

# FY2020 APPROPRIATIONS REPORTING REQUIREMENT REFUGEE DATA –FY2016 TO FY2019

*The Committee is concerned about the slow pace of refugee admissions experienced since fiscal year 2017. The Committee directs the Department to submit to the Committee and make available to the public on its website not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this act the following information for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2019: the number of USCIS staff assigned to the Refugee Corps at the Refugee Affairs Division of USCIS; the number of refugee processing circuit rides conducted; the number of USCIS Refugee Corps officers assigned to each circuit ride; the destination region and country for each circuit ride; the number of refugee interviews<sup>1</sup> conducted by USCIS; and the number of approvals and denials issued by USCIS.*

1. Number of USCIS staff assigned to the Refugee Corps at the Refugee Affairs Division of USCIS<sup>2</sup>

<b>Fiscal Years</b>	<b>USCIS Staff Assigned to the Refugee Corps</b>
FY 2016	289
FY 2017	352
FY 2018	262
FY 2019	253

2. Number of refugee processing circuit rides conducted<sup>3</sup>

<b>Fiscal Years</b>	<b>Number of refugee processing circuit rides conducted</b>
FY 2016	177
FY 2017	105
FY 2018	67
FY 2019	97

3. Number of USCIS Refugee Corps officers assigned to each circuit ride; the destination region and country for each circuit ride<sup>4</sup> [See [FY16 – 19 Refugee Processing Trips](#)]

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<sup>1</sup> The destination region and country for each circuit ride, which include the number of refugee officers on each circuit ride is in the attached excel.

<sup>2</sup> These numbers represent the total authorized staffing level assigned to the Refugee Corps each fiscal year.

<sup>3</sup> These numbers reflect refugee processing trips completed by the Refugee Affairs Division and International Operations.

<sup>4</sup> These refugee processing trips were completed by both the Refugee Affairs Division and International Operations. The teams, in some instances, included officers from other USCIS offices that were temporarily detailed to the Refugee Affairs Division to assist with refugee processing.



4. Number of refugee interviews conducted by USCIS<sup>5</sup>

<b>Fiscal Years</b>	<b>Number of refugee interviews conducted by USCIS</b>
FY 2016	125,485
FY 2017	49,586
FY 2018	26,514
FY 2019	44,192

5. Number of approvals and denials issued by USCIS<sup>6</sup>

	<b>Approvals</b>	<b>Denials</b>
FY 2016	94,163	13,155
FY 2017	30,493	7,691
FY 2018	22,055	7,892
FY 2019	38,261	5,368

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<sup>5</sup> Data extracted from the Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System (WRAPS) on February 20, 2020. These numbers represent individuals interviewed for refugee status during refugee processing circuit rides and in international USCIS field offices.

<sup>6</sup> Data extracted from WRAPS on February 20, 2020. The processing of a refugee case can span across fiscal years. Therefore, refugee cases that are interviewed in a particular fiscal year are not necessarily approved or denied that same fiscal year.