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# Appeal and Interference Statistics

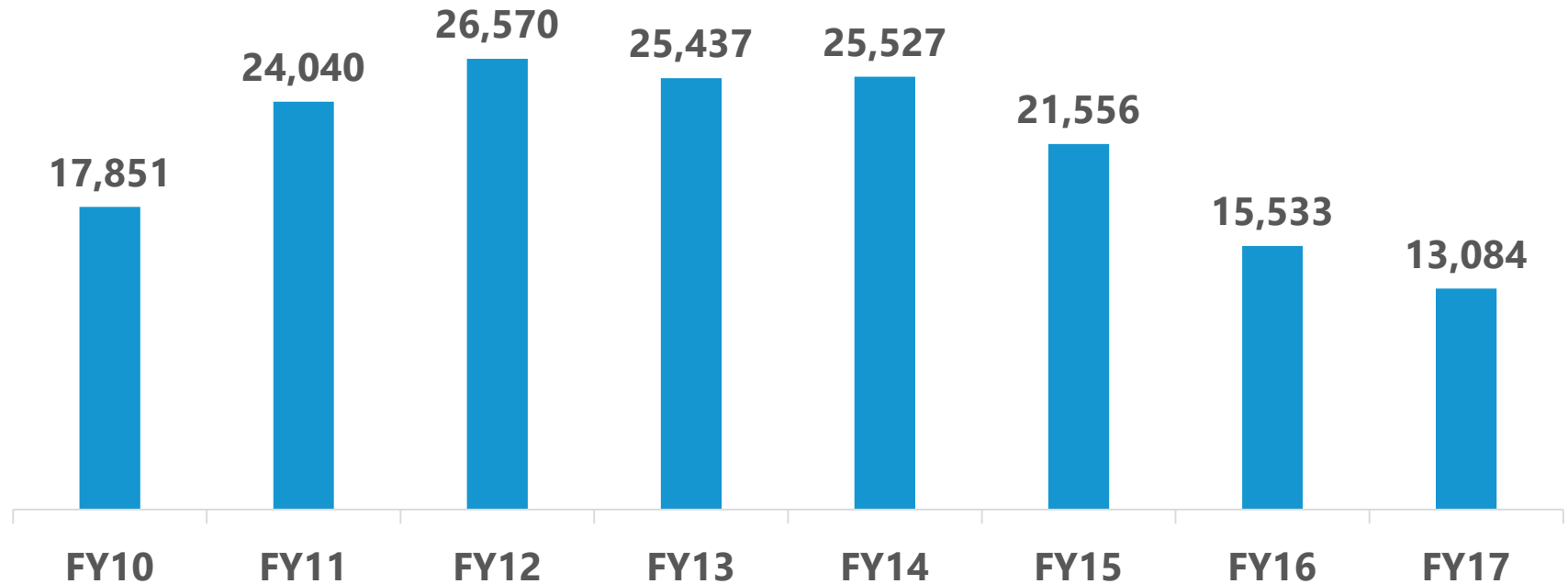
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# Pending Appeals

(FY10 to FY17: 9/30/10 to 9/30/17)

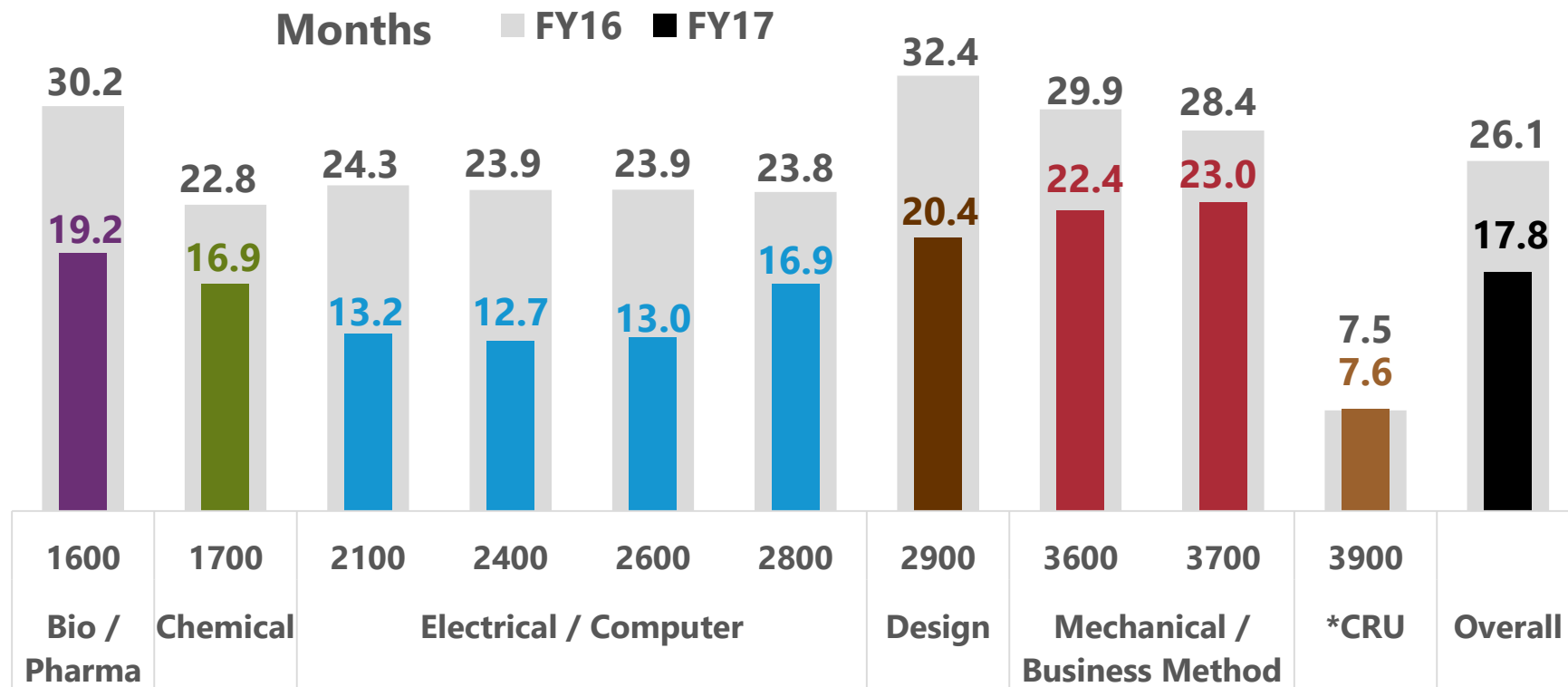


Note: FY17 pending changed from 13,034 to 13,084 due to an internal end of fiscal year audit



# Pendency of Decided Appeals in FY16 and FY17

(9/30/16 compared to 9/30/17)

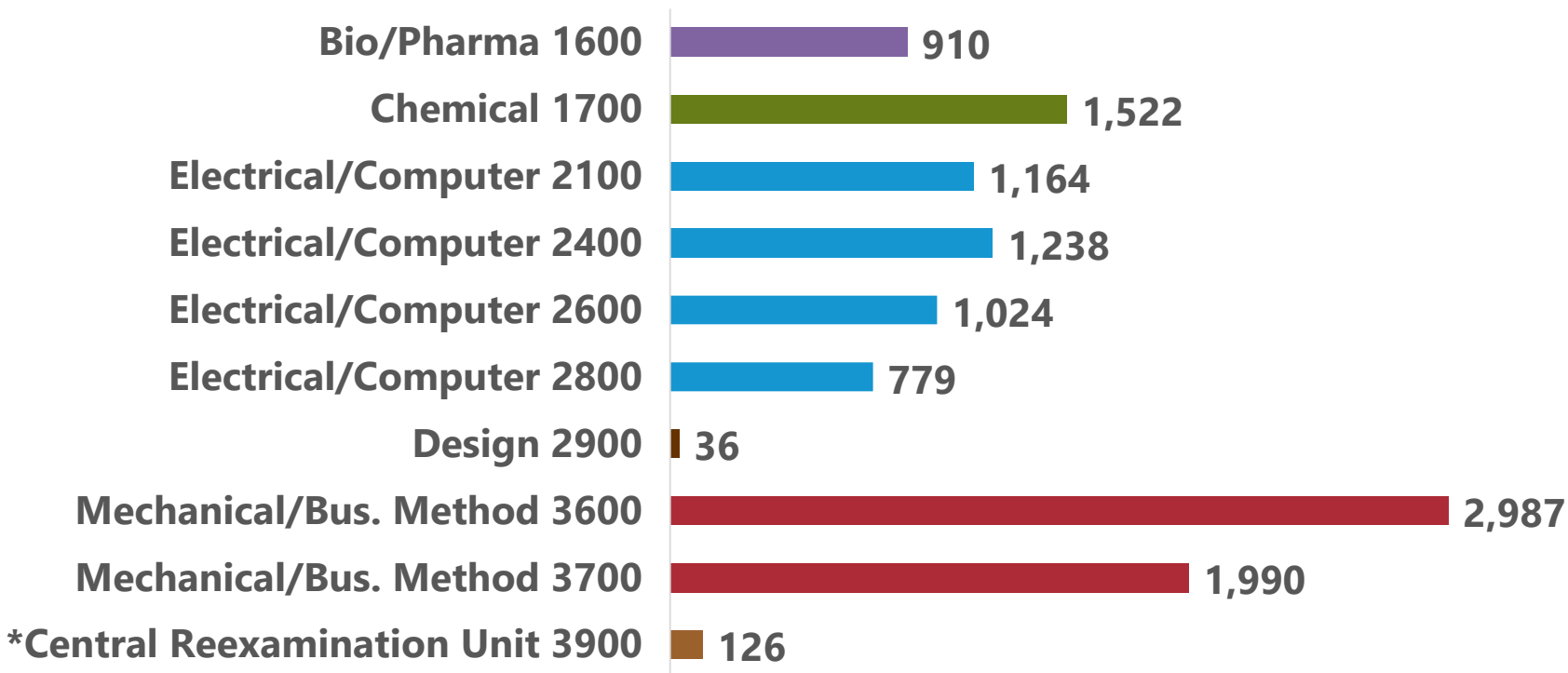


Pendency is calculated as average months from Board receipt date to final decision.  
 \*CRU (Central Reexamination Unit) includes ex parte reexams, inter partes reexams, supplemental examination reviews and reissues from all technologies.



# Appeal Intake in FY17

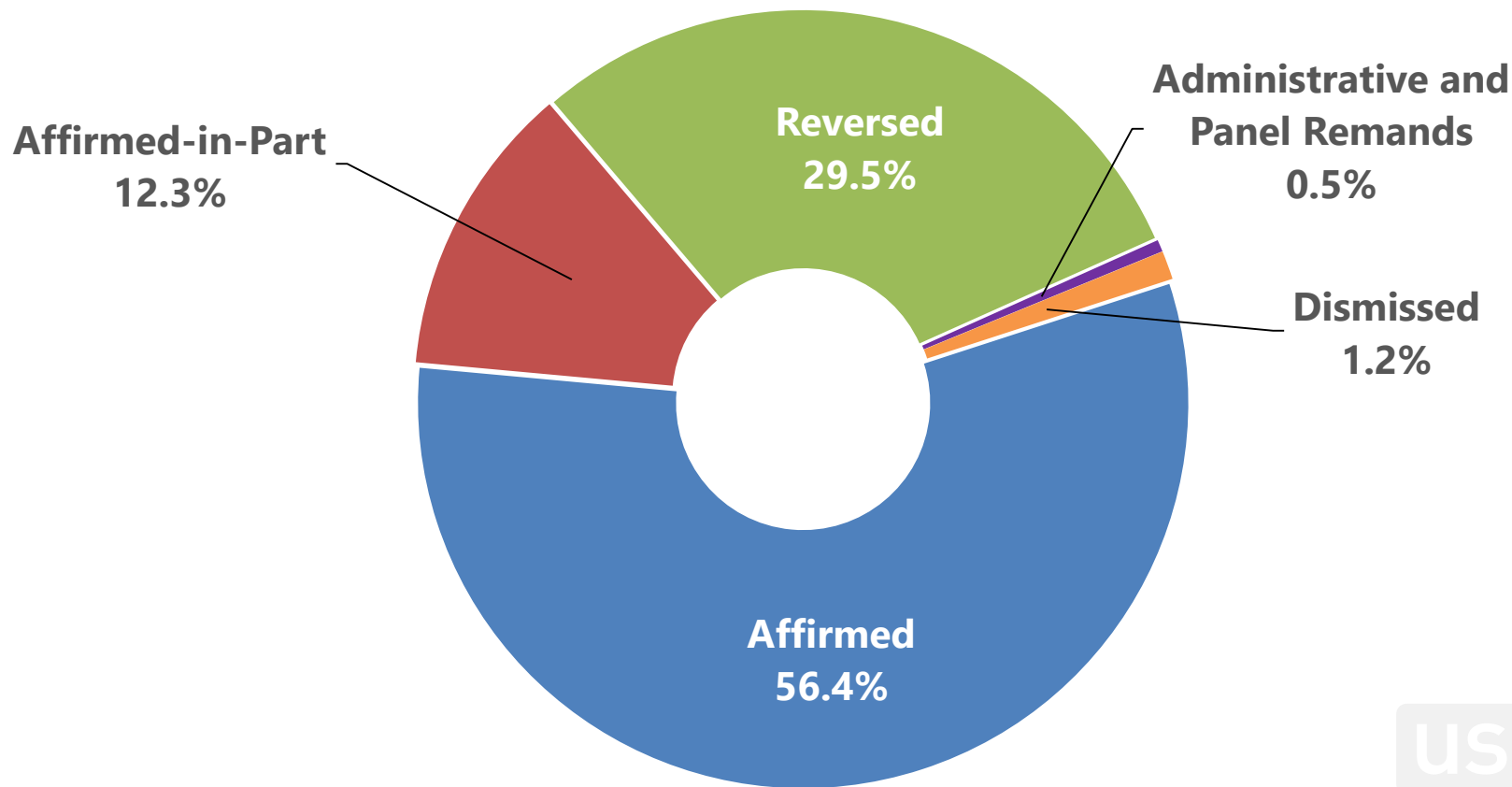
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# Appeal Outcomes in FY17

(FY17: 10/1/16 to 9/30/17)



# Interference Inventory

(FY08 to FY17: 9/30/08 to 9/30/17)

