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# Appeal and Interference statistics

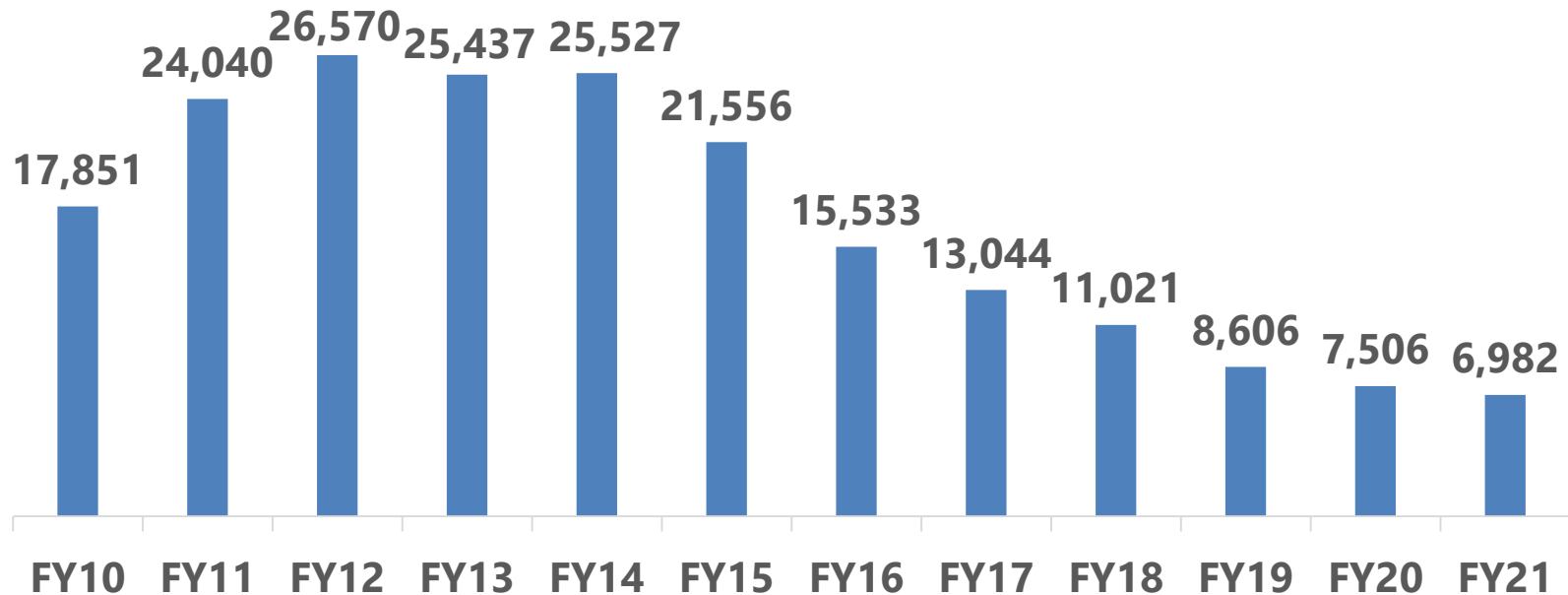
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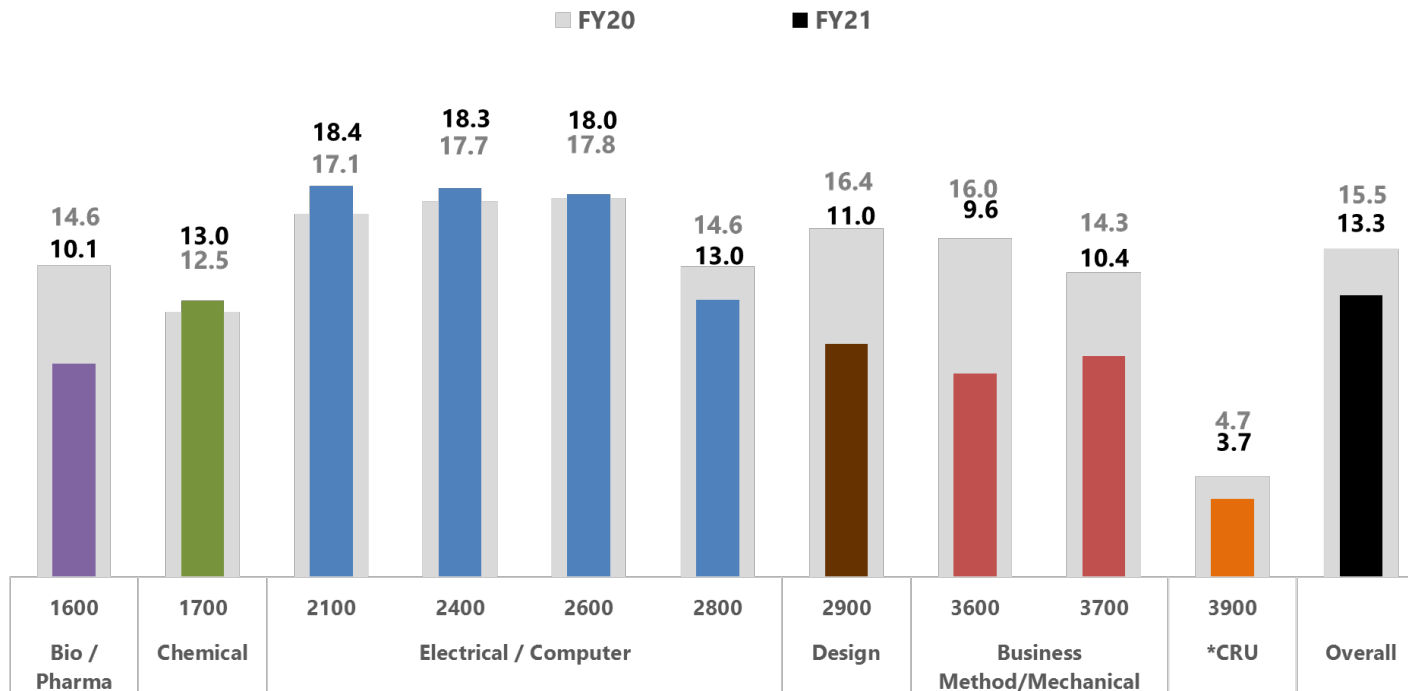
# Pending appeals FY10 to FY21

(Sept. 30, 2010 – Sept. 30, 2021)



# Pendency of decided appeals

(Dec. 2019 – Feb. 2020 compared to Dec. 2020 – Feb. 2021)



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

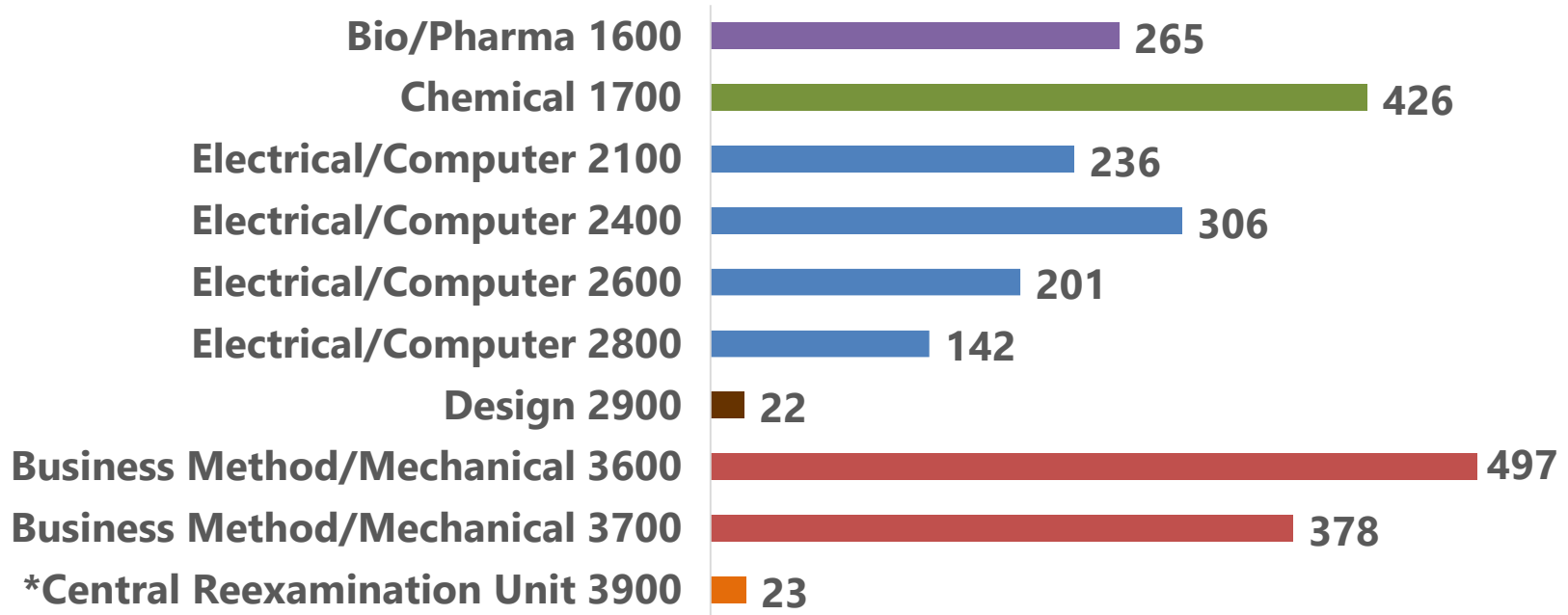
Pendency is calculated for a three month period compared to the same period the previous year.

\*CRU (Central Reexamination Unit) decisions include 11 *ex parte* reexams, 3 *inter partes* reexam, 0 supplemental examination reviews, and 15 reissues from all technologies for Dec. 2020. – Feb. 2021.



# Appeal intake in FY21

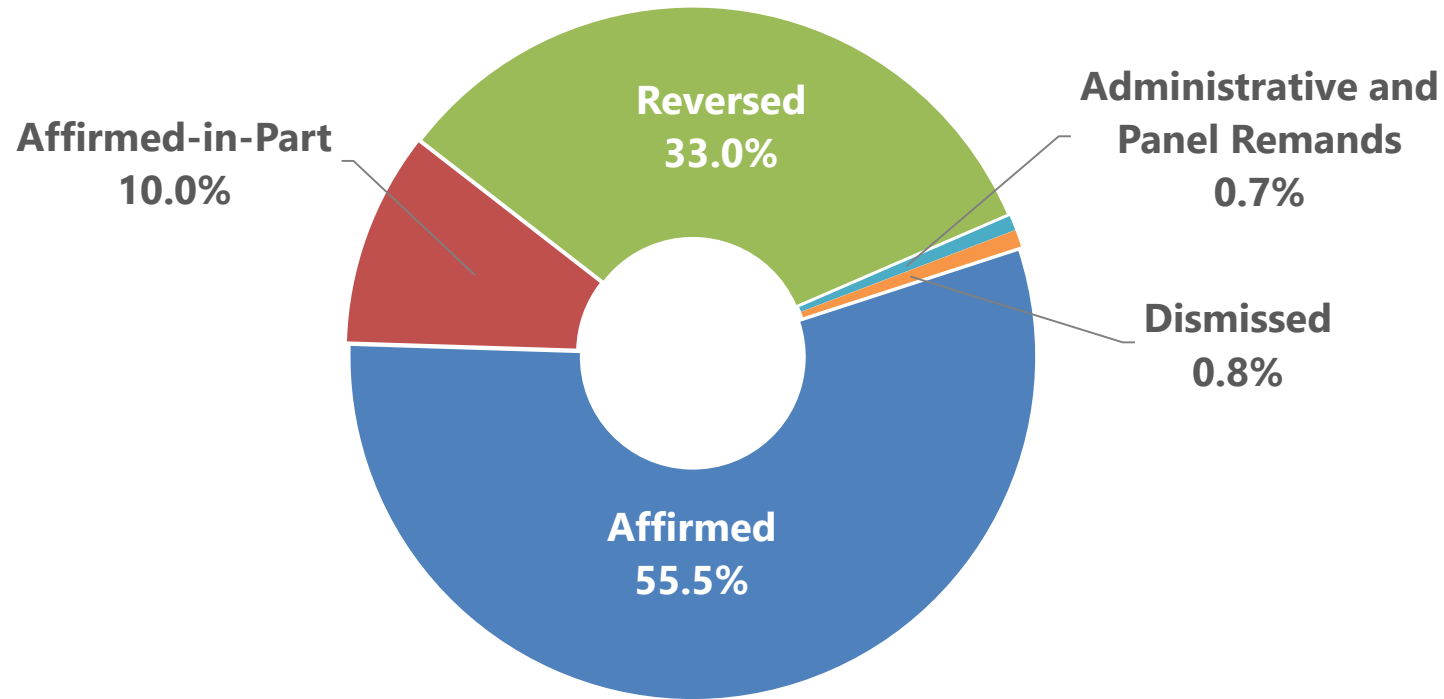
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# Appeal outcomes in FY21

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



# Interference inventory

(Sept. 30, 2008 – Sept. 30, 2021)

Interference Inventory Over Time

