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Asylum Quarterly Engagement



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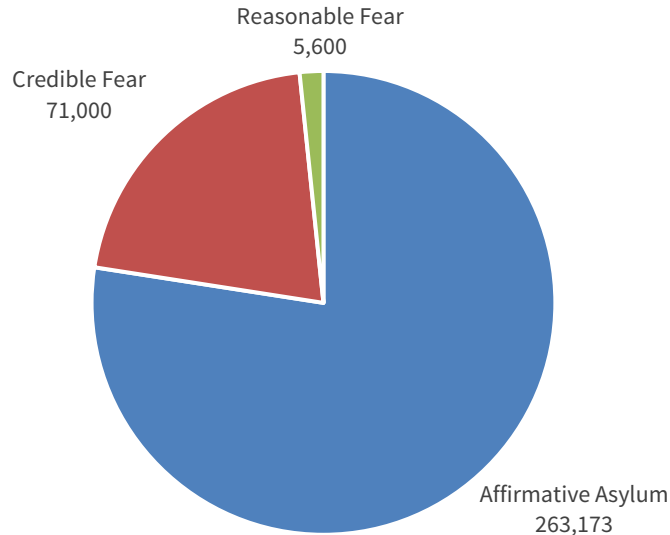
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Asylum Division Receipts (FY 2023)

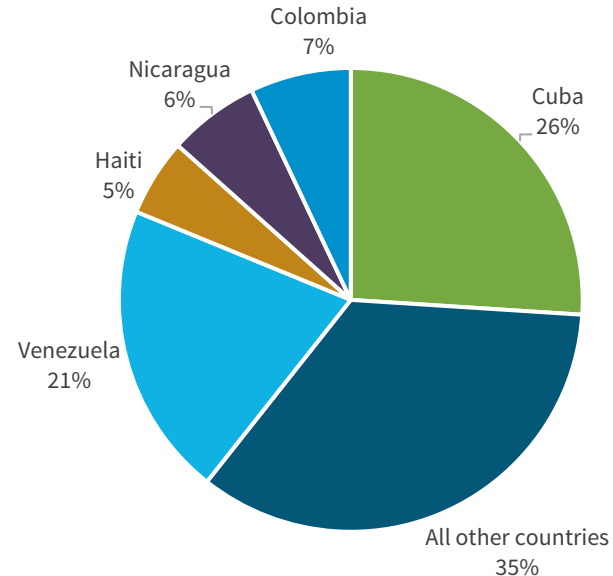


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Receipts per Program



Top Affirmative Asylum Nationalities



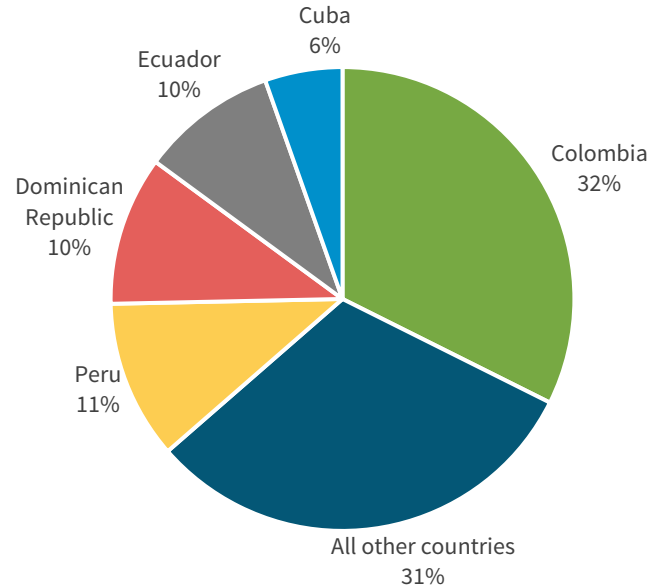
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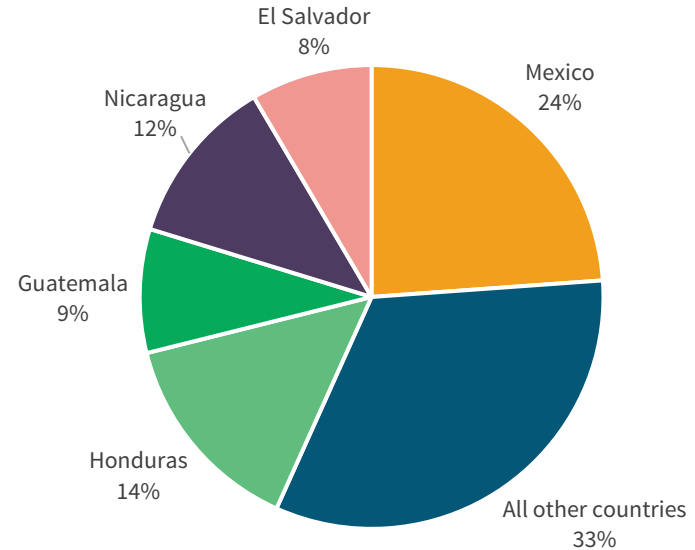


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Top Credible Fear Nationalities



Top Reasonable Fear Nationalities



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Operation Allies Welcome (OAW)



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- **As of June 11, 2023:**
 - **17,588** asylum applications from OAW parolees
 - Representing 34,254 applicants
 - **14,450** interviews completed for these cases
 - Of cases completed, an approval rate greater than 99%

Asylum Merits Interviews



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Asylum Processing Rule: Outcome Summary	Total
AMI-Eligible Credible Fear Claim Outcomes	5,974
Positive Fear Findings ¹	2,699
Negative Fear Findings ²	2,312
Admin Closed ³	273
Pending Completion ⁴	649
Other ⁵	41
AMI USCIS Case Outcomes	1,732
Asylum Granted	251
IJ Referral	460
Admin Closed ⁶	299
Pending Completion	722
AMI Cases Referred to EOIR - Comprehensive EOIR Case Outcomes	405
Relief ⁷	77
Removal Orders ⁸	159
Administrative Closing - Other	1
Dismissed by IJ	6
Terminated	10
Voluntary Departure	5
Pending ⁹	147

Affirmative Asylum Updates



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Interpreter Temporary Final Rule

- The Interpreter Temporary Final Rule will end on Sept. 12, 2023
- Applicants will again be required to bring their own interpreter

Asylum Backlog Reduction

- Out of 26,500 completions in FY 2023 through May 22, 23% were filed on or before Jan. 31, 2018.

Filing Form I-589 - Lockbox



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USCIS has changed the filing location for certain affirmative asylum applications submitted by mail to a lockbox.

- Applicants who properly file Form I-589 with the lockbox will receive two notices:
 - **From the Lockbox:** Acknowledgement that the lockbox has received their Form I-589 and forwarded it to USCIS
 - **From USCIS:** A standard Form I-589 receipt notice
 - **Note:** Both notices will have the same receipt date!

New Credible Fear Procedures and Screenings



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- Post-Title 42 preparation included surging resources to border caseloads and increasing the number of telephone lines available for interviews and services.

Circumvention of Lawful Pathways (CLP) Final Rule

- Operational Steps during credible fear interview
 - **Is noncitizen subject to CLP?**
 - If no, screen at significant possibility standard
 - **If yes, did they establish an exception to the presumption of ineligibility for asylum?**
 - If yes, screen at significant possibility standard
 - **If no, do they rebut the presumption of ineligibility for asylum?**
 - If they rebut, screen at significant possibility standard
 - If they do not rebut, screen at reasonable possibility standard

Circumvention of Lawful Pathways Final Rule, continued



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What paperwork will the noncitizen receive?

- **All noncitizens: Form I-870** documenting the decision in their case and the interview notes.
- **If subject to CLP but establish exception or rebut presumption-** the above and a copy of CLP Presumption worksheet
- **If subject to CLP but no exception and no rebuttal of presumption-** all of the above and CLP Reasonable Possibility Orientation Notification
- **If positive determination for either scenario-** Form I-862, Notice To Appear
- **If negative determination-** Form I-869, or Form I-869B if screened at reasonable possibility
- **If the noncitizen requests IJ review of negative** - Form I-863

Family Expedited Removal Management (FERM)



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- Initial destinations are in the Baltimore; Washington, D.C.; Chicago; or Newark areas
- CBP schedules credible fear interview in joint USCIS system. Family receives Form G-56 with date, time, and location of credible fear interview
- Interview will take place in-person at a USCIS asylum office, either Arlington, Chicago, or Newark
- If any family member establishes an exception or rebuts the presumption, the presumption of ineligibility does not apply to the entire family, and they will be interviewed at the significant possibility standard.

Family Expedited Removal Management, FERM, continued



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- After the interview, the family will receive an appointment to return to the asylum office within one week to receive their decision in person
- When USCIS serves the decision, the family will receive the appropriate paperwork for their decision, as outlined earlier, except:
 - If the decision is positive, only the principal applicant will receive all the paperwork; accompanying family members will only receive NTAs
 - If the decision is negative, each family member will receive the full service packet and all of the required paperwork
- As with all credible fear interviews, families who receive a negative decision may request review by an immigration judge.

Q&A



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We want to hear from you!

- Please ask your question in the Q&A box.
- Please provide your full name and organization.
- Please do not ask about individual cases. We cannot address case-specific questions.
- We cannot address anything under litigation.

Concluding Remarks



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