

# Immigration Judges

## Quotas and Deadlines Data Analysis FY 2019

◆ **Quota of 700 case completions:**

The total number of case completions ranged from 36 to 2087. 63% of judges completed fewer than 700 cases last fiscal year. See Table 1 and Chart 1.

This variation in completions was expected due to the wide variation in the types of dockets judges handle. In FY 2019, 13% of immigration judges completed 300 or fewer cases; 36% completed between 301 and 600 cases last year; 32% completed between 601 and 900 cases last year; and 19% completed 900 or more cases last year.

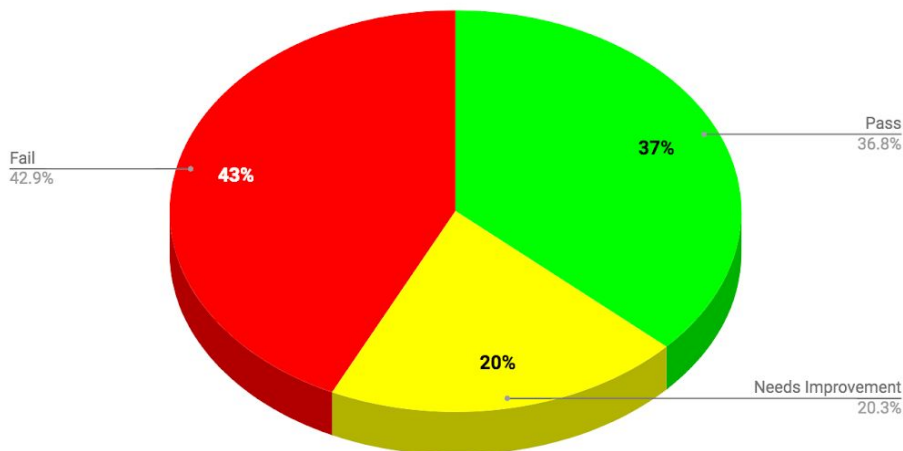
To quantify the variability in case completions, we also calculated the standard deviation, which is a whopping 339 cases. This means that 68% of immigration judges had between 313 case completions and 991 case completions.

**Table 1.**  
**Cases Completed by Judges FY 2019**

Percent that completed at least 700 cases	37%
Percent that completed more than 560 but fewer than 700 cases	20%
Percent that completed 560 or fewer cases	43%

**Chart 1.**

**Quota of 700 Cases: Percent of Judges with Pass, Needs Improvement, and Fail Ratings**



◆ **15% remand rate:** 83% of judges had a remand rate of less than 15%. About 6% had a remand rate between 15% and 20%. About 11% of judges had a remand rate of more than 20%.

◆ **Must pass half of the 6 deadlines that apply and NOT fail the remaining:**

**Deadline 1, 85% of detained cases completed within 3 days of final hearing:** 94% of judges met the deadline. An additional 3.5% completed more than 65%. And 2.5% completed less than 65%.

**Deadline 2, 85% of non-detained cases completed within 10 days of final hearing:** 97% of judges met the deadline.

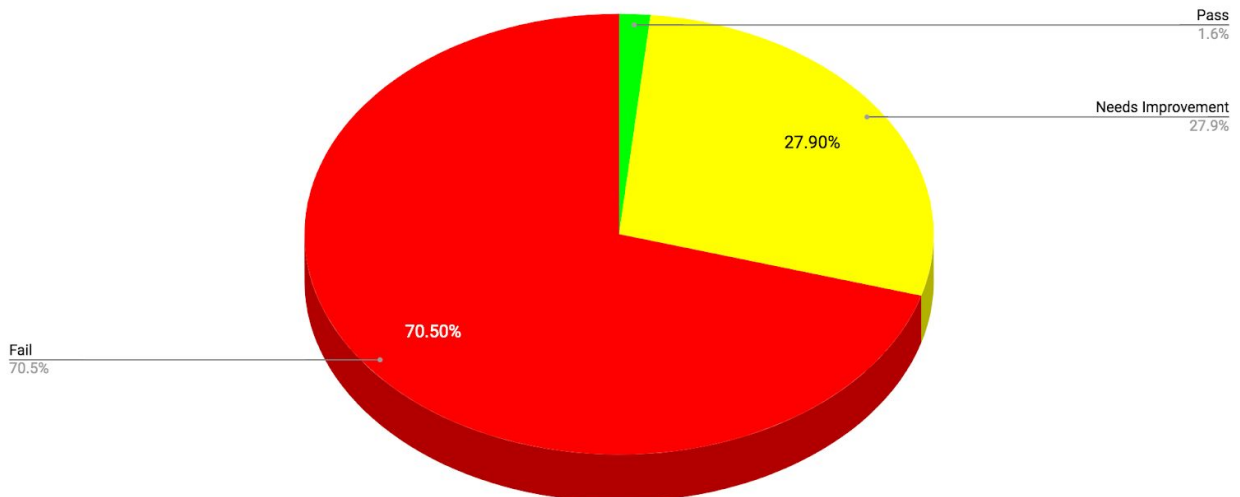
**Deadline 3, 85% of motions completed within 20 days:** 90% of judges met the deadline. 10% of judges completed at least 65% but less than 90% of motions within 20 days.

**Deadline 4, 90% of bond hearings completed at the initial custody hearing:** 94% of judges met this deadline. The remainder completed at least 70% at the initial hearing.

**Deadline 5: 95% of individual merit hearings completed on the initial scheduled date:** Exactly six individual judges met this deadline. So over 98% of judges received less than the required satisfactory rate. 28% of judges completed between 75% and 95% on the initial date. 70% of judges completed less than 75% of their cases on the initial date. See Chart 2.

**Chart 2.**

**Percent of Judges Meeting Deadline of 95% of Individual Merit Hearings Completed on the Initial Scheduled Date**



**Deadline 6: 100% of credible and reasonable fear reviews completed on the initial hearing date:** 56.3% met this deadline, 26.3% completed fewer than 100% but more than 80%, and 17.4% completed fewer than 80%.

◆ 378 out of 380 judges were not able to meet all the requirements of the quotas and deadlines.