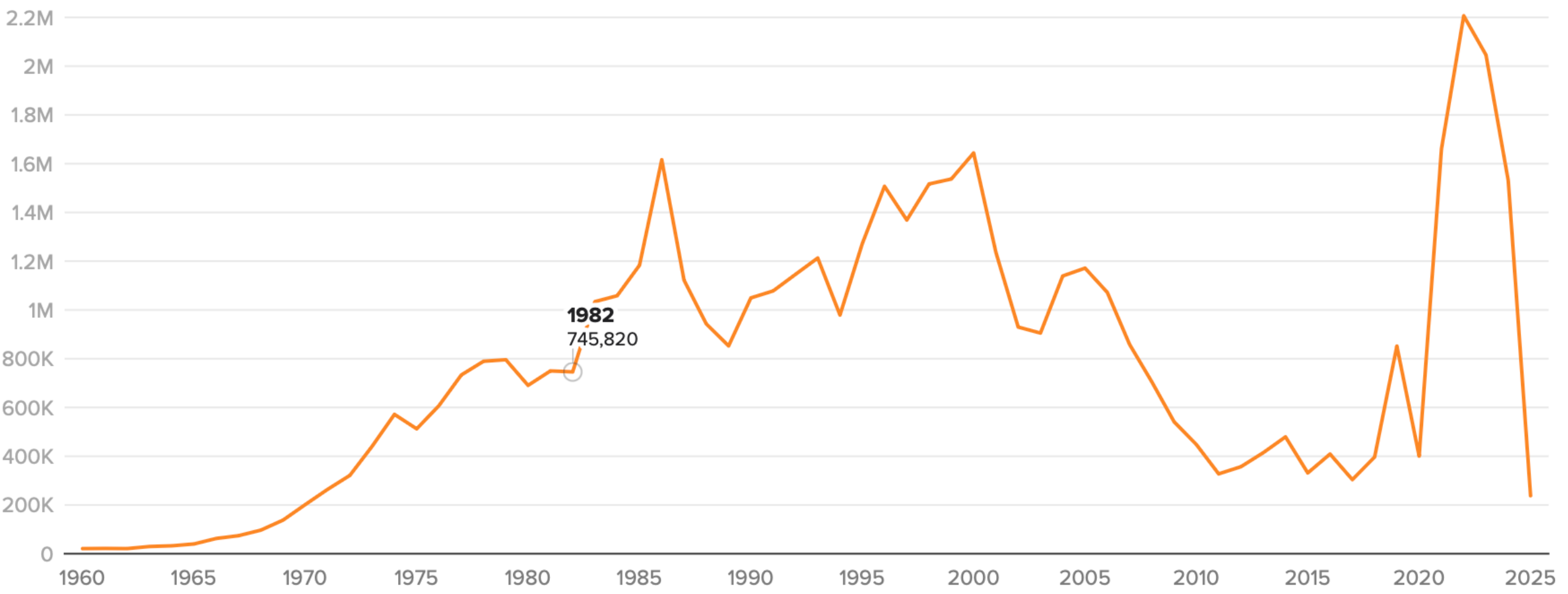


CAUTION



Illegal crossings along U.S.-Mexico border

U.S. Border Patrol apprehensions of migrants crossing the southern border illegally, since fiscal year 1960.



- From 2014 to 2019:
 - 83% of individuals passed the initial asylum screening stage (credible fear interview),
 - less than 25% of cases ultimately resulted in a final grant of asylum or other protection
- The average immigration court case takes almost 4.5 years to conclude, as of 2024

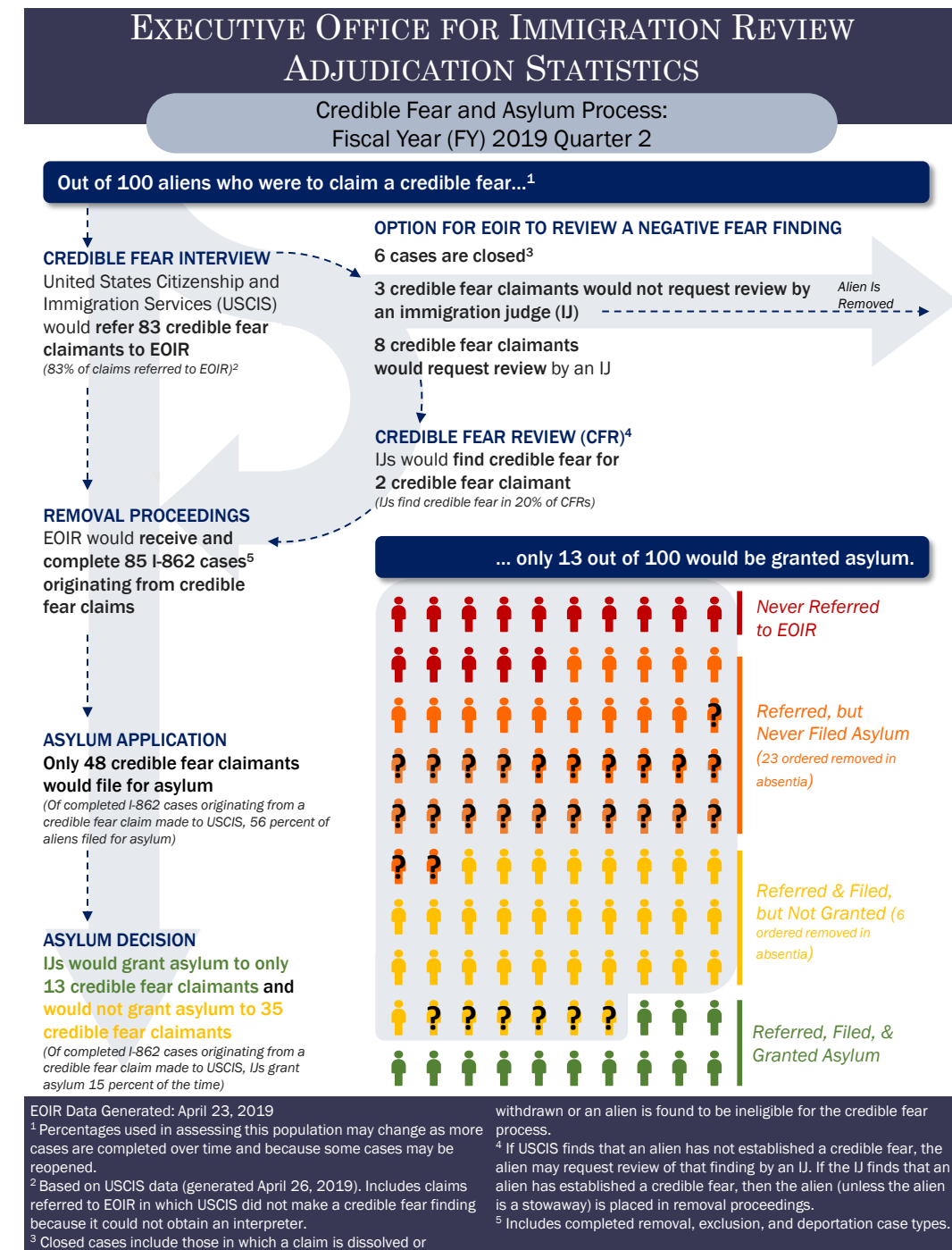
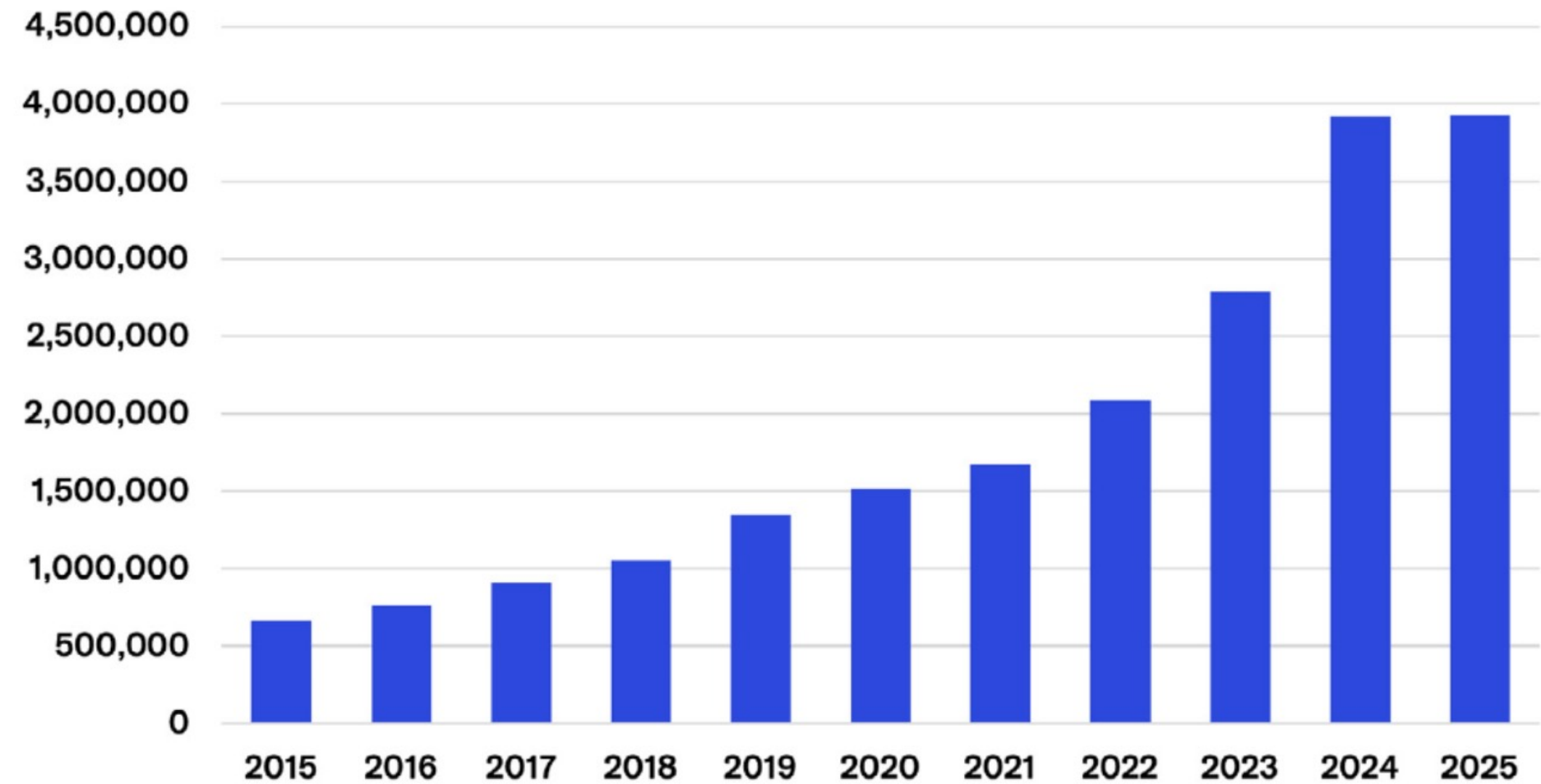


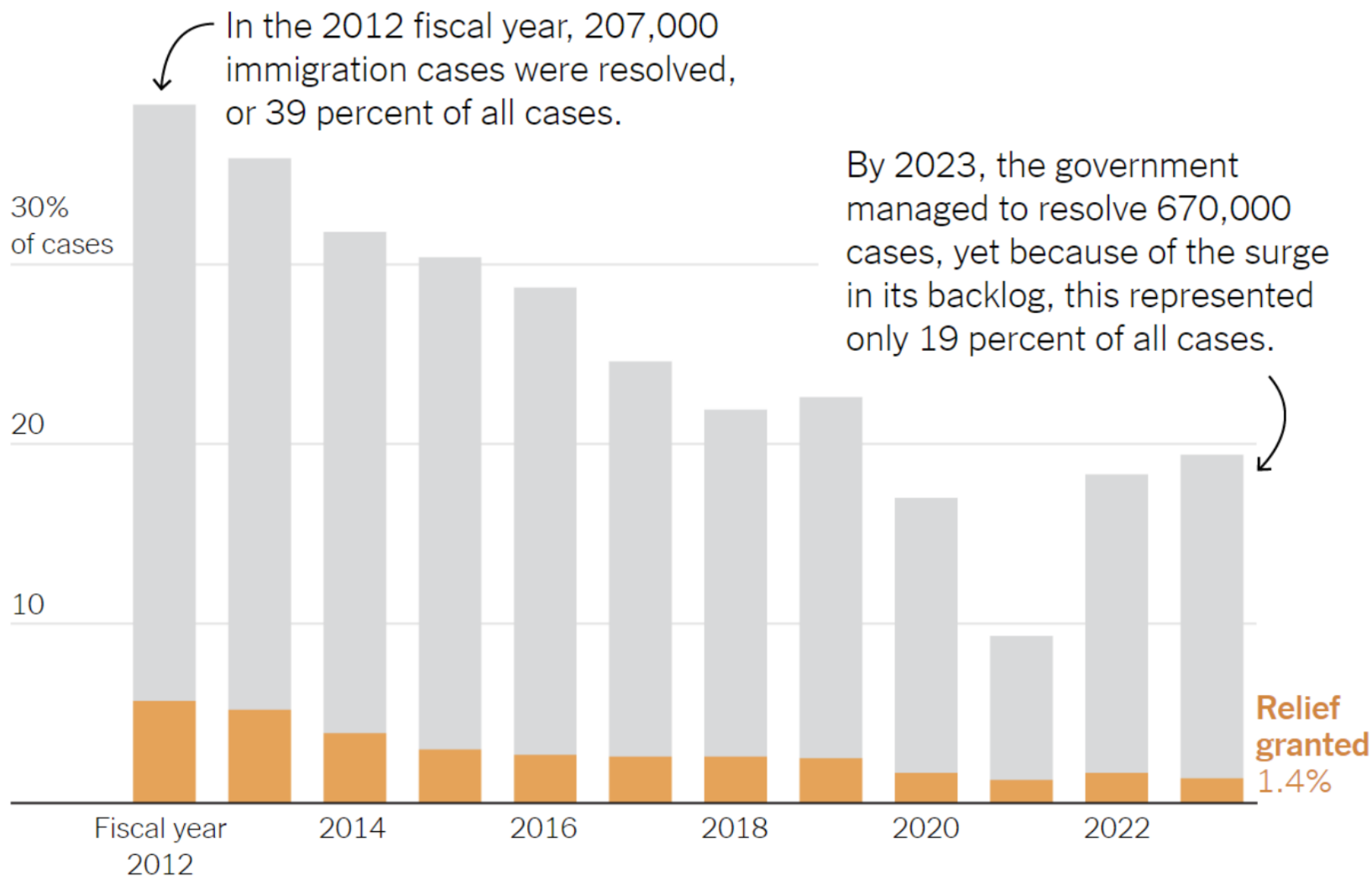
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Historical Immigration Court Backlog



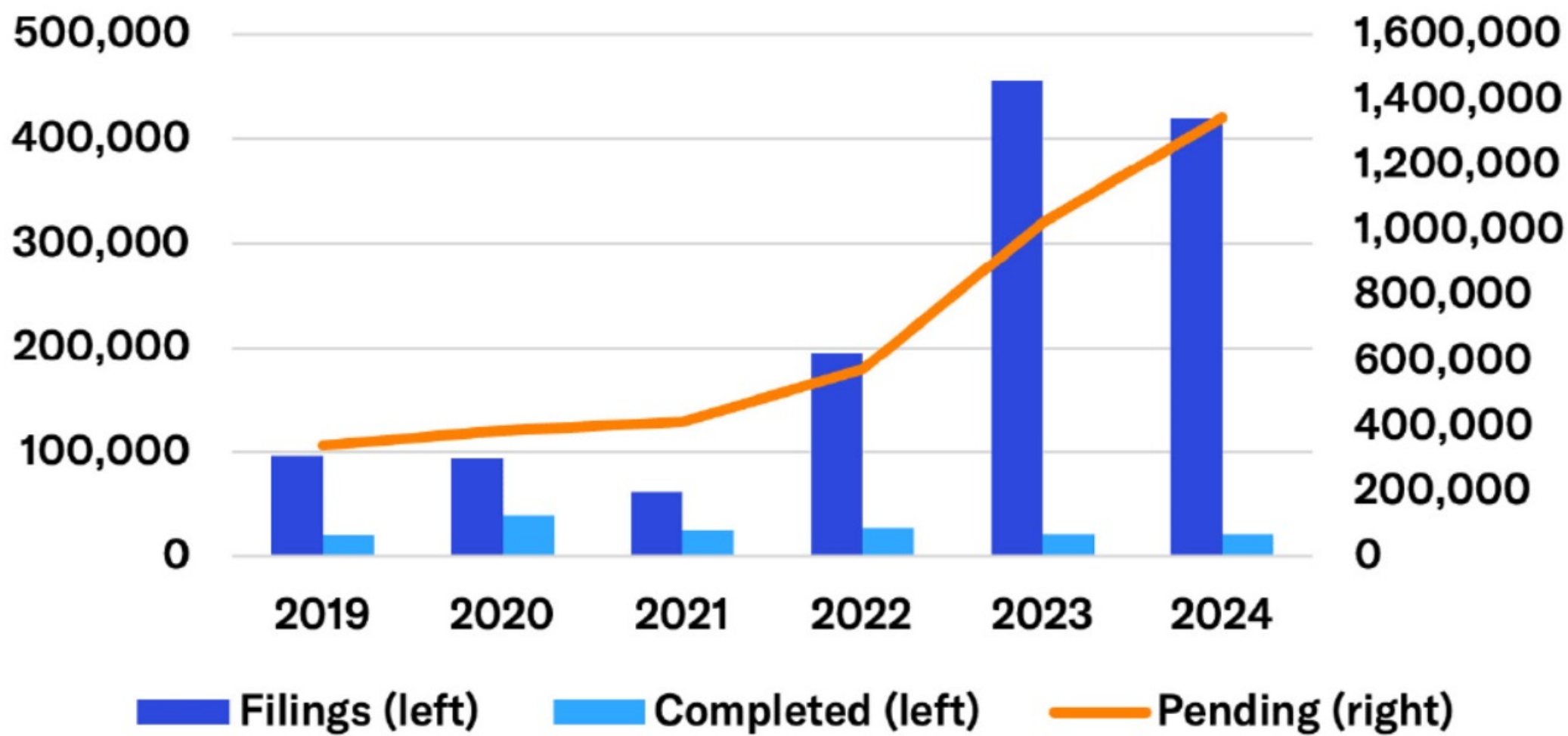
Source: EOIR

Percentage of immigration court cases resolved per year



Source: Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse

Affirmative Asylum Backlog



Source: Department of Homeland Security

We're not the only ones...

First-time asylum applicants in EU countries, 2008-2024

(absolute numbers)



2008-2013 sum of available data. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 100.
Data for 2024, estimation due to missing data for Portugal for December 2024.

The 2025 EU Pact on Migration and Asylum

- Faster procedures and stricter admissibility rules
- Wider use of safe countries and deportation hubs
- Increased responsibility sharing among EU states
- Stronger removal powers for failed applicants
- Political moves to reinterpret human rights protections
- National changes reflecting tougher asylum policies

