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# Appeal and Interference statistics

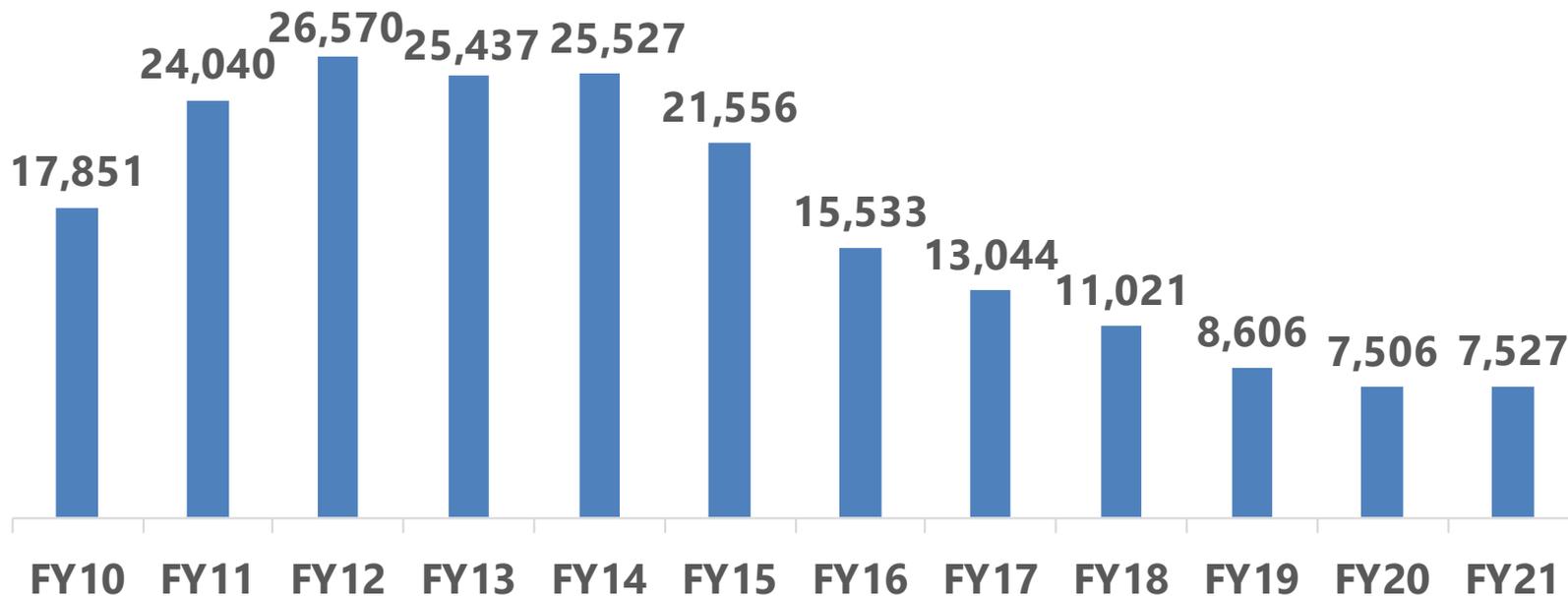
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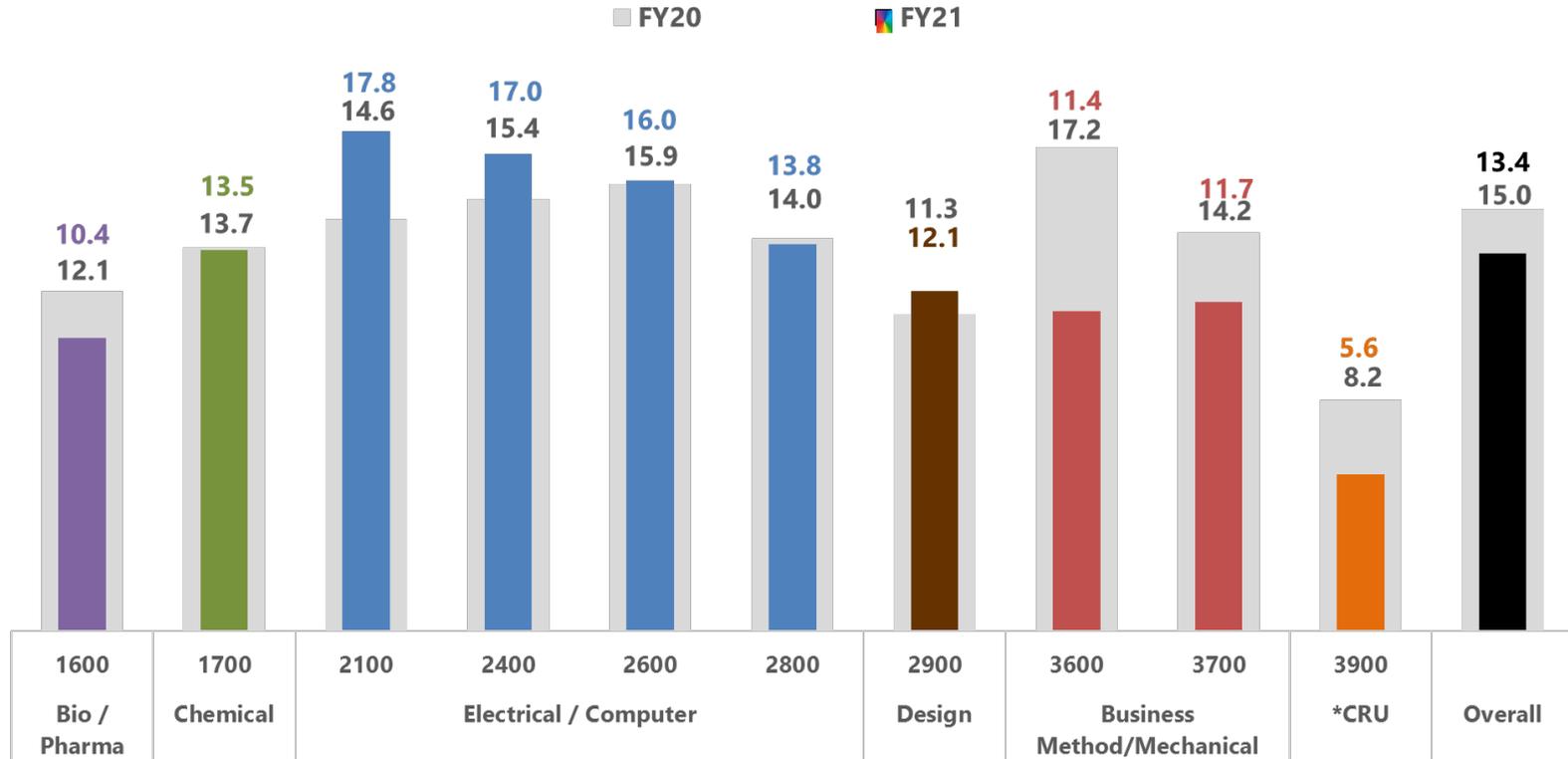
# Pending appeals FY10 to FY21

(Sept. 30, 2010 – Sept. 30, 2021)



# Pendency of decided appeals

(Aug. 2019 – Oct. 2019 compared to Aug. 2020 – Oct. 2020)



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

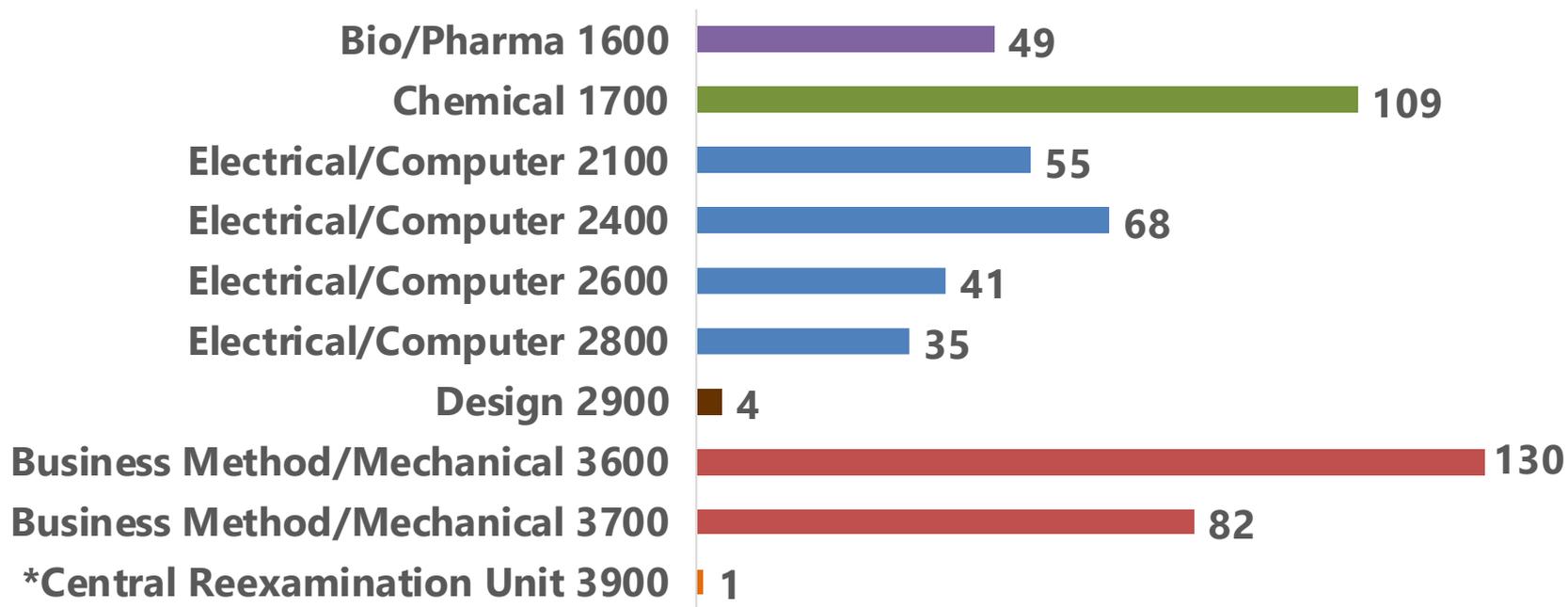
Pendency is calculated for a three month period compared to the same period the previous year.

\*CRU (Central Reexamination Unit) decisions include 10 *ex parte* reexams, 1 *inter partes* reexam, 2 supplemental examination reviews, and 10 reissues from all technologies for Aug. – Oct. 2020.



# Appeal intake in FY21

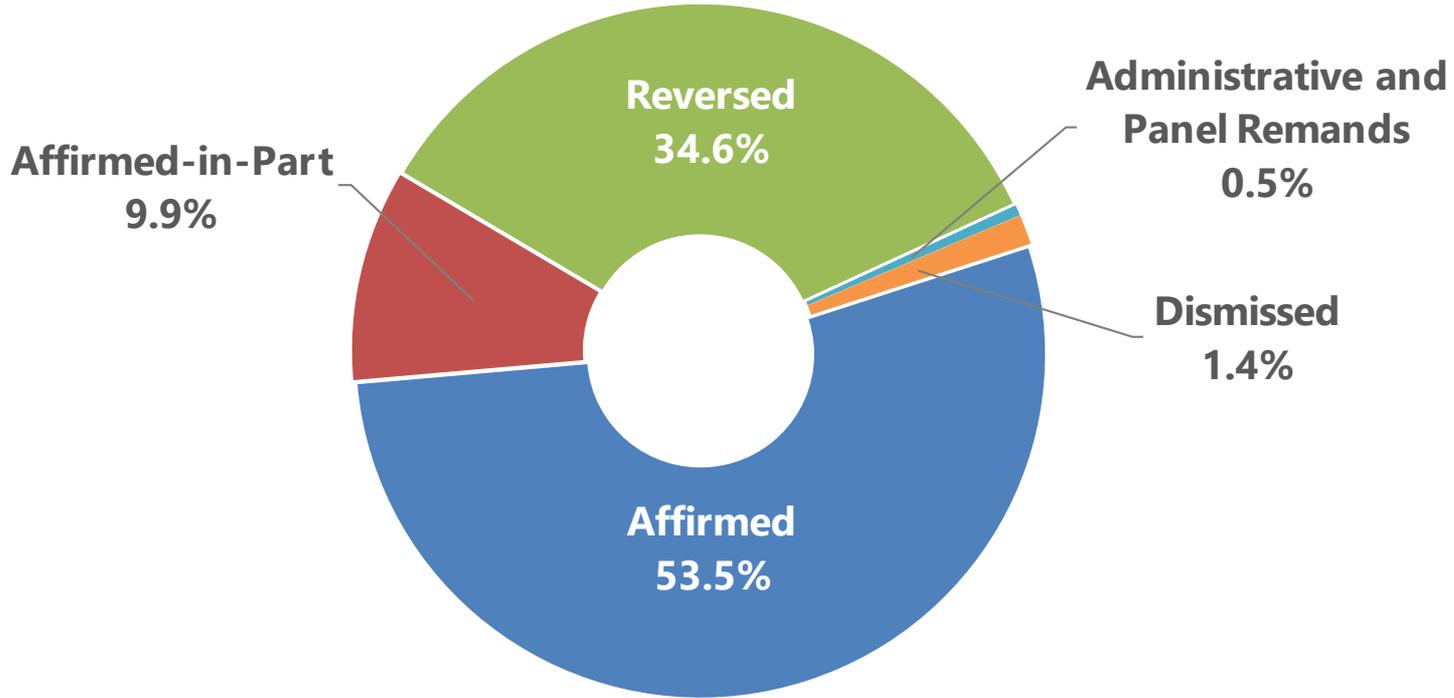
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# Appeal outcomes in FY21

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



# Interference inventory

(Sept. 30, 2008 – Sept. 30, 2021)

## Interference Inventory Over Time

