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Appeal and Interference statistics

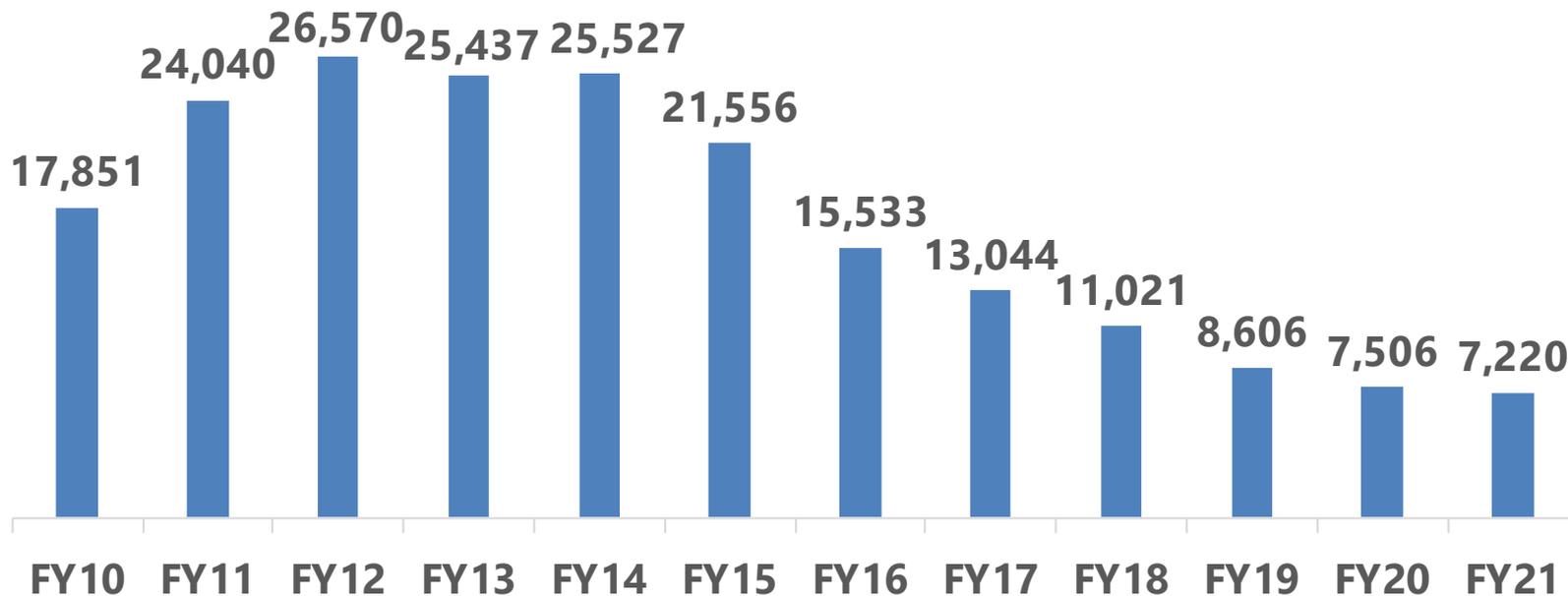
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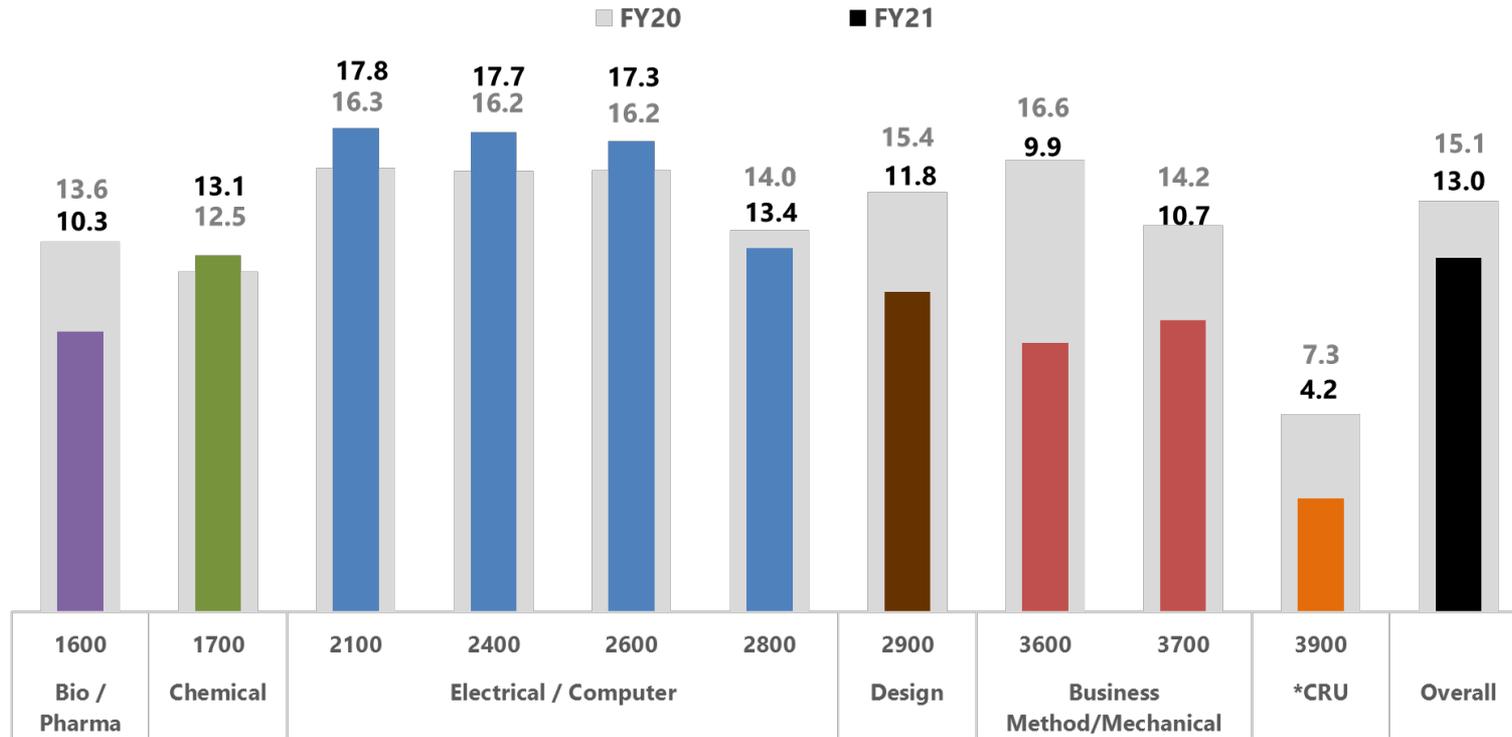
Pending appeals FY10 to FY21

(Sept. 30, 2010 – Sept. 30, 2021)



Pendency of decided appeals

(Oct. 2019 – Dec. 2019 compared to Oct. 2020 – Dec. 2020)



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

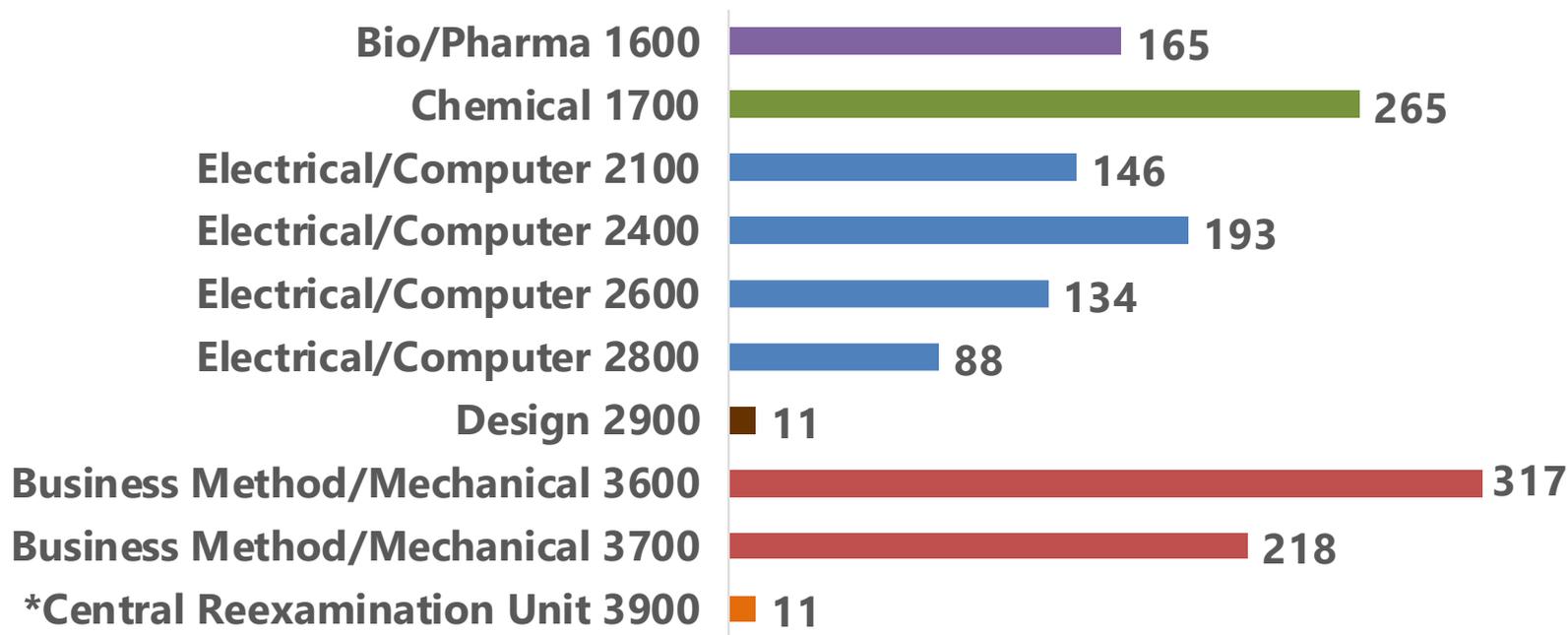
Pendency is calculated for a three month period compared to the same period the previous year.

*CRU (Central Reexamination Unit) decisions include 10 *ex parte* reexams, 2 *inter partes* reexam, 0 supplemental examination reviews, and 6 reissues from all technologies for Oct. – Dec. 2020.



Appeal intake in FY21

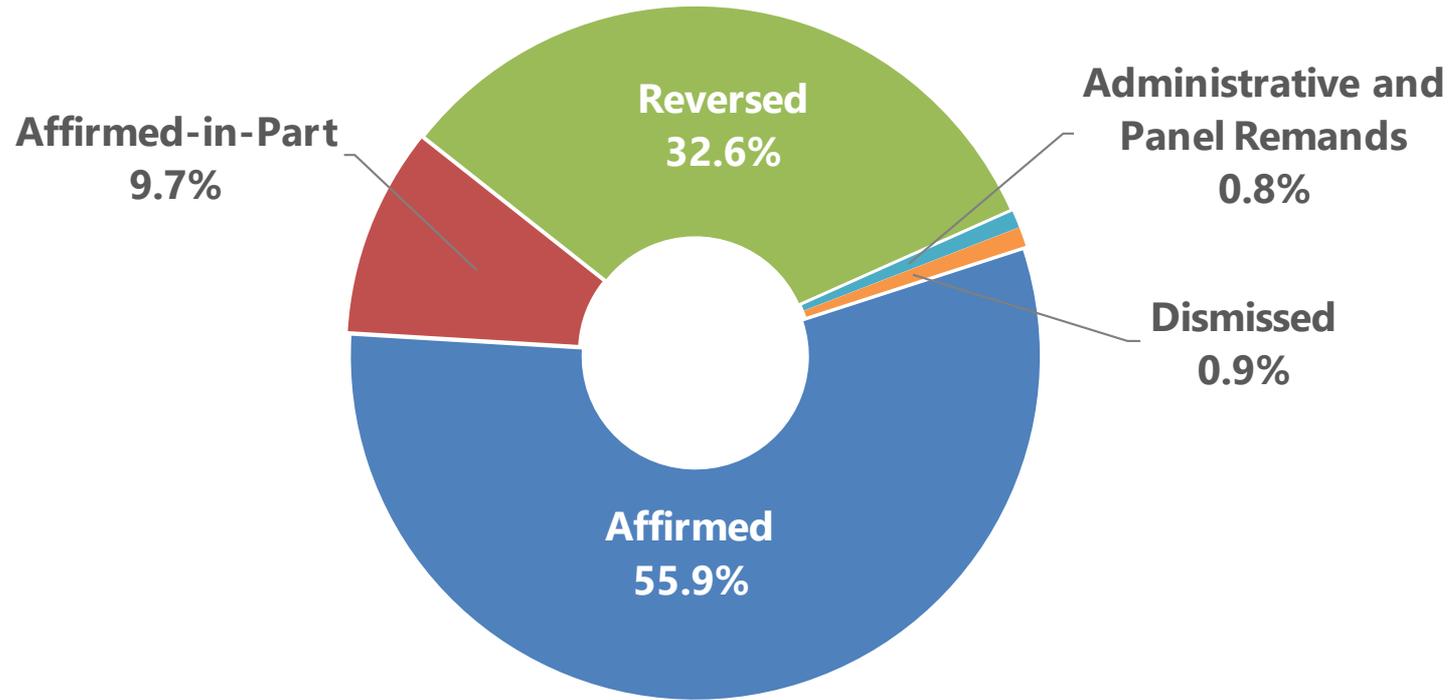
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Appeal outcomes in FY21

(Oct. 1, 2020 - Sept. 30, 2021)



Interference inventory

(Sept. 30, 2008 – Sept. 30, 2021)

Interference Inventory Over Time

