

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW ADJUDICATION STATISTICS

Credible Fear and Asylum Process - El Salvador: Fiscal Year (FY) 2019

Out of 100 aliens who were to claim a credible fear...¹

CREDIBLE FEAR INTERVIEW

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) would refer 76 credible fear claimants to EOIR (76% of claims referred to EOIR)²

REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

EOIR would receive and complete 79 I-862 cases⁵ originating from credible fear claims

ASYLUM APPLICATION

Only 53 credible fear claimants would file for asylum (Of completed I-862 cases originating from a credible fear claim made to USCIS, 67 percent of aliens filed for asylum)

ASYLUM DECISION

IJs would grant asylum to only 8 credible fear claimants and would not grant asylum to 45 credible fear claimants (Of completed I-862 cases originating from a credible fear claim made to USCIS, IJs grant asylum 10 percent of the time)

OPTION FOR EOIR TO REVIEW A NEGATIVE FEAR FINDING

5 cases are closed³

4 credible fear claimants would not request review by an immigration judge (IJ) *Alien Is Removed*

15 credible fear claimants would request review by an IJ

CREDIBLE FEAR REVIEW (CFR)⁴

IJs would find credible fear for 3 credible fear claimant (IJs find credible fear in 20% of CFRs)

... only 8 out of 100 would be granted asylum.



EOIR Data Generated: October 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 October 15, 2019). Includes claims referred to EOIR in which USCIS did not make a credible fear finding because it could not obtain an interpreter.

³ 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withdrawn or an alien is found to be ineligible for the credible fear process.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 IJ. If the IJ finds that an 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.