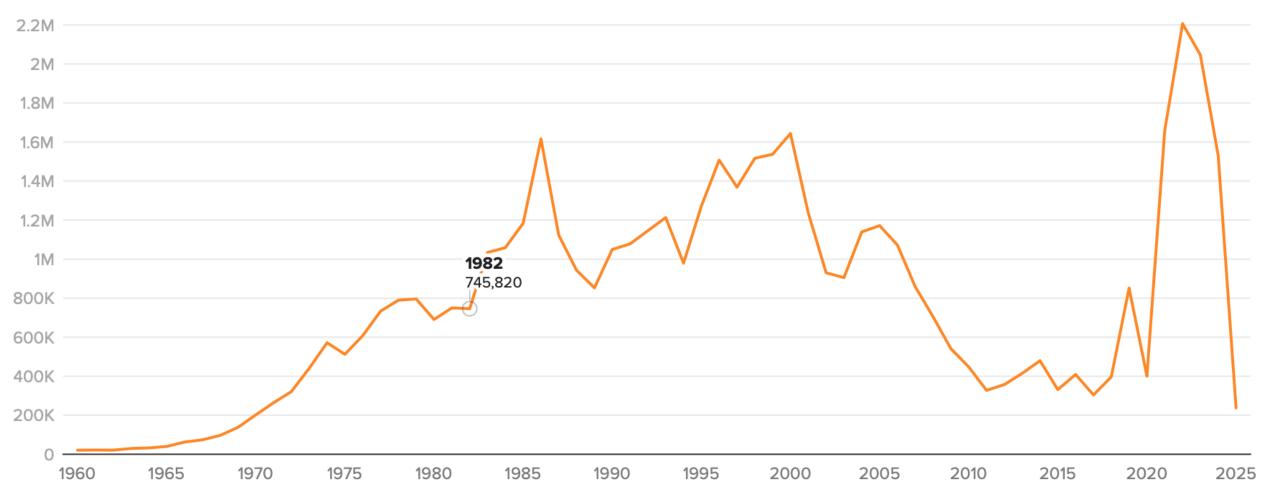


Illegal crossings along U.S.-Mexico border

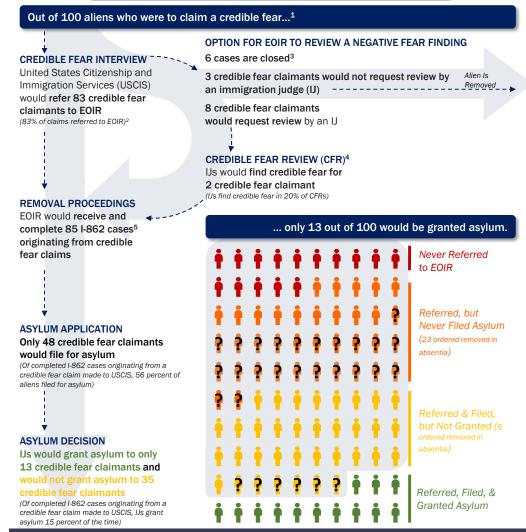
U.S. Border Patrol apprehensions of migrants crossing the southern border illegally, since fiscal year 1960.



- 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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EOIR Data Generated: April 23, 2019

¹ Percentages used in assessing this population may change as more cases are completed over time and because some cases may be reopened.

² Based on USCIS data (generated April 26, 2019). Includes claims referred to EOIR in which USCIS did not make a credible fear finding because it could not obtain an interpreter.

Closed cases include those in which a claim is dissolved or

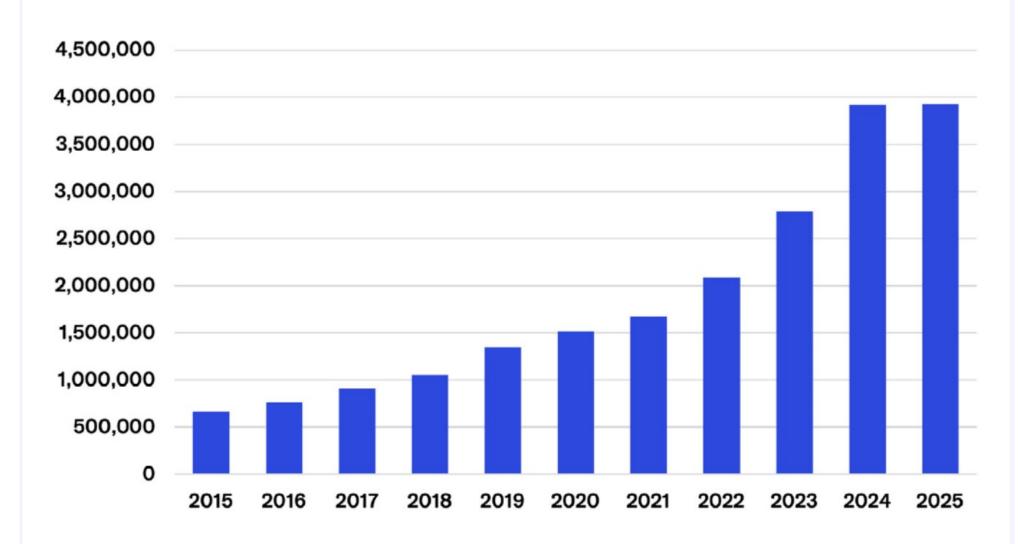
withdrawn or an alien is found to be ineligible for the credible fear process.

⁴ If USCIS finds that an alien has not established a credible fear, the alien may request review of that finding by an JJ. If the IJ finds that ar alien has established a credible fear, then the alien (unless the alien is a stowaway) is placed in removal proceedings.

⁵ Includes completed removal, exclusion, and deportation case types

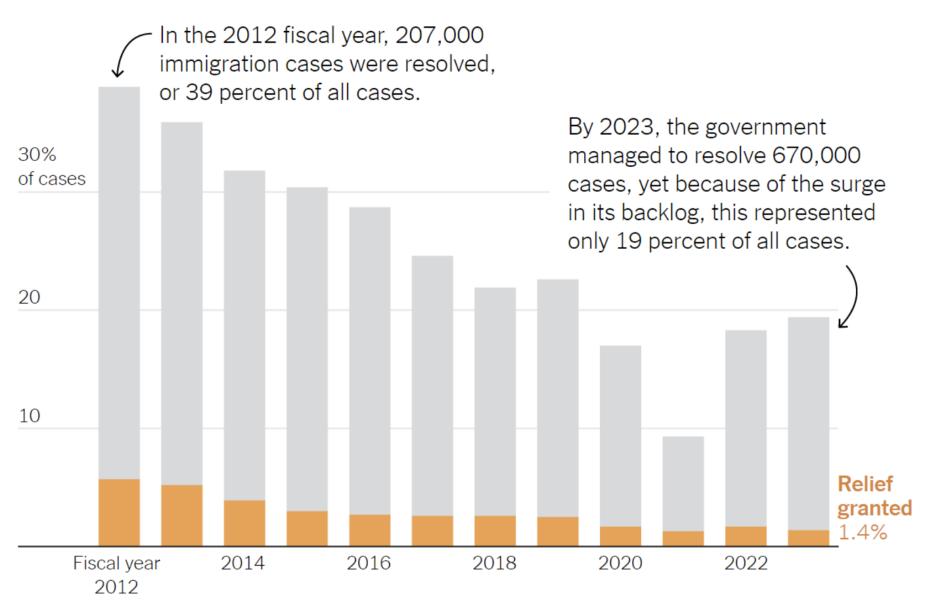
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Historical Immigration Court Backlog



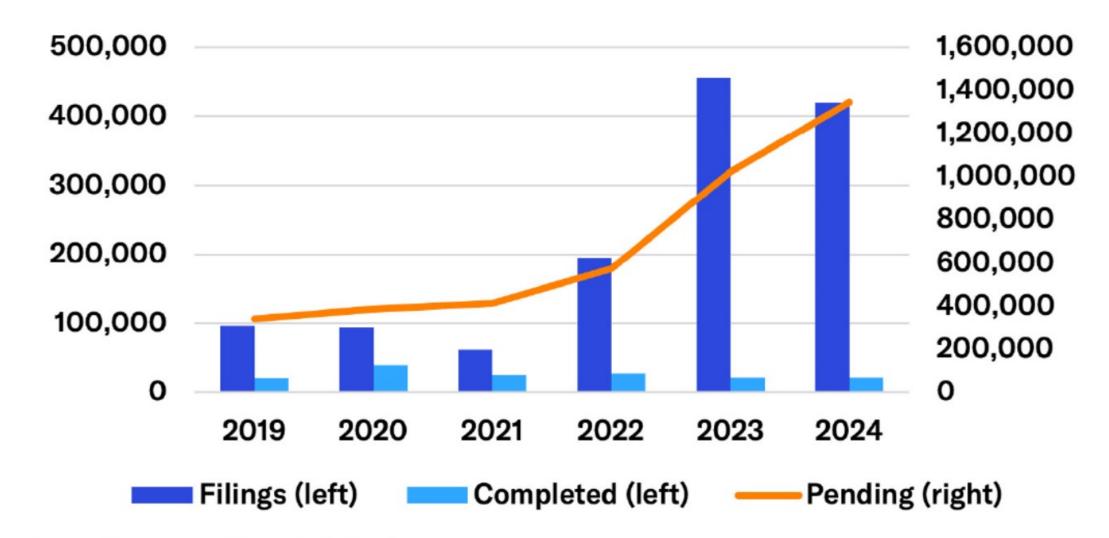
Source: EOIR

Percentage of immigration court cases resolved per year



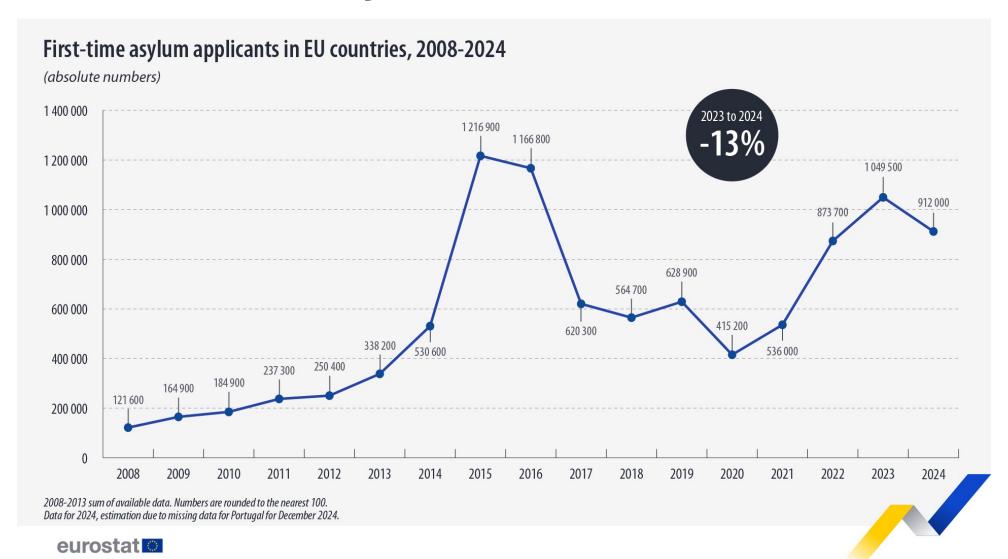
Source: Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse

Affirmative Asylum Backlog



Source: Department of Homeland Security

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