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- Some points from the data below that might be handy if pressed.
- We are not seeing any increase in refusal of entry or immigration detention cases relating to Australians in the USA
 - This year there have been 8 cases which is on pro rata in comparison to 2024
 - In 2019 there were 109 such cases. In 2016 there were 125 such cases

Travel was higher pre-Covid (40%) but the cases significantly higher (well over 100% higher pro rata).

Australian residents returning from the USA

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CIS Cases – USA only

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Subject: Immigration Detention Cases Opened in the US [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Warren

Please find the following immigration detention stats with the subtype as per your request. An average of 73% of the cases fell under the subtype of refusal of entry. Data is as of today (27 March 2025)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Immigration Detention	47	125	106	102	109	59	37	68	43	34	8	738
Refusal of Entry	36	98	74	67	80	39	33	55	27	22	5	536
Visa Violation	5	12	23	20	10	8	3	3	5	2	1	92
Prisoner Deportation	4	9	5	7	9	10	1	8	3	3	1	60
Other	2	6	4	8	10	2		2	8	7	1	50
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Kind regards

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The [Consular State of Play | Smartraveller](#) (CSOP) can be downloaded along with all available data, case studies and h CSOP release for 2024-25 will be in late 2025.

Smartraveller's [USA Travel Advice](#) was last updated on 6 May 2025.

It includes advice that:

- entry requirements to the USA are strict and that US authorities have broad powers to decide if foreign n
- travellers should ensure they understand all relevant visa terms and conditions before attempting to ent
- US officials may ask to [inspect travellers' electronic devices](#), emails, text messages or social media acc
- if entry is denied by border authorities, a traveller may be detained

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