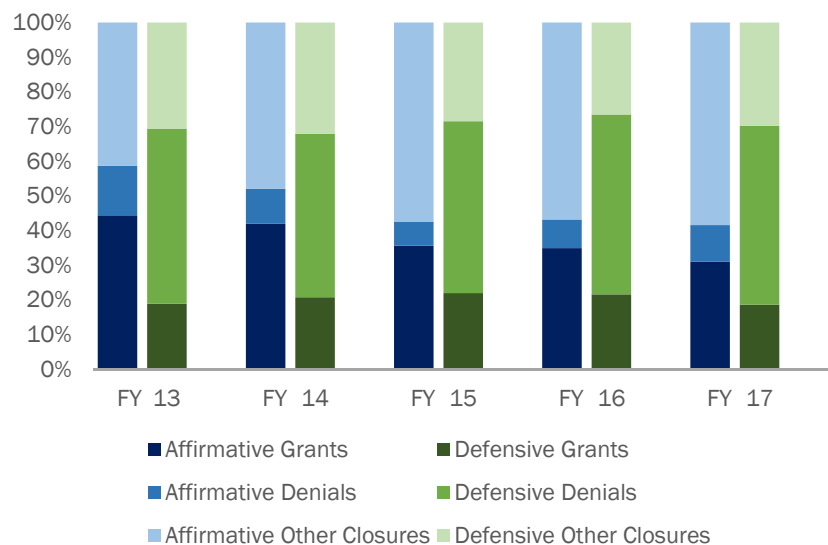
**Figure 20.** In the past five years, asylum grants have increased by about 53 percent. In the same period, denials increased 193 percent.

**Figure 20. Asylum I-862 ICCs by Decision**



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

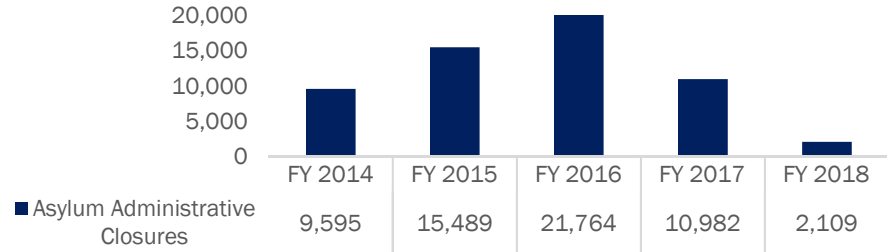
**Figure 21. Affirmative and Defensive Asylum I-862 ICCs by Decision**





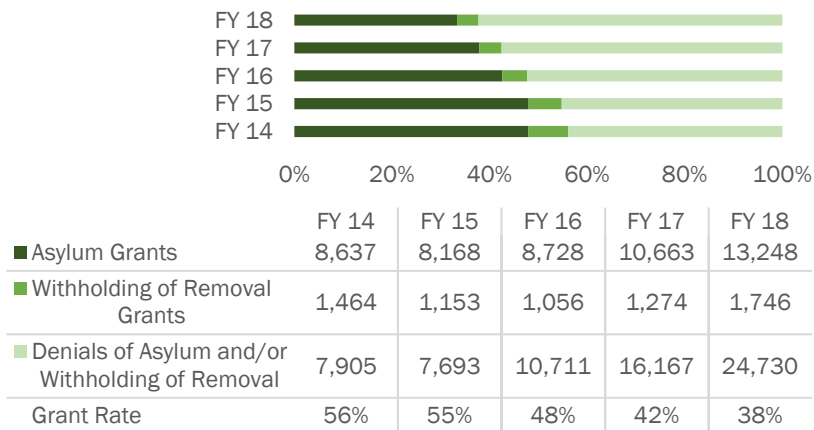
**Figure 22.** Administrative closures of asylum cases decreased by about 81 percent from FY 2017 to FY 2018.

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



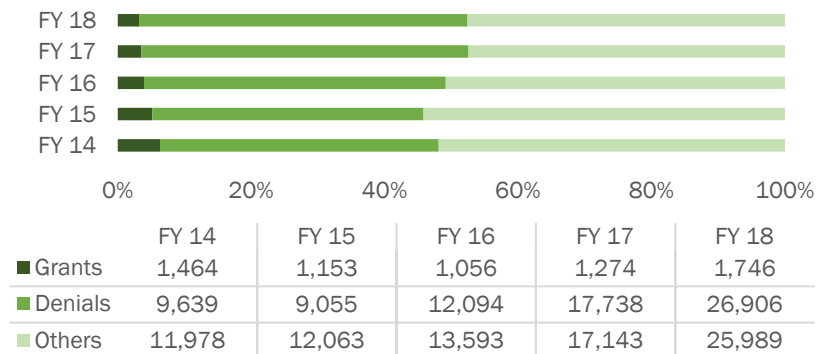
**Figure 23.** The grant rate for either asylum or withholding of removal has decreased about 33 percent in the last five years.

**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**

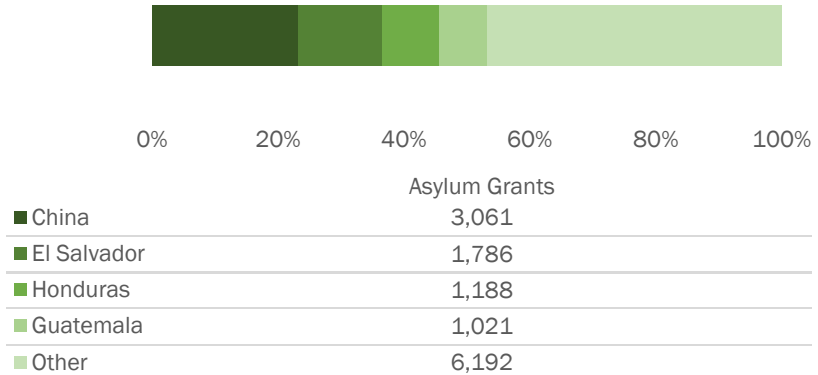
| Immigration Court | Grants        |            | Denials       |            | Other Closures |            | Administrative Closure |           | Total         |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
|                   | 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           |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>13,248</b> | <b>21%</b> | <b>26,689</b> | <b>41%</b> | <b>22,445</b>  | <b>35%</b> | <b>2,109</b>           | <b>3%</b> | <b>64,491</b> |



## 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**

| <b>Immigration Court</b> | <b>Completions</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 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                |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>69,618</b>      |





## 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       |

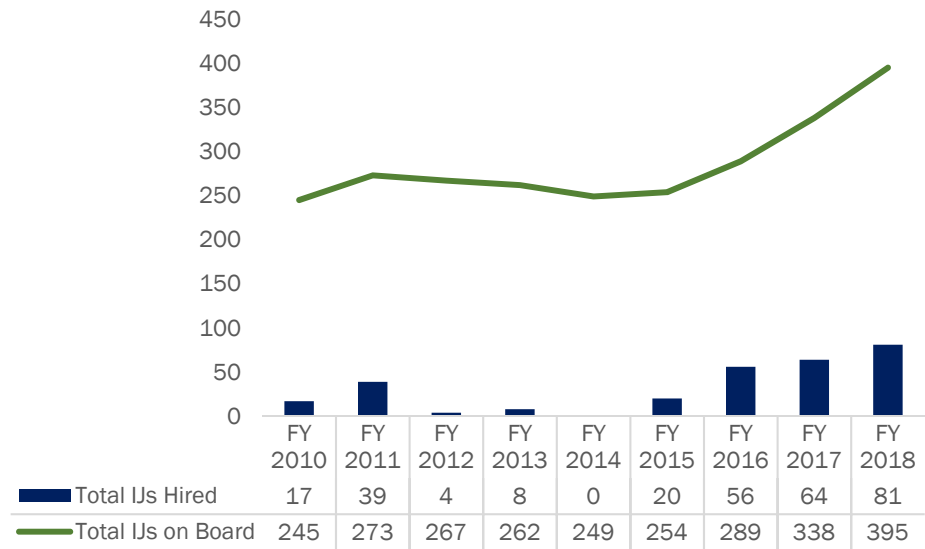


## IMMIGRATION JUDGE HIRING

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.

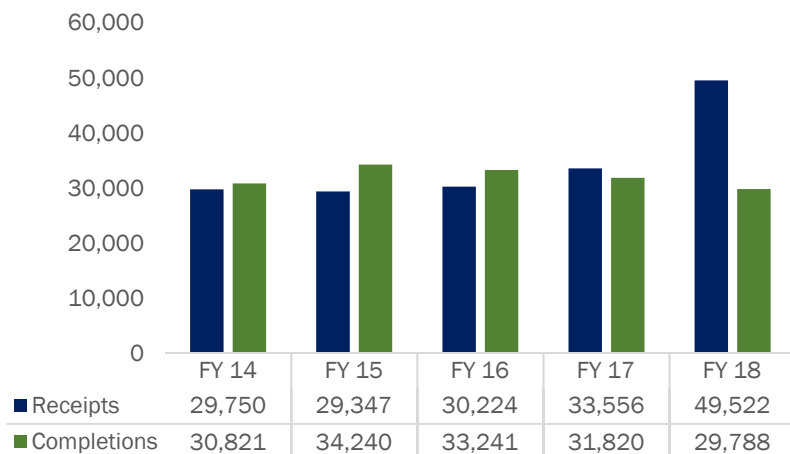
- Case appeals from the decisions of IJs in removal, deportation, and exclusion cases at the court level;
- Appeals filed from the decisions of IJs on motions to reopen;
- Motions to reopen and/or reconsider filed in cases already decided by the BIA;
- Appeals pertaining to bond, parole, or detention;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



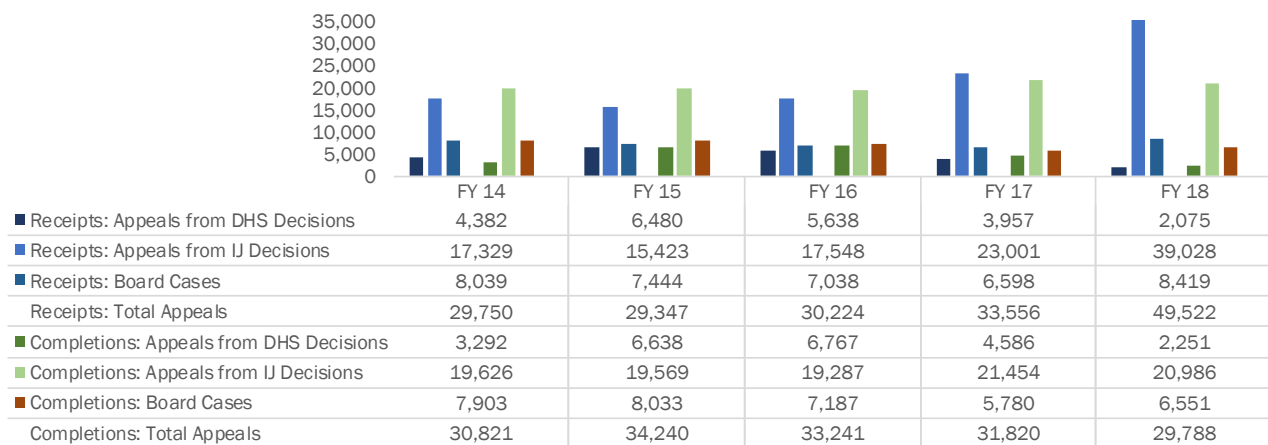


## CASES RECEIVED AND COMPLETED BY TYPE

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.         | Receipts      | Comp.         | Receipts      | Comp.         | Receipts      | Comp.         | Receipts      | Comp.         |
| <b>Total Appeals from IJ Decisions</b>  | <b>17,329</b> | <b>19,626</b> | <b>15,423</b> | <b>19,569</b> | <b>17,548</b> | <b>19,287</b> | <b>23,001</b> | <b>21,454</b> | <b>39,028</b> | <b>20,986</b> |
| <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             |
| <b>Total Appeals from DHS Decisions</b> | <b>4,382</b>  | <b>3,292</b>  | <b>6,480</b>  | <b>6,638</b>  | <b>5,638</b>  | <b>6,767</b>  | <b>3,957</b>  | <b>4,586</b>  | <b>2,075</b>  | <b>2,251</b>  |
| <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             |
| <b>Board Cases</b>                      | <b>8,039</b>  | <b>7,903</b>  | <b>7,444</b>  | <b>8,033</b>  | <b>7,038</b>  | <b>7,187</b>  | <b>6,598</b>  | <b>5,780</b>  | <b>8,419</b>  | <b>6,551</b>  |
| <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           |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                      | <b>29,750</b> | <b>30,821</b> | <b>29,347</b> | <b>34,240</b> | <b>30,224</b> | <b>33,241</b> | <b>33,556</b> | <b>31,820</b> | <b>49,522</b> | <b>29,788</b> |

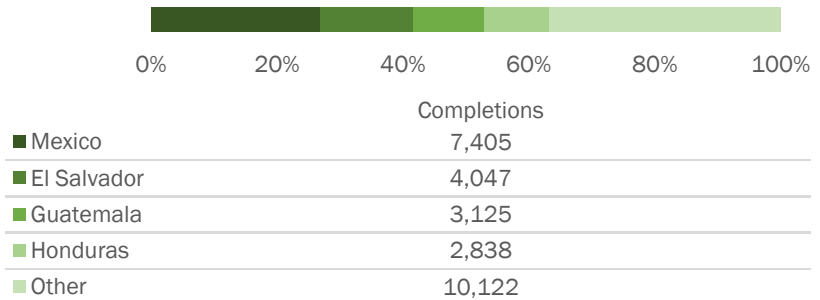


## APPEALS COMPLETED BY COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY

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**

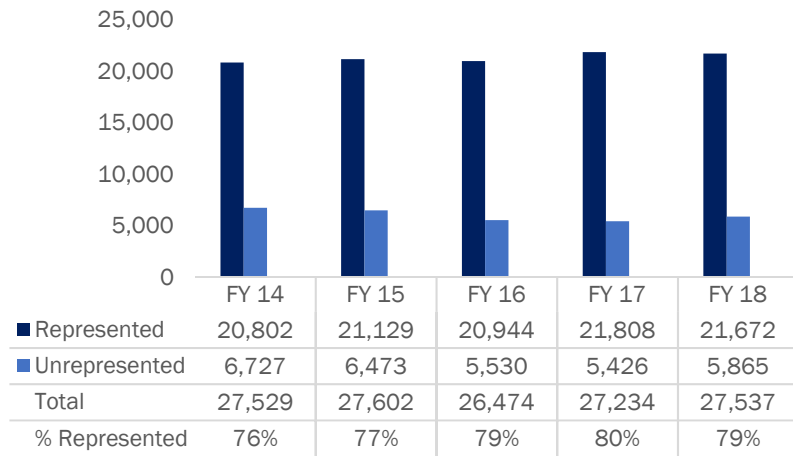
| Rank | FY 2014            | FY 2015            | FY 2016            | FY 2017            | FY 2018            |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1    | Mexico             | Mexico             | Mexico             | Mexico             | 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**



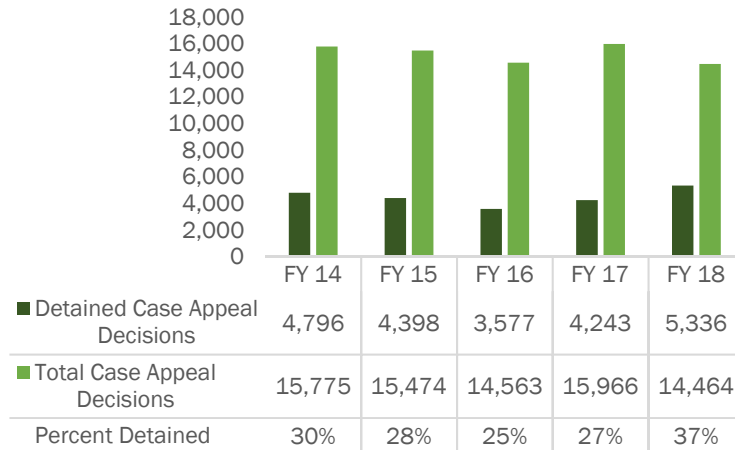


## CASE APPEALS COMPLETED FOR DETAINED CASES

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**

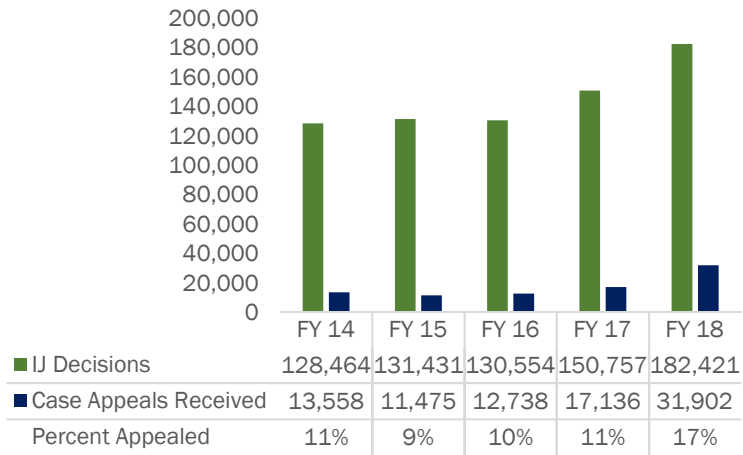
| Fiscal Year | Total Detained Completions | IHP Completions | Percent IHP Completions |
|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| FY 14       | 4,796                      | 272             | 6%                      |
| FY 15       | 4,398                      | 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:

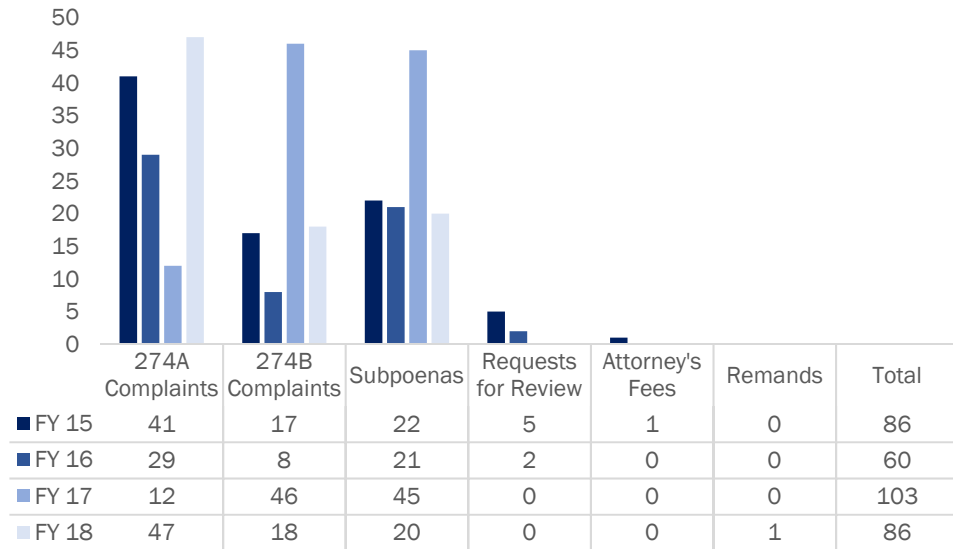
- Knowingly hiring, recruiting or referring for a fee unauthorized aliens, or the continued employment of unauthorized aliens, failure to comply with employment eligibility verification requirements, and/or requiring indemnity bonds from employees in violation of section 274A of the INA (employer sanctions 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.



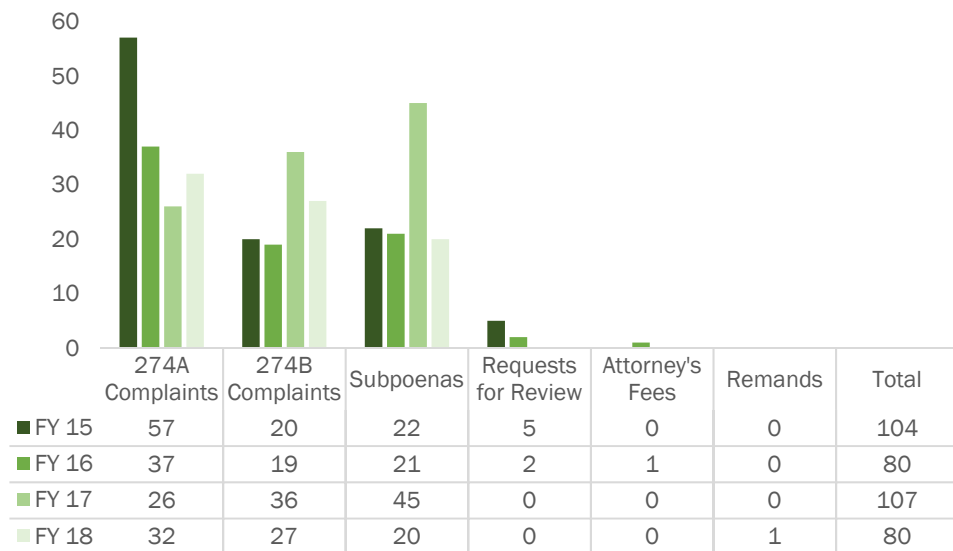
**Figure 33.** The bulk of OCAHO receipts are 274A and 274B complaints. Note that OCAHO began monitoring remand receipts in FY 2018; there may have been remand receipts in prior years.

**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**

