



Asylum denial rates for individual immigration judges across the country range from 3% to 100%, and court-wide denial rates range from 31.8% to 99.6% depending on the location of the court. This means that the location of the court and the identity of the judge are the two most important factors in whether an asylum claim will be successful or not. This information is more crucial than ever, since the Trump administration is manipulating the legal system to make asylum cases even harder to win. Knowing the odds of success based on where you apply for asylum can make the difference between winning asylum and being deported.

## BEST PLACES FOR ASYLUM

By percentage of asylum cases denied

1. SAN FRANCISCO, CA - 31.8%
2. HONOLULU, HI - 42.7%
3. NEW YORK, NY - 46%
4. BOSTON, MA - 47.3%
5. CHICAGO, IL - 54%

## WORST PLACES FOR ASYLUM

By percentage of asylum cases denied

1. ATLANTA, GA - 99.6%
2. EL PASO, TX - 97%
3. LOUISVILLE, KY - 96.4%
4. MEMPHIS, TN - 96%
5. HOUSTON, TX - 95.7%

Source: Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) at Syracuse University. Data filtered by FY2019 asylum denial rates for never detained.



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