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# Appeal and Interference statistics

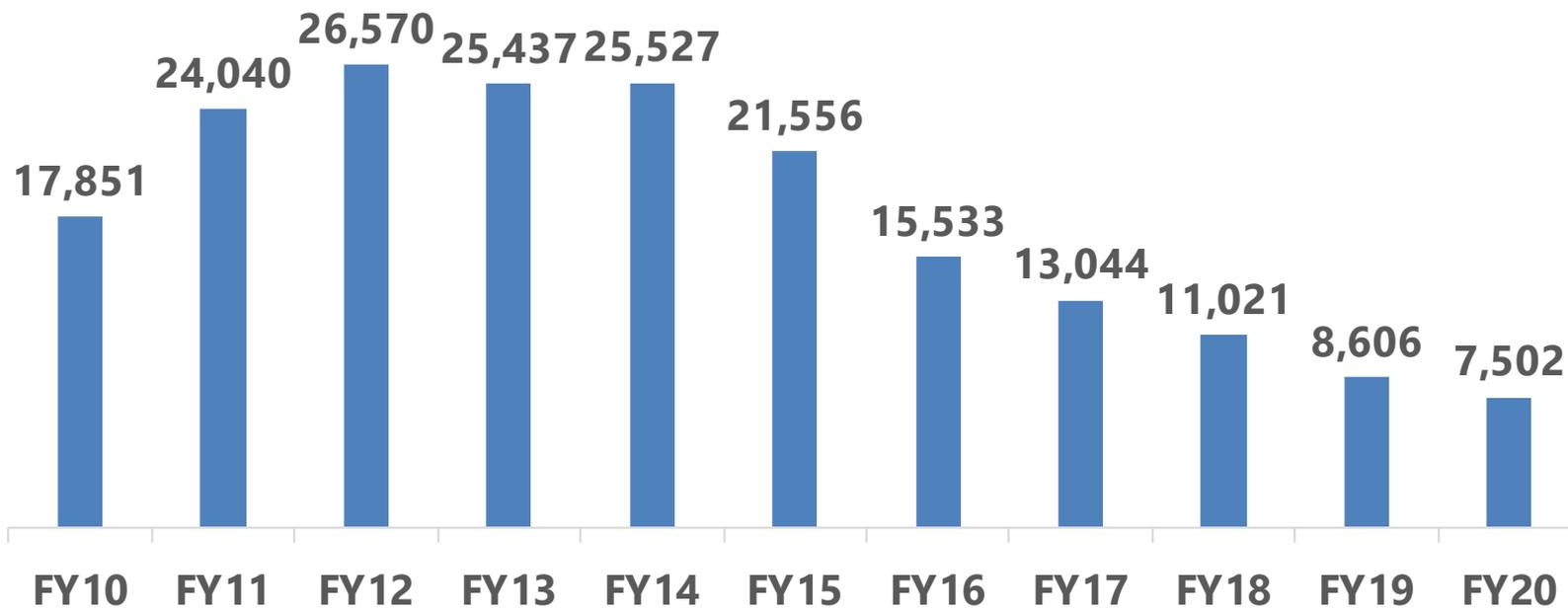
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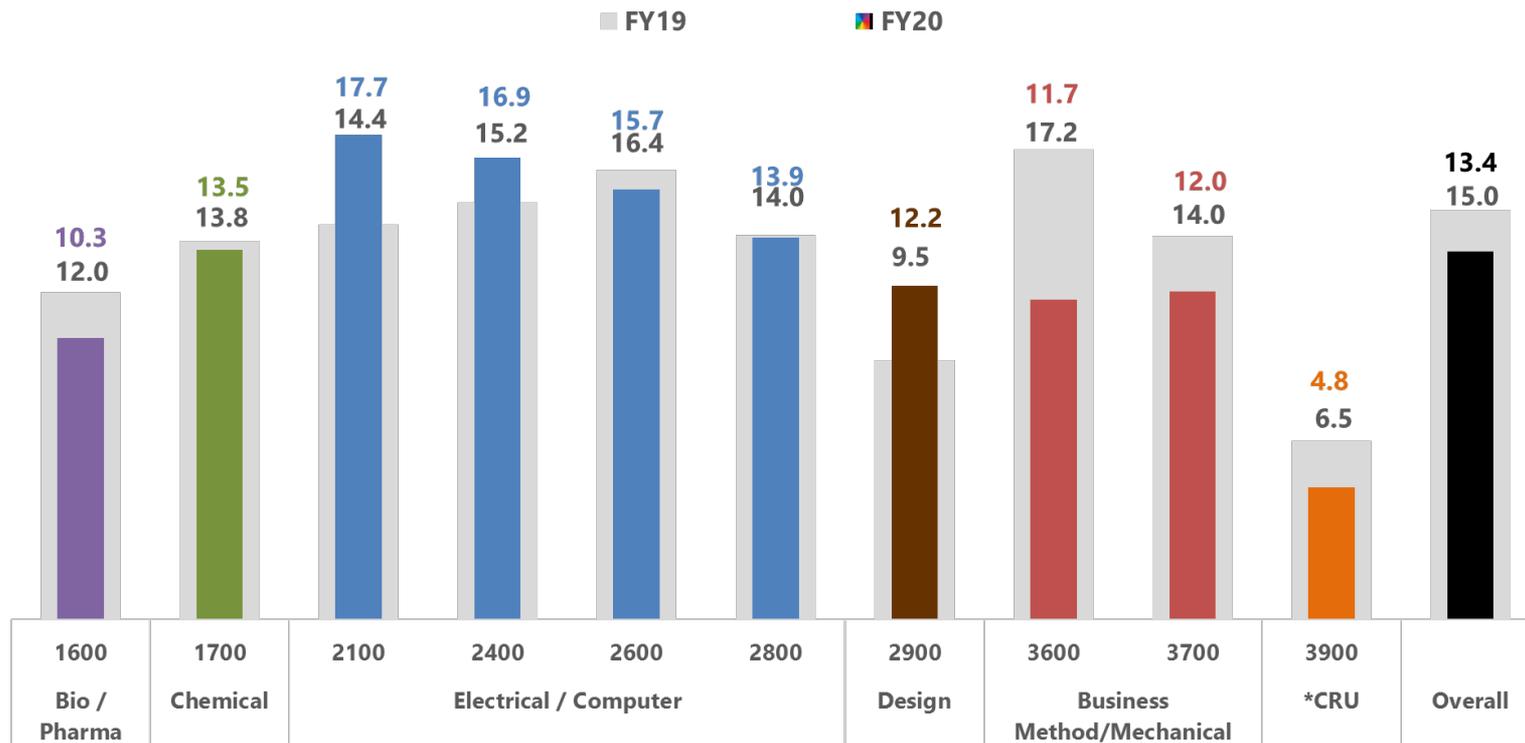
# Pending appeals FY10 to FY20

(Sept. 30, 2010 – Sept. 30, 2020)



# Pendency of decided appeals

(Jul. 2019 – Sept. 2019 compared to Jul. 2020 – Sept. 2020)



Pendency is calculated as average months from Board receipt date to final decision.

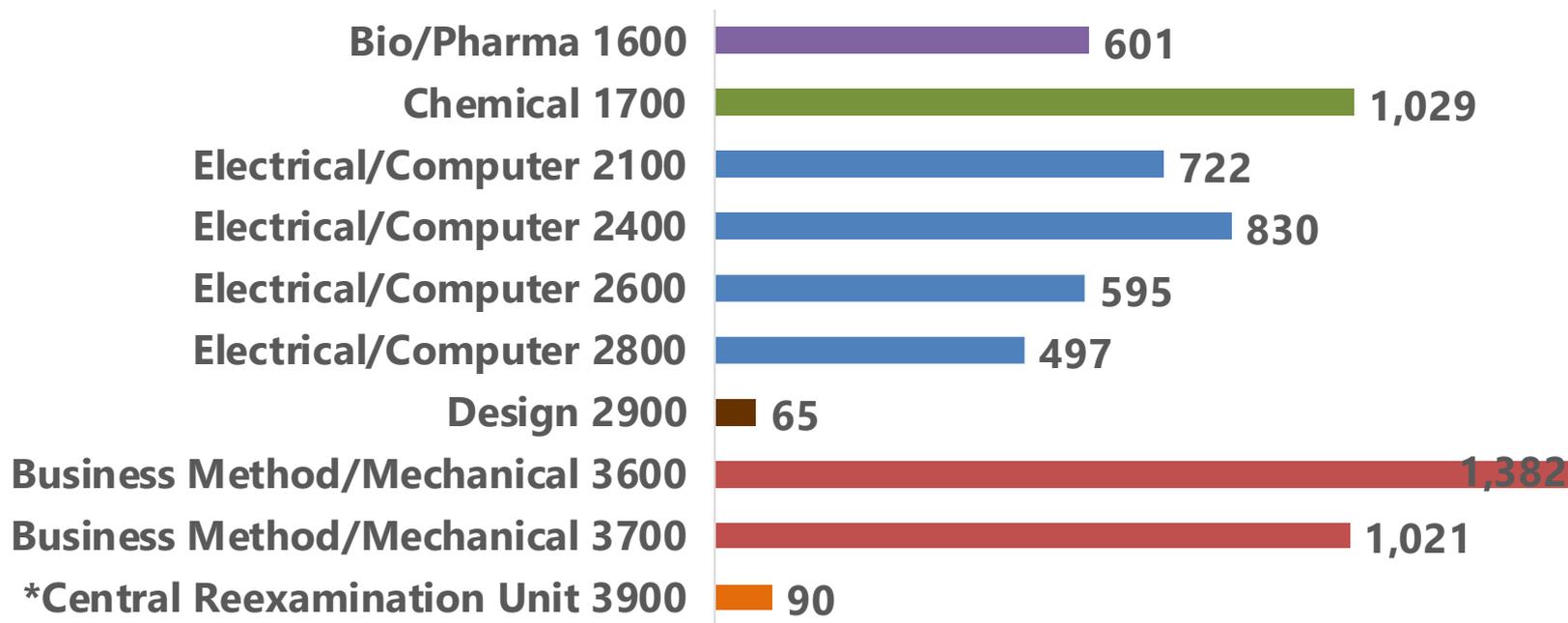
Pendency is calculated for a three month period compared to the same period the previous year.

\*CRU (Central Reexamination Unit) decisions include 10 *ex parte* reexams, 0 *inter partes* reexam, 4 supplemental examination reviews, and 9 reissues from all technologies for Jul. – Sept. FY20.



# Appeal intake in FY20

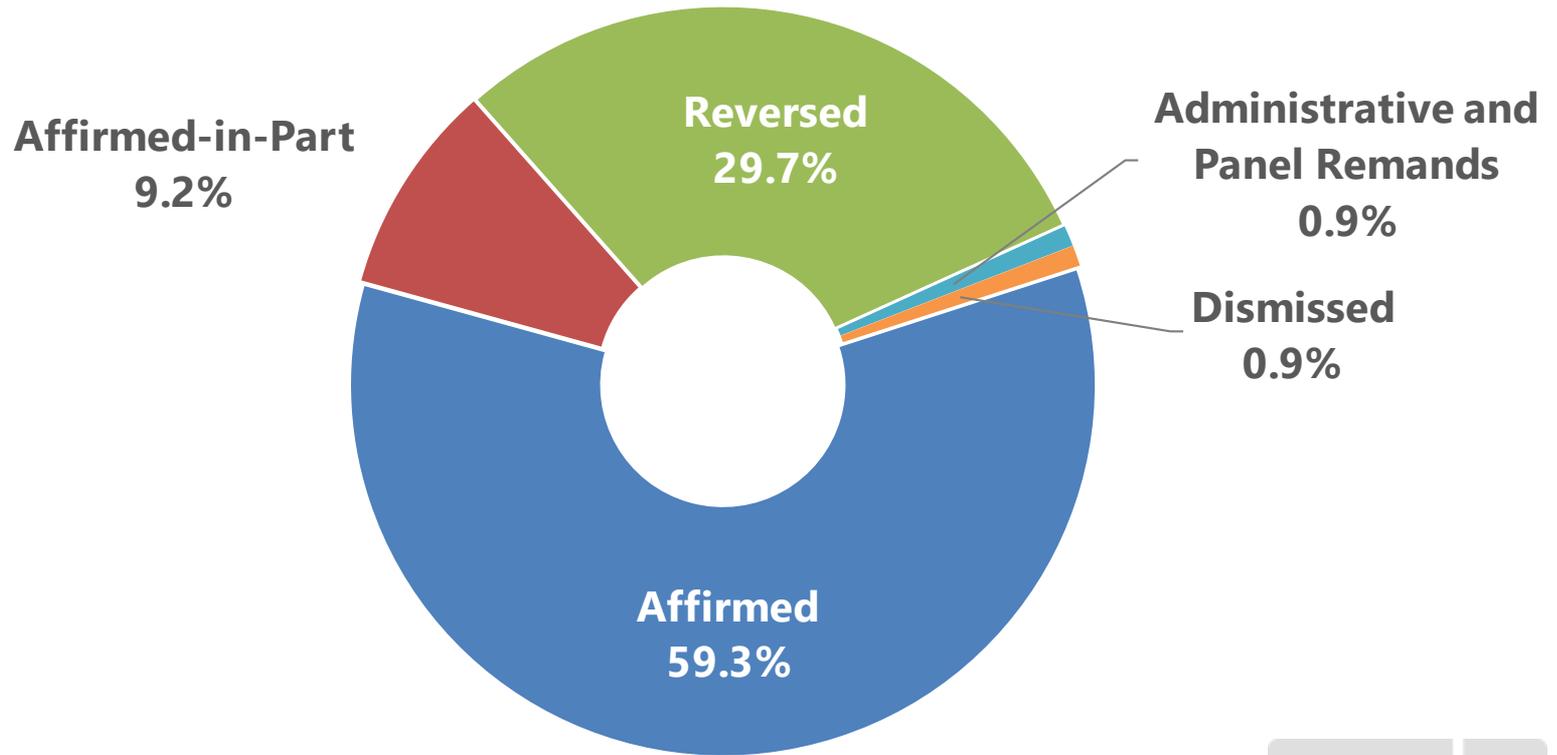
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# Appeal outcomes in FY20

(Oct. 1, 2019 - Sept. 30, 2020)



# Interference inventory

(Sept. 30, 2008 – Sept. 30, 2020)

