



Consistency of Decision Making: This chart shows the absolute value of the percent deviation of the allowance rate of a primary examiner to similarly situated primary examiners in a Technology Center or Class (e.g., $|(examiner\ rate - average\ rate\ of\ similarly\ situated\ examiner)/average\ rate\ of\ similarly\ situated\ examiners|$). The chart also shows the percentage of primary examiners falling between no deviation and a given percent deviation on the x-axis.

The Office uses this type of information to identify areas to investigate further through a root-cause analysis.