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# Appeal and Interference Statistics

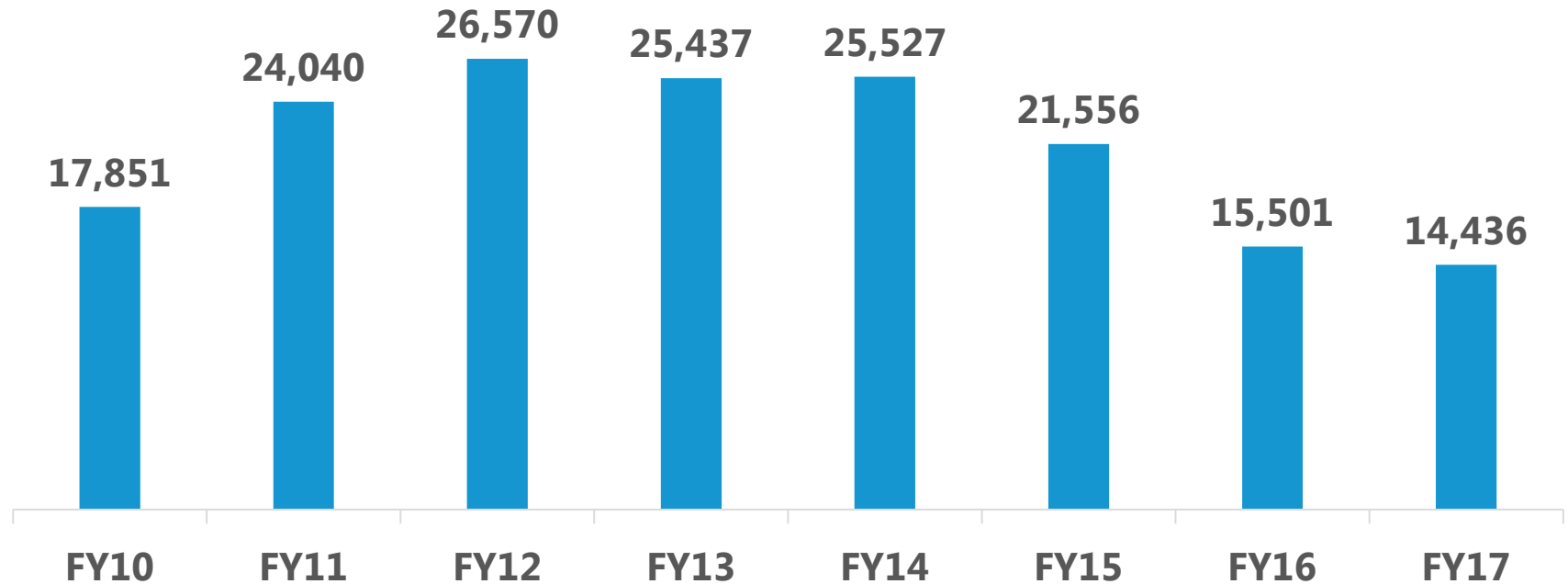
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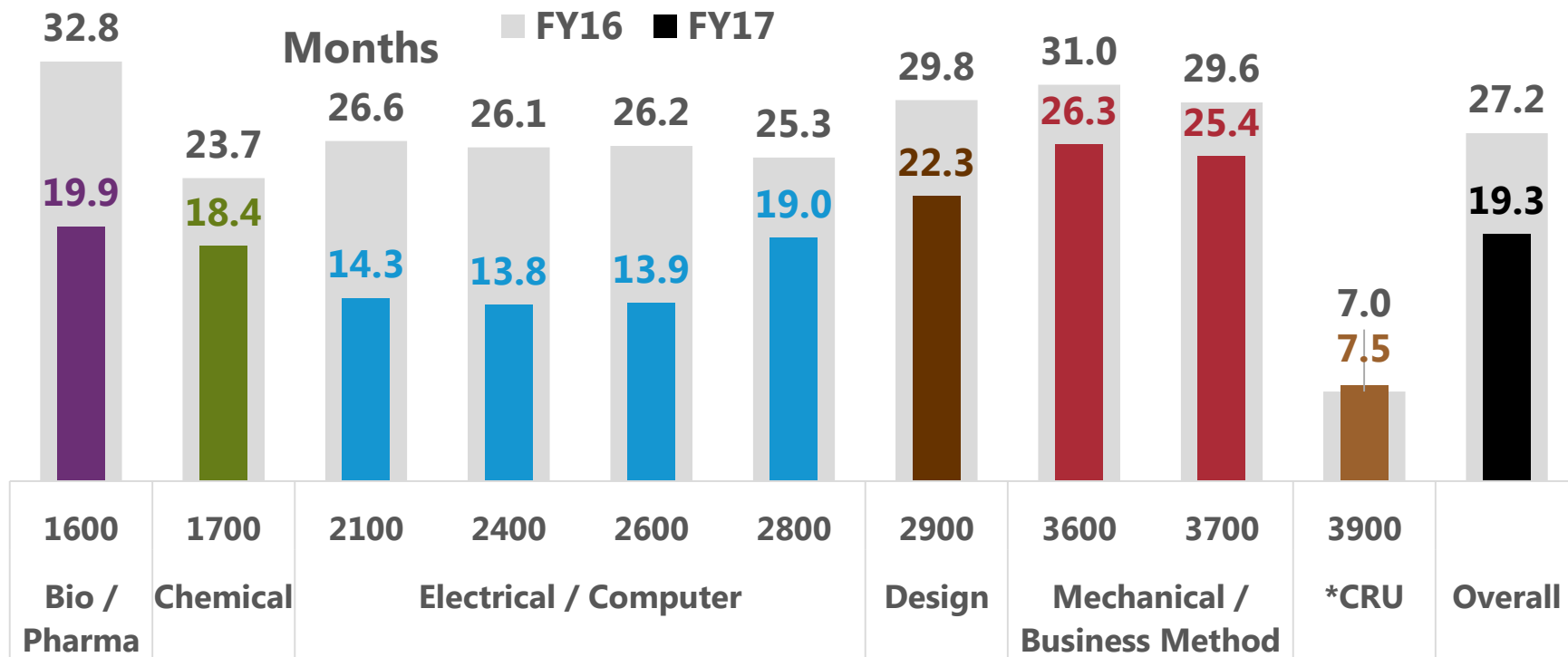
# Pending Appeals

(FY10 to FY17: 10/1/09 to 4/30/17)



# Pendency of Decided Appeals in FY16 and FY17

(4/30/16 compared to 4/30/17)

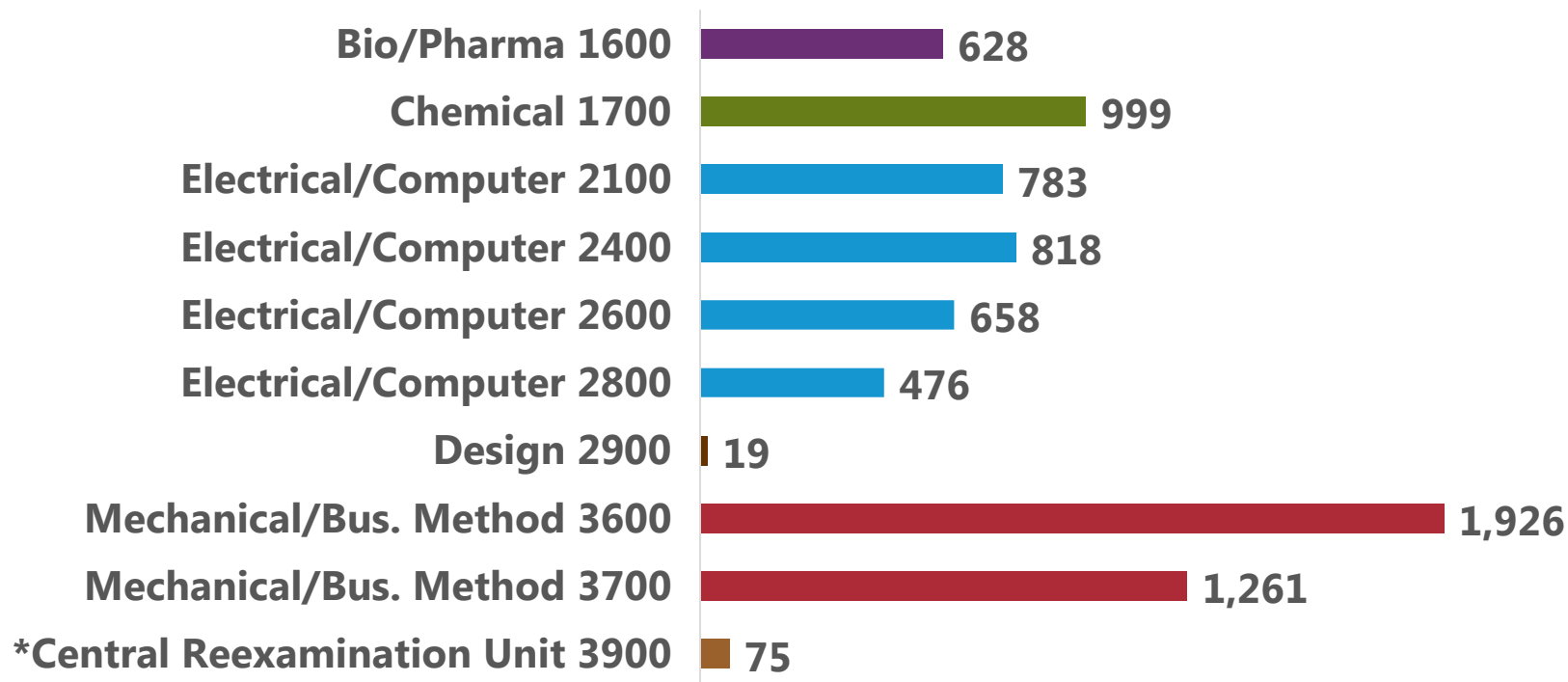


Pendency is calculated as average months from Board receipt date to final decision.  
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# Appeal Intake in FY17

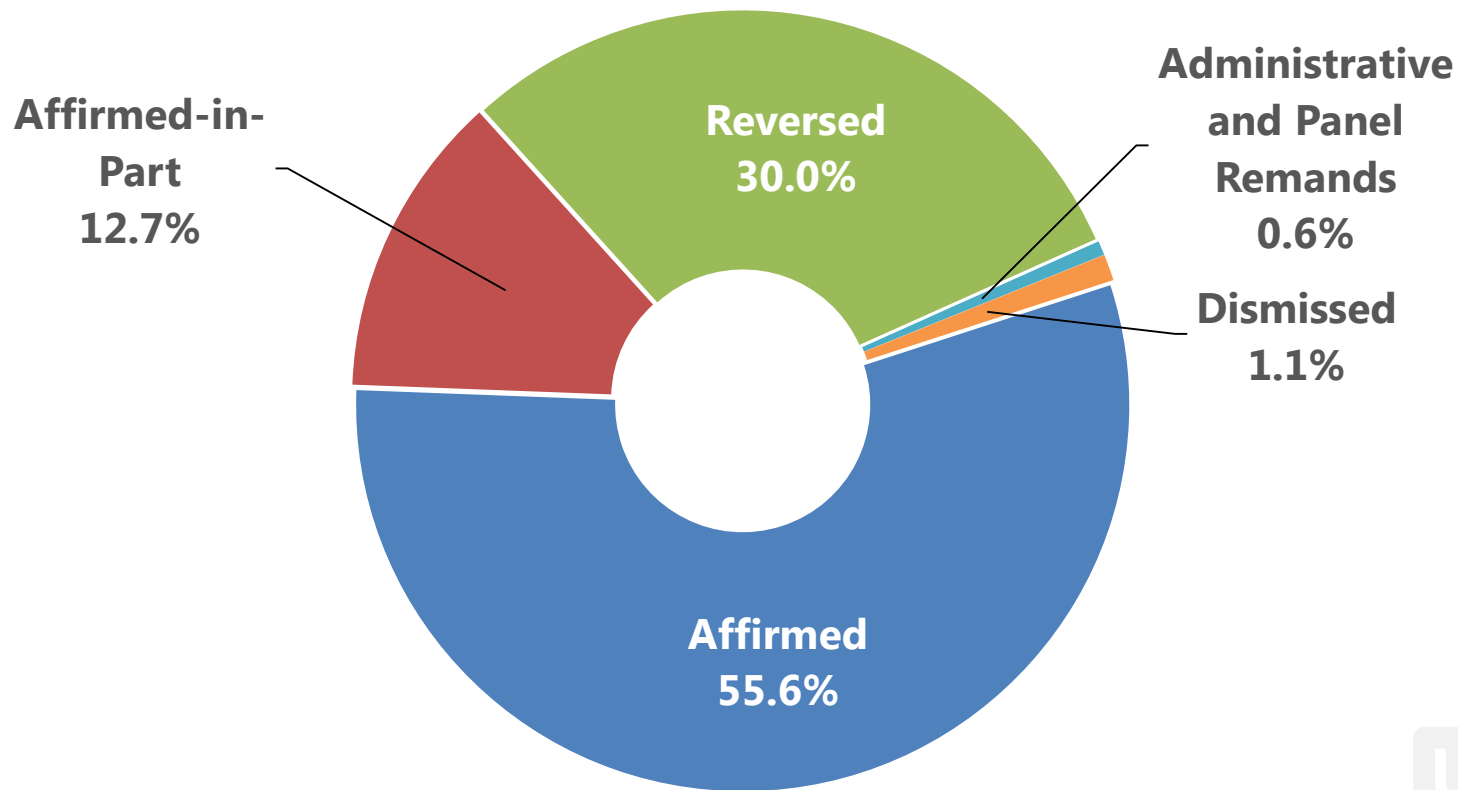
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# Appeal Outcomes in FY17

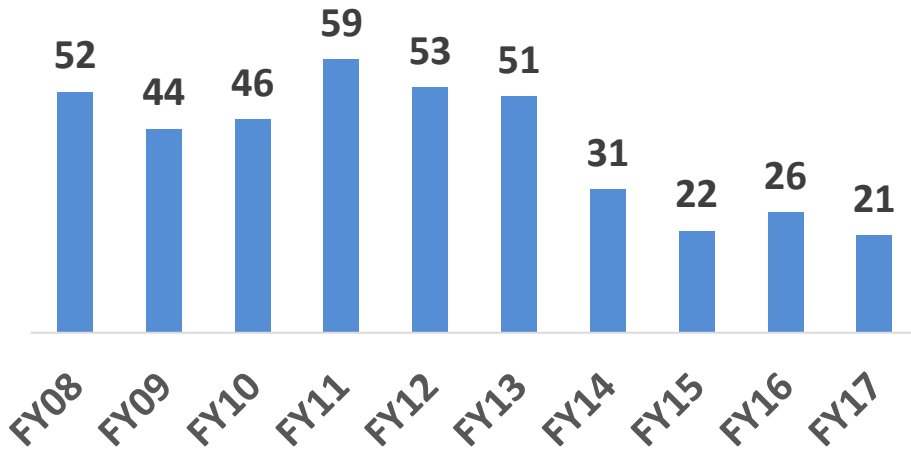
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# Interference Inventory

(FY08 to FY17: 10/1/07 to 4/30/17)

## Interference Inventory Over Time



## Age of Interferences in Inventory

