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# Appeal and Interference Statistics

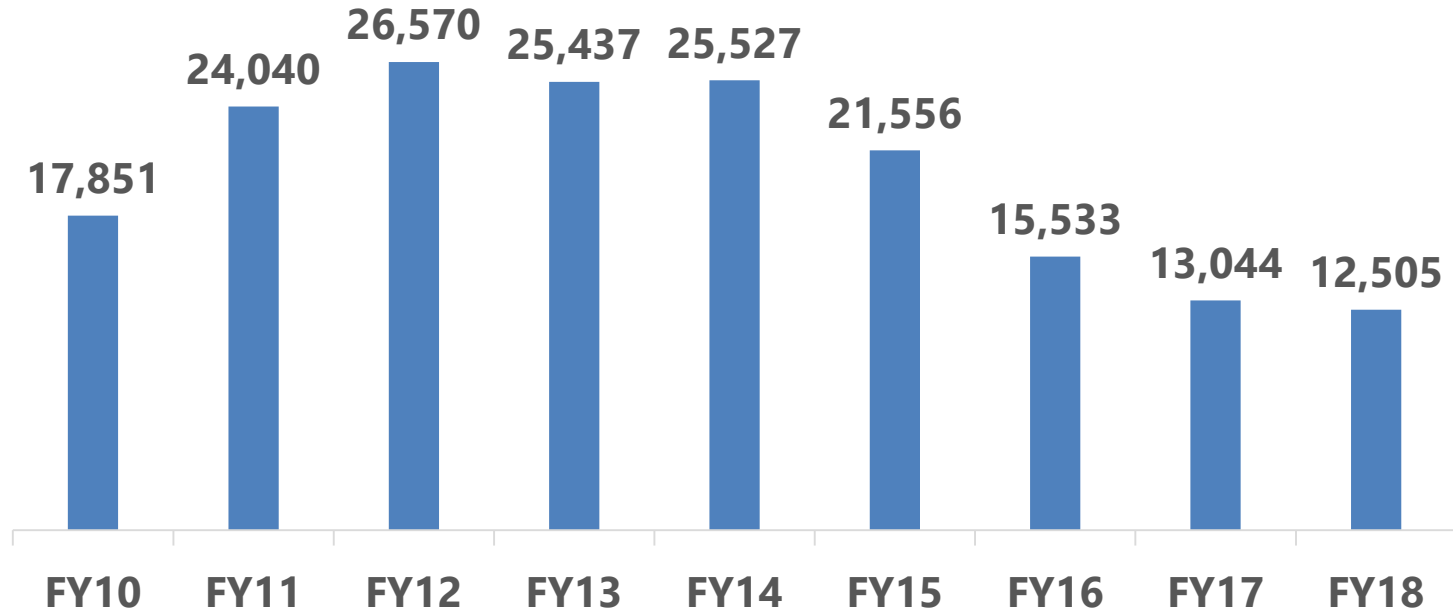
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# Pending Appeals

(FY10 to FY18: 9/30/10 to 2/28/18)

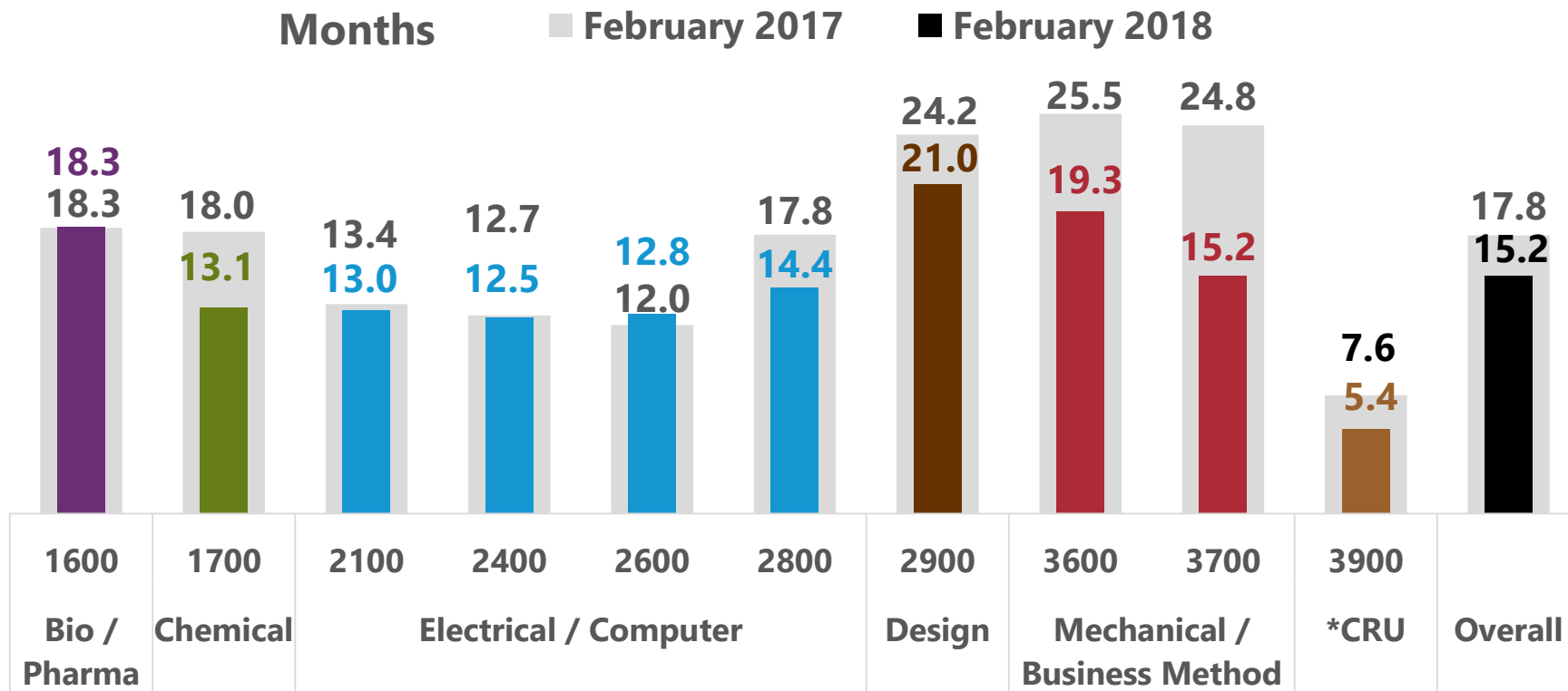


Note: FY17 pending changed from 13,034 to 13,044 due to an internal end of FY18 Q1 audit.



# Pendency of Decided Appeals in FY17 and FY18

(Pendency of appeals decided in February 2017 compared to February 2018 in months)

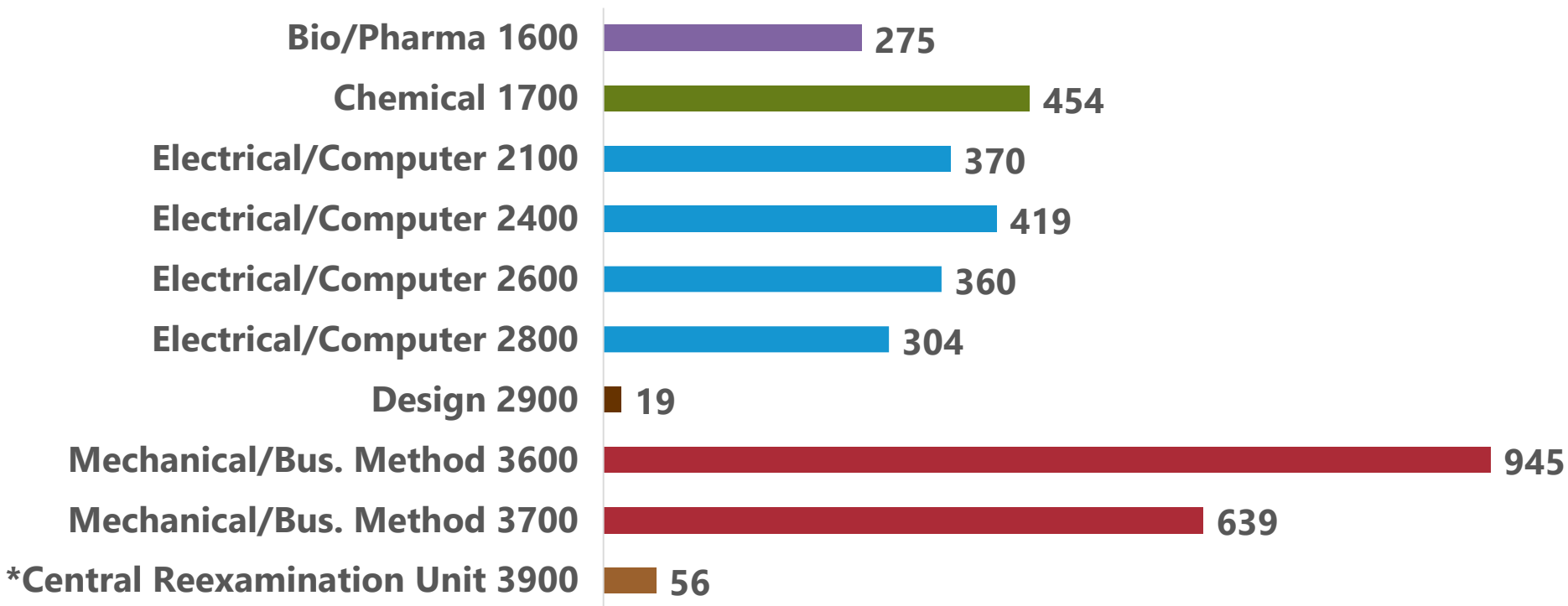


Pendency is calculated as average months from Board receipt date to final decision.  
 \*CRU (Central Reexamination Unit) includes ex parte reexams, inter partes reexams, supplemental examination reviews and reissues from all technologies.



# Appeal Intake in FY18

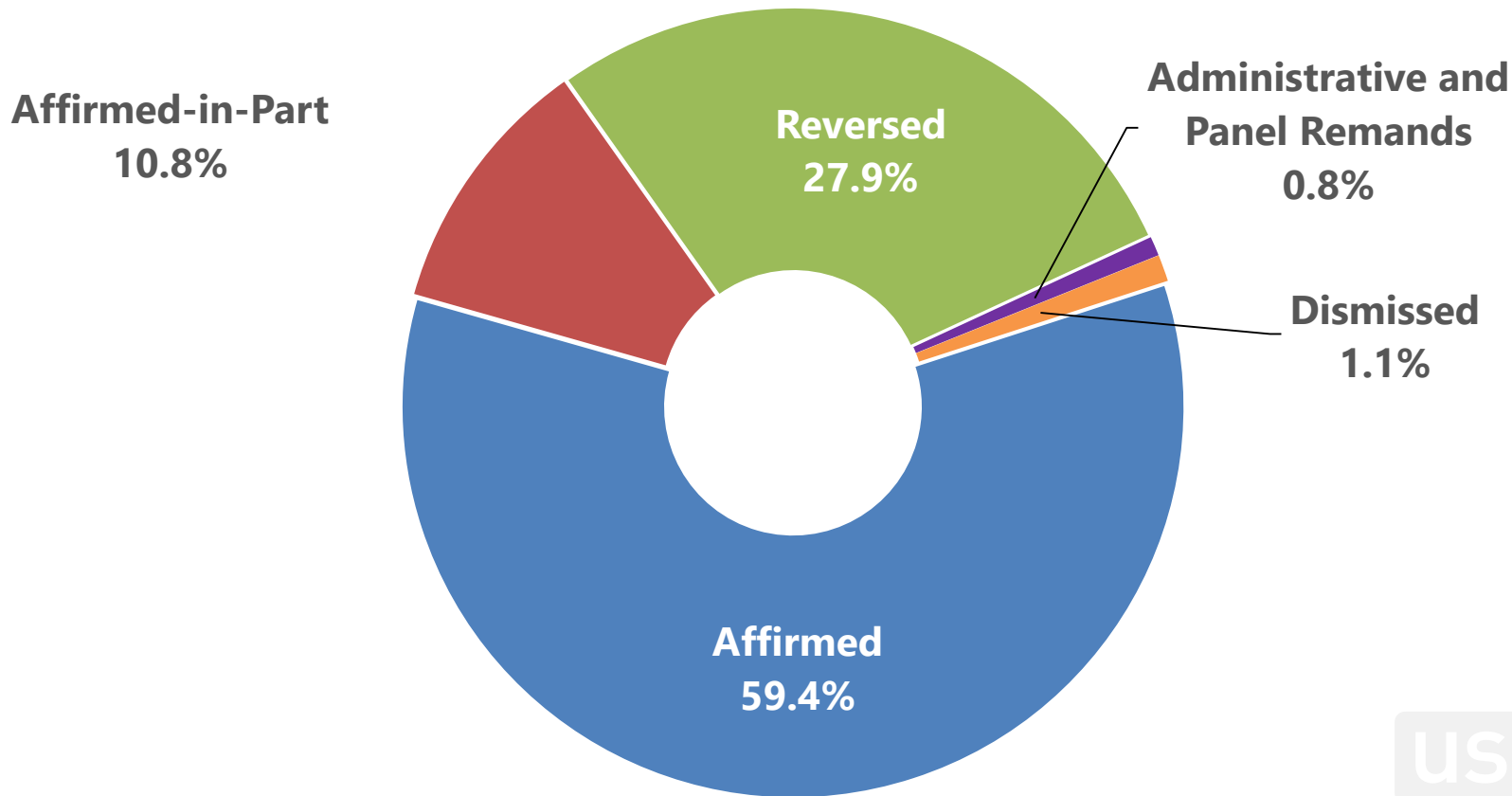
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# Appeal Outcomes in FY18

(FY18: 10/1/17 to 2/28/18)



# Interference Inventory

(FY08 to FY18: 9/30/08 to 2/28/18)

