

Operations update

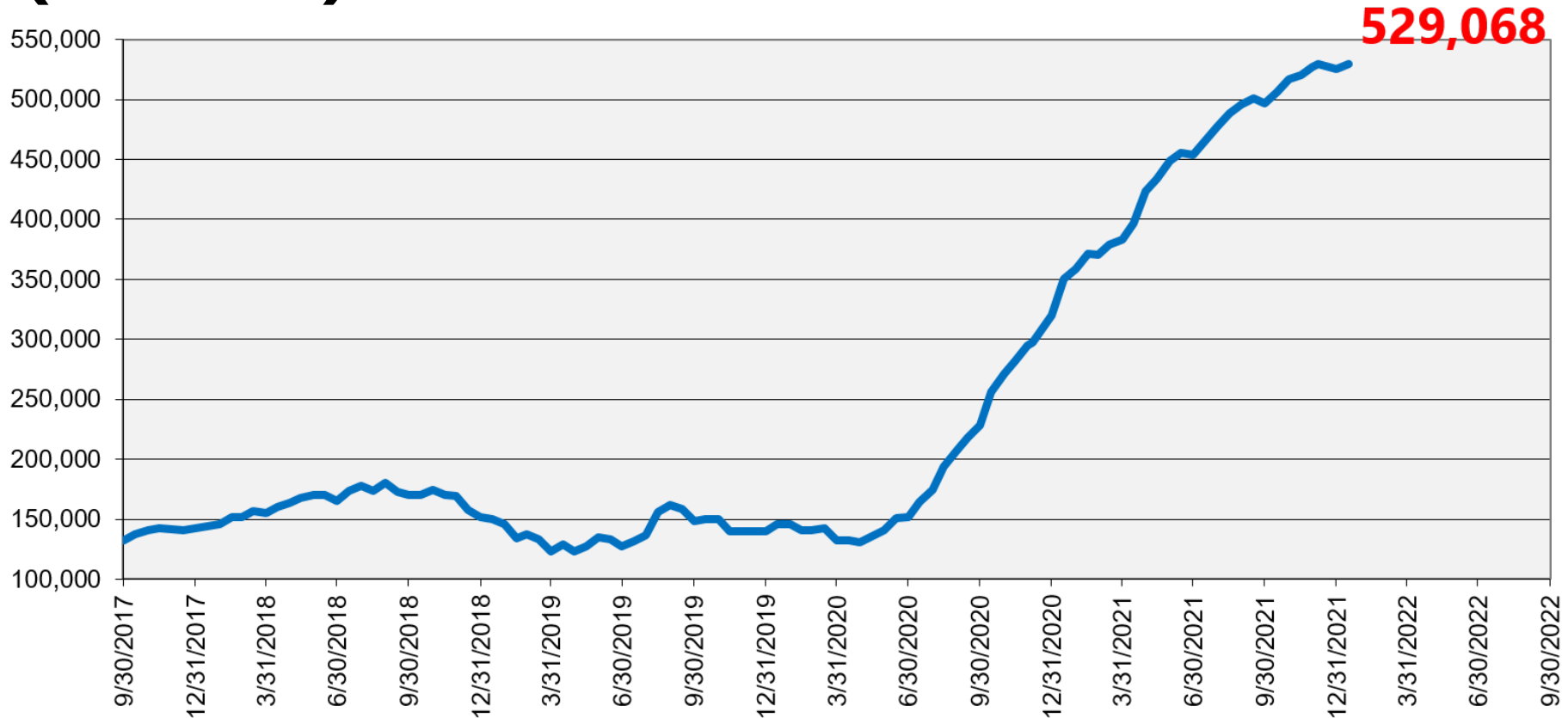
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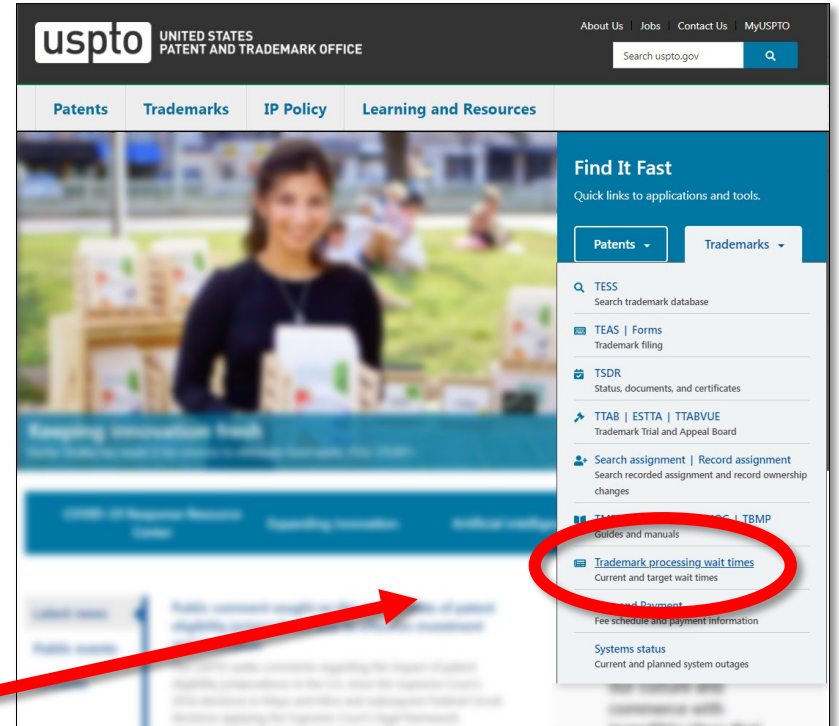


Unexamined application inventory (Classes)



Current processing timelines

- First actions: 7-7.5 months
- Disposal (approval for publication or abandonment) 12-12.5 months
- Uploading new applications within one week
- Processing amendments within one week
- Current processing times viewable on [uspto.gov](https://www.uspto.gov)
 - Click the “Find it Fast” link to our dedicated webpage
 - Updated monthly
 - TM Dashboard provides yearly and quarterly statistics
- External notices and updates



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Processing wait times: webpage

Current Trademark processing wait times		
As of December 2021	Pendency Target	Current Pendency
Pre-Examination Unit		
TEAS	10 days	1 days
MADRID	10 days	0 days
Examination Support Unit (ESU)		
Amendments/Corrections	14 days	4 days
Intent to use		
Extension requests	15 days	6 days
Statement of use	15 days	23 days
Divisional requests	15 days	7 days
Petitions Office		
Letters of protest	-	59 days
Post Registration		
Affidavits of Use/incontestability	30 days	62 days
Renewals	30 days	83 days
Amendments/Corrections	30 days	66 days
Assignment		
ETAS	2 days	3 days
Fax	10 days	14 days
Paper	14 days	14 days

Current Trademark processing wait times		
As of December 2021	Pendency Target	Current Pendency
First action pendency (months)	2.5-7.5 months	7.4 months
Disposal pendency (months)	13.5 months	12.3 months

<https://www.uspto.gov/dashboard/trademarks/application-timeline.html>



TM dashboard in action

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Trademarks Data Q4 2021 at a glance

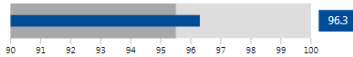
First Action		Total	
6.3 months	96.3%	11.2 months	98.7%
Pendency	Quality	Pendency	Quality

Year to Date		
434,810	943,928	27.5%
Registrations	Applications	Increase in Applications

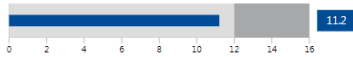
First Action Pendency



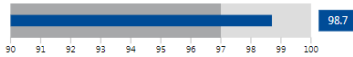
First Action Quality



Total Pendency

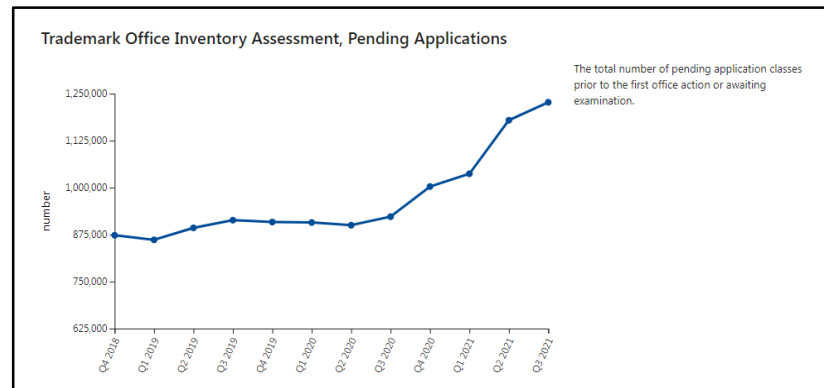
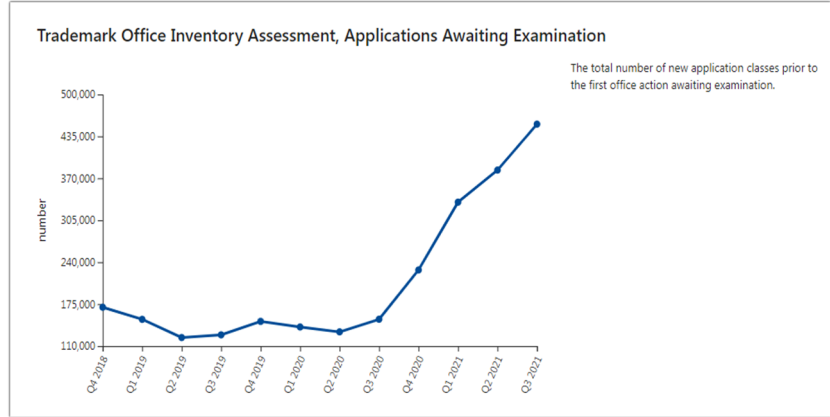
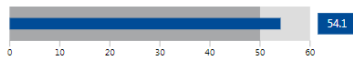


Final Action Quality



■ Current
■ On Target
■ Off Target

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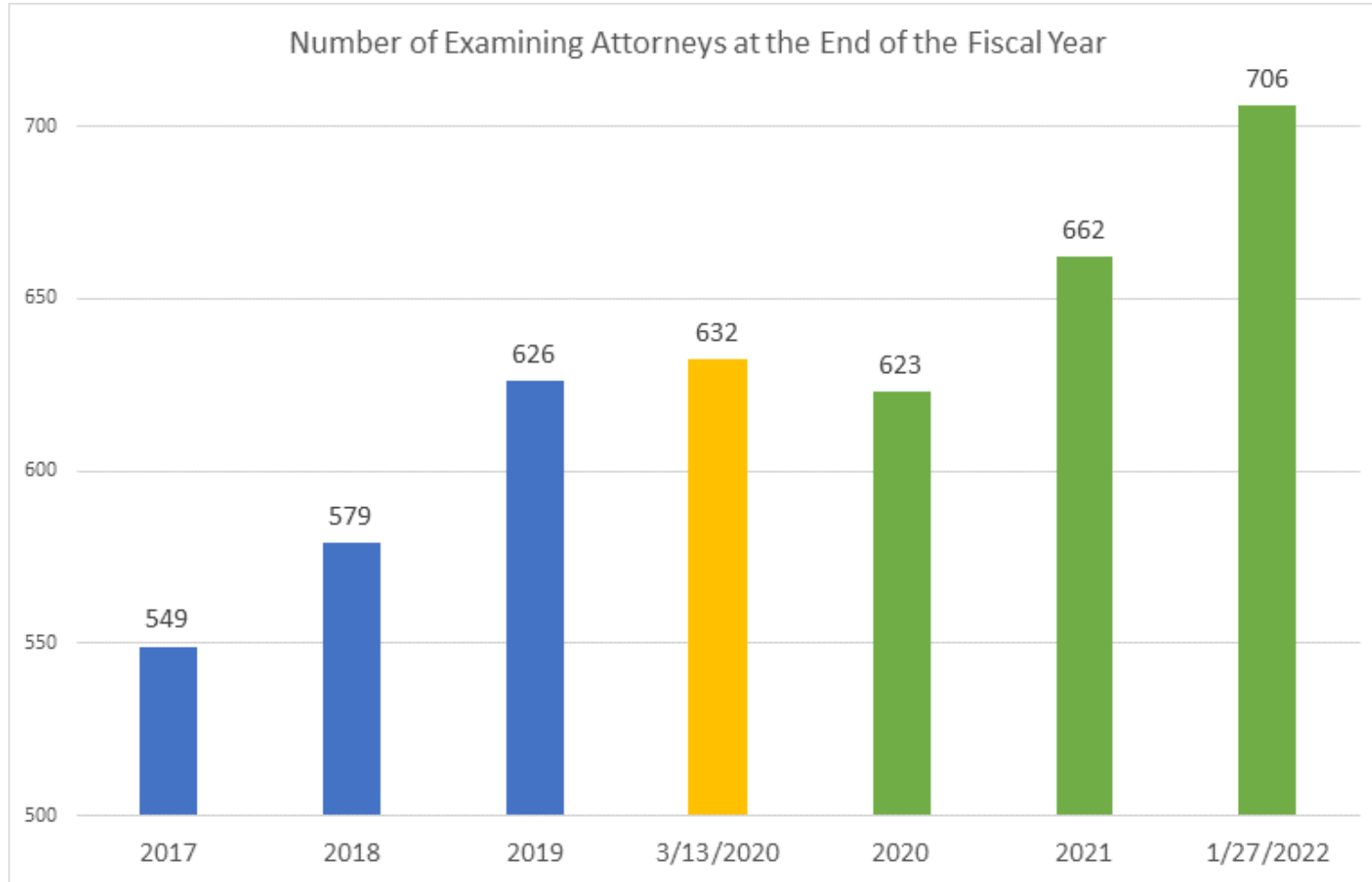
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Staffing and process

- Hiring
 - Spring FY21: 47 EAs and additional professional staff
 - FY22: 59 EAs started in October; 40 planned for spring
 - TM Academy
- Added TM Flex for bad faith investigations
- AI and RPA for certain administrative tasks
- 3rd party assessing the entire examination process
 - Evaluating efficiencies & pressure points

Examining Attorney Staffing





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