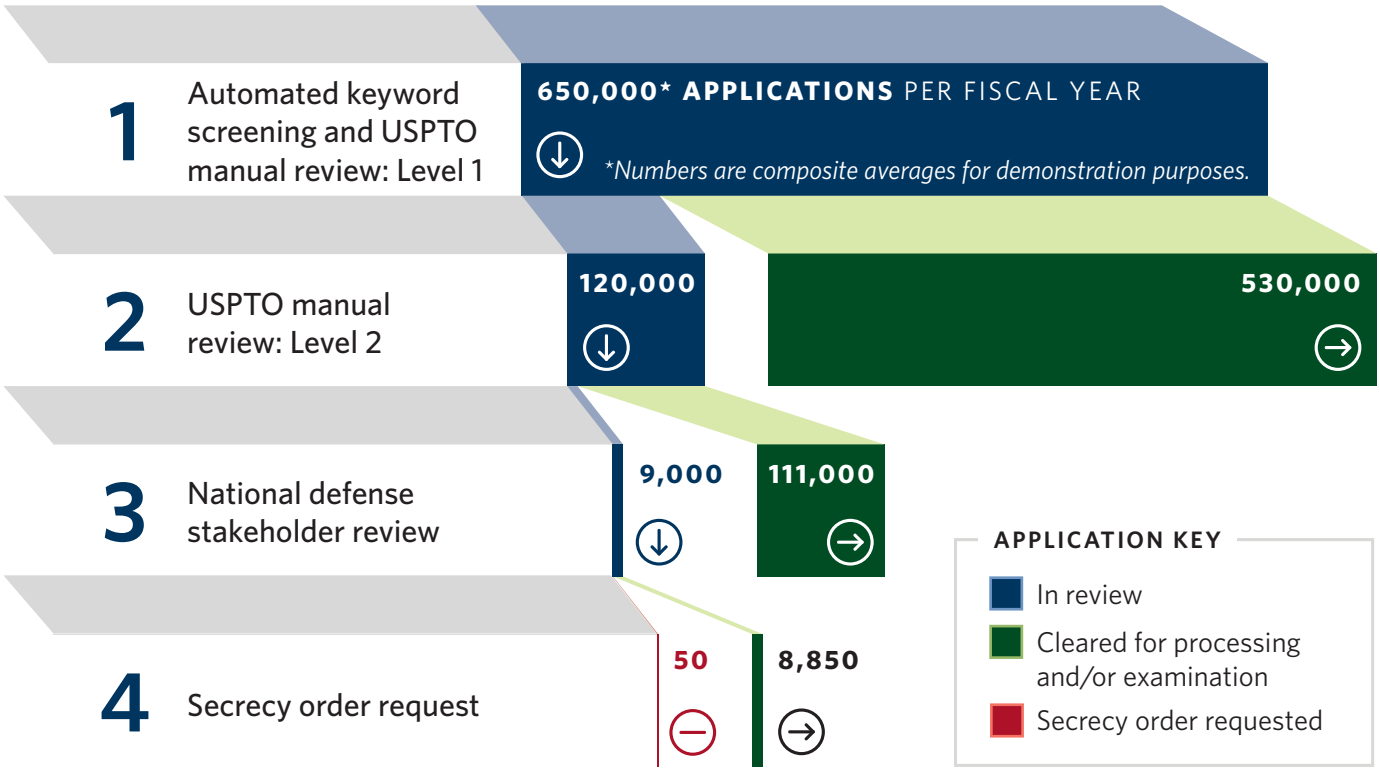
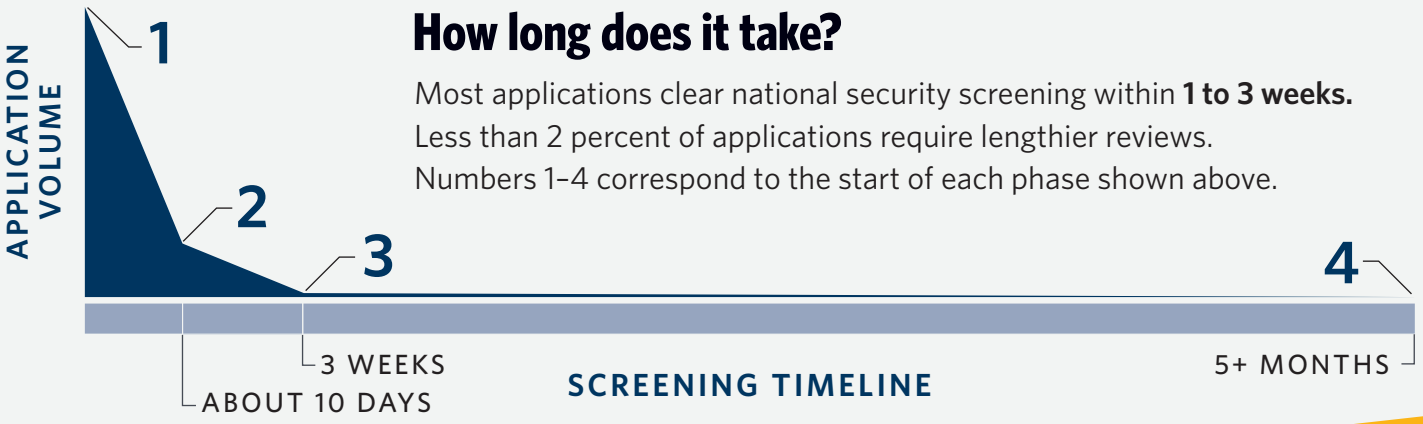
National security screening process for patent applications

Here's a look at the average number of applications screened each year that require further national security review, and how long each of the four review phases takes.





How long does it take?

Most applications clear national security screening within **1 to 3 weeks.**
Less than 2 percent of applications require lengthier reviews.
Numbers 1–4 correspond to the start of each phase shown above.

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