

Complaints Against Immigration Judges

Fiscal Year 2020

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U.S. Department of Justice

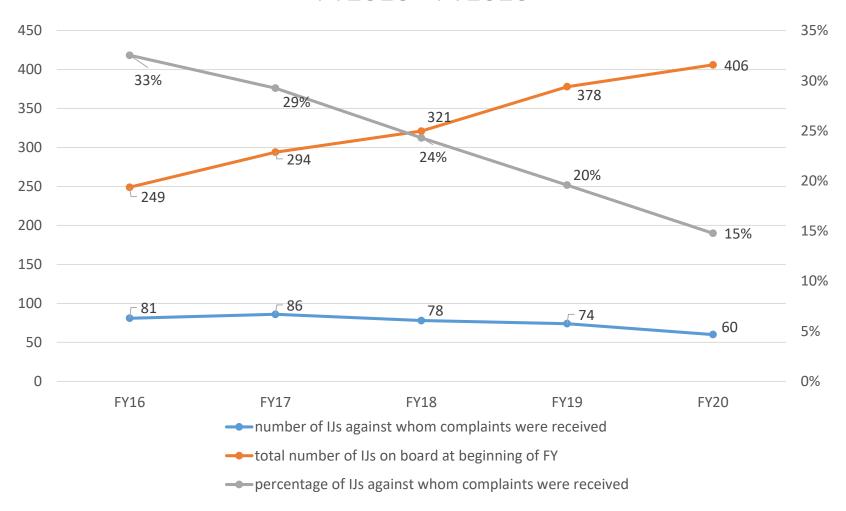
Executive Office for Immigration Review

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Immigration Judge Complaints Opened, Closed, and Pending FY2016 - FY2020



Number and Percentage of IJs Against Whom Complaints Were Received FY2016 - FY2020



Natures of Complaints Opened in FY2020

In-Court Conduct	77 (83%)	
Due Process	45 (48%)	
Legal	29 (31%)	
Bias	26 (28%)	
Out-of-Court Conduct	17 (18%)	
Incapacity	1 (1%)	

^{*}some complaints have more than one nature, so percentages total > 100%

Sources of Complaints Opened in FY2020

Respondent's Attorney	33 (35%)	
DHS/EOIR/OIL	19 (21%)	
Respondent	18 (19%)	
Third Party	18 (19%)	
Media	3 (3%)	
OPR/OIG	2 (2%)	
Circuit Courts	1 (1%)	
BIA	1 (1%)	
Other	1 (1%)	

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Method of Disposition for Complaints Closed in FY2020

Dismissed	61%
not substantiated	33%
failure to state a claim	1%
merits-related	16%
frivolous	3%
disproven	8%
Corrective Actions (oral counseling, written counseling, training, performance-based action)	35%
Concluded (e.g., retirement, resignation, termination)	3%
Discipline (reprimand, suspension)	0%
Other (resolved per another complaint)	1%
TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS CLOSED	89