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Asylum Quarterly Engagement



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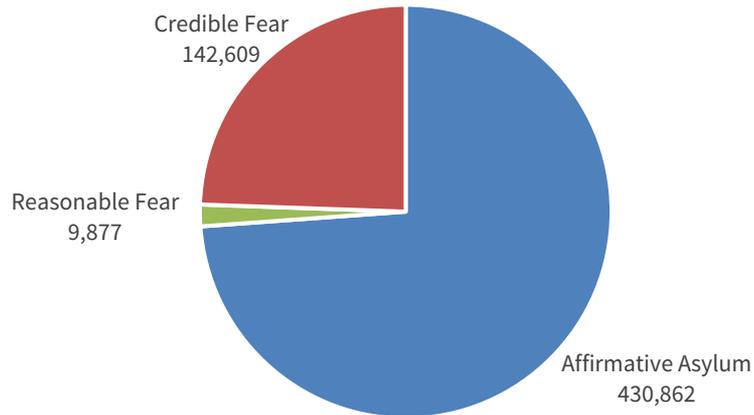
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Asylum Division Receipts (FY 2023)

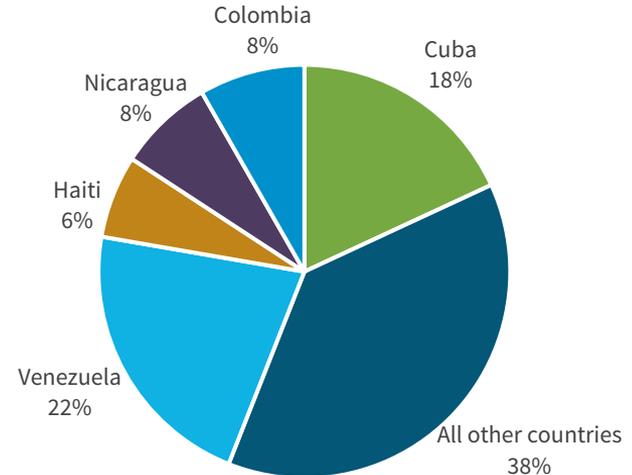


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Receipts per Program, FY 2023



Top Affirmative Asylum Nationalities, FY 2023



Data for FY 2023 includes receipts from Oct. 1, 2022, through Sep. 15, 2023.



Operation Allies Welcome (OAW)



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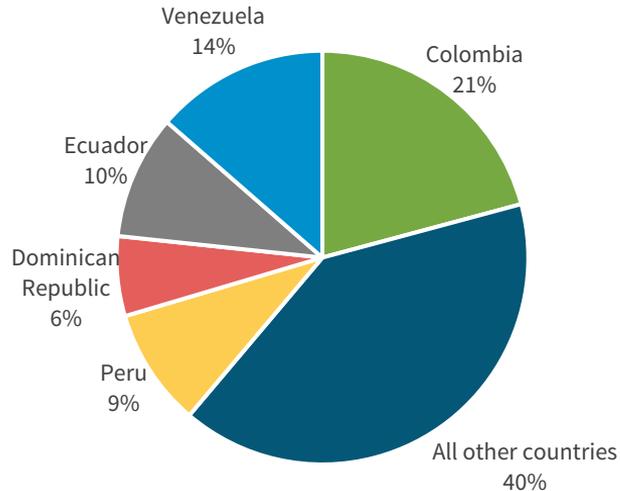
- **As of Sep. 15, 2023:**
 - **Over 19,000** Asylum Applications from OAW Parolees
 - **16,000** Interviews completed for these cases
 - **6,300** Completed adjudications
 - Of cases completed, an approval rate greater than 99%

Asylum Division Receipts (FY 2023)

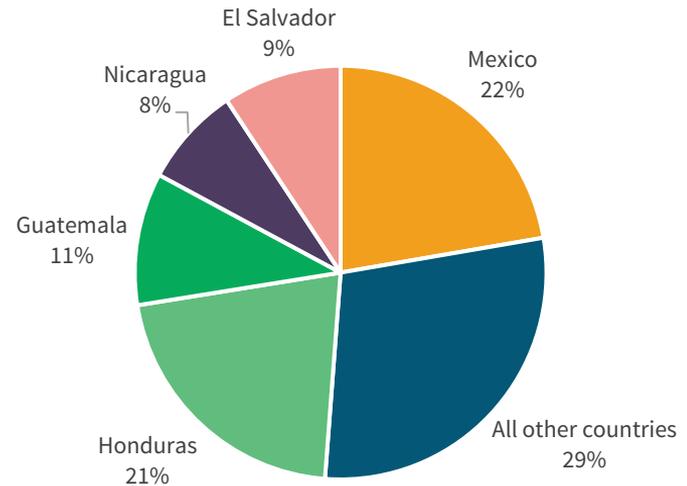


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Top Credible Fear Nationalities, FY 2023



Top Reasonable Fear Nationalities, FY 2023



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Asylum Merits Interviews

DHS OIS data valid as of end June 2023



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Asylum Processing Rule Cohort Report: Outcome Summary	
	Total
AMI-Eligible Credible Fear Claim Outcomes	5,877
Positive Fear Findings ¹	3,033
Negative Fear Findings ²	2,436
Admin Closed ³	315
Pending Completion ⁴	53
Other ⁵	40
AMI USCIS Case Outcomes	1,824
Asylum Granted	396
IJ Referral	747
Admin Closed ⁶	583
Pending Completion	98
AMI Cases Referred to EOIR - Comprehensive EOIR Case Outcomes	639
Relief ⁷	119
Removal Orders/Voluntary Departure ⁸	269
Terminated/Dismissed by IJ/Other ⁹	21
Pending ¹⁰	230



Hiring and Recruitment



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We continue to aggressively recruit, hire and train individuals to fill all existing vacancies

- Total authorized staff is currently 2,524 with 1,663 positions filled
- 760 of 1,028 asylum officer positions are filled: 74%
- Approximately 861 vacancies remaining, with 352 candidates in the recruitment process

Affirmative Asylum Updates



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Interpreter Temporary Final Rule

- The Interpreter Temporary Final Rule ended on September 12, 2023
- Applicants are required to bring their own interpreter

Asylum Backlog Reduction

- USCIS remains committed to completing the oldest pending asylum cases
- Over 8,200 completions in FY 2023, through August 20, were of the oldest pending cases (23% of all completions)

Filing Form I-589 - Lockbox



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- **General Filing Tips**

Use the **USCIS Filing Instruction Tool on the Form I-589 landing page to determine whether you may file your Form I-589 with USCIS.**

- **Be sure to:**
 - Review the Instructions for Form I-589 for eligibility requirements for yourself, your spouse, and children.
 - Use the newest edition of Form I-589 (03/01/23)
 - Include all pages of the form and do not forget to include your signature on page 9.
- **Please Note:**
 - The application must be completed in English; this includes explanation fields on the form.
 - We no longer need passport-style photos, multiple copies of the form, or multiple copies of supporting documentation.

Facilities Update



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- **Seattle Asylum Office**
 - GSA expects to finish buildout work in approximately March 2025
 - Occupancy projected to occur in April 2025
- **San Francisco Asylum Temporary Facility**
 - GSA expects to finish buildout work by the end of October 2023
 - Occupancy projected to occur on November 24, 2023

Applicants with a Pending Asylum Application



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- If your asylum application is pending at least 150 days, you can apply for an EAD under the (c)(8) category.
- If you reach 180 days, you may receive an EAD to begin working in the United States.
 - This does not include any delays you request or cause.
- There is **no filing fee for an initial (c)(8) EAD** if you have a pending asylum application for at least 150 days and USCIS never issued you an EAD under the (c)(8) category.



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Note: if you are requesting a renewal or replacement EAD under the (c)(8) category, you must pay the filing fee.

Required Evidence from Applicants with a Pending Asylum Application



To apply for an EAD as an applicant with a pending asylum application under category (c)(8), you must provide the following documents:

- Evidence that you applied for asylum with USCIS or EOIR;
- A copy of your government-issued identity document, such as a passport;
- A copy of your last EAD, if you had one;
- Two identical passport-style photographs;
- Evidence of any arrests and convictions (if applicable); and
- Form G-28 (if a legal representative is working for you).

How Do I Apply for Employment Authorization?



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You must submit Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

You can submit the form two ways:

- Online at my.uscis.gov.
 - You will need to create a free USCIS online account.
- On paper by mailing us a paper Form I-765 found at uscis.gov/i-765.



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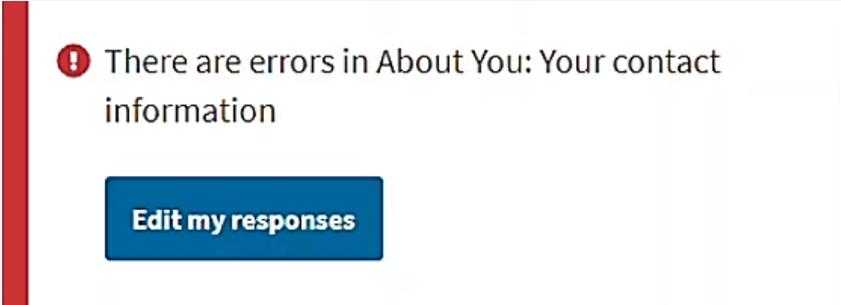
If you submit your form online, it will get to us faster. Plus, you will be able to access all notices online in your account.

Why Apply for Employment Authorization Online?



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- When you apply online, you avoid common mistakes like:
 - Missing signature
 - Incomplete forms
 - **Incorrect fee**
- These mistakes are often why paper forms are rejected.
- Create a free USCIS online account at my.uscis.gov.

A screenshot of a USCIS online application interface. It shows a red vertical bar on the left side. To the right of the bar is a red circle with a white exclamation mark icon, followed by the text "There are errors in About You: Your contact information". Below this text is a blue rectangular button with the white text "Edit my responses".

! There are errors in About You: Your contact information

Edit my responses

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- The fee is the same whether you apply online or on paper.
- We have videos in English, Spanish, Dari and Pashto at uscis.gov/file-online.

USCIS Online Account Page



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My Account

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Welcome To Your USCIS Account

Select What You Want To Do

Add a case to your account

Enter your online access code (OAC) to add and manage a case to your account

File a form online

Start a new form, upload evidence, and pay and submit online

Enter a representative passcode

Review and sign forms prepared for you by your attorney or representative

Verify your identity

Answer questions about your immigration history to verify your personal identity

Account Features



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Link a paper form



Check case status



Send a secure message



Upload Evidence



Respond to Requests for Evidence



Change your address



Helpful Resources



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Form I-765

- uscis.gov/i-765

Employment Resources for Parolees

- uscis.gov/humanitarian/employment-resources-for-parolees-in-the-united-states

Department of Justice Immigrant and Employee Rights Section

- justice.gov/crt/immigrant-and-employee-rights-section

USCIS Online Account

- my.uscis.gov

How Do I Get a New Online Access Code

- uscis.gov/about-us/contact-us/how-do-i-get-a-new-online-access-code

Video: How to Create a USCIS Online Account

- uscis.gov/file-online/how-to-create-a-uscis-online-account (videos available in English, Spanish, Dari, and Pashto)

Technical Support for Your Account

- my.uscis.gov/account/needhelp

Change Your Address

- uscis.gov/addresschange
- uscis.gov/ar-11

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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