

Inland Refugee Claims in Canada, Immigration and Refugee Board Statistics, January 1989 – December 1997

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Year	Claims Finalized	Decisions Rendered	Positive Decisions	Acceptance Rate (%)	Negative Decisions	Rejection Rate (%)	Withdrawn/ Abandoned	W/A Rate (%)
1997	24,943	19,138	10,031	40.2	9,107	36.5	5,805	23.3
1996	21,803	16,578	9,541	43.8	7,037	32.3	5,225	24.0
1995	17,189	13,710	9,614	55.9	4,096	23.8	3,479	20.2
1994	25,069	21,666	15,224	60.7	6,442	25.7	3,403	13.6
1993	30,553	25,549	14,101	46.2	11,448	37.5	5,004	26.4
1992								
Initial Hearing	31,431	31,189	29,883 *	95	1,306	4.2	242	0.8
Full Hearing	29,175	27,308	17,437	59.8	9,871	33.8	1,867	6.4
Overall	30,723	-	17,437	56.8	11,177	36.4	2,109	6.9
1991								
Initial Hearing	30,055	29,608	28,203 *	93.8	1,405	4.7	447	1.5
Full Hearing	28,280	26,941	19,425	68.7	7,516	26.6	1,339	4.7
Overall	30,132	-	19,425	64.5	8,921	29.6	1,786	5.9
1990								
Initial Hearing	21,469	21,206	20,240 *	94.3	966	4.5	263	1.2
Full Hearing	13,997	13,623	10,710	76.5	2,913	20.8	374	2.7
Overall	15,226	-	10,710	70.3	3,879	25.5	637	4.2
1989								
Initial Hearing	12,690	12,368	11,798 *	93	570	4.5	322	2.5
Full Hearing	5,376	5,306	4,744	88.3	562	10.5	70	1.3
Overall	6,268	-	4,744	75.7	1,132	18.1	397	6.2

Source: Adapted from Immigration and Refugee Board Inland Refugee Claims Statistics, 1989 to 1997.

* Granted Full Hearing.

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