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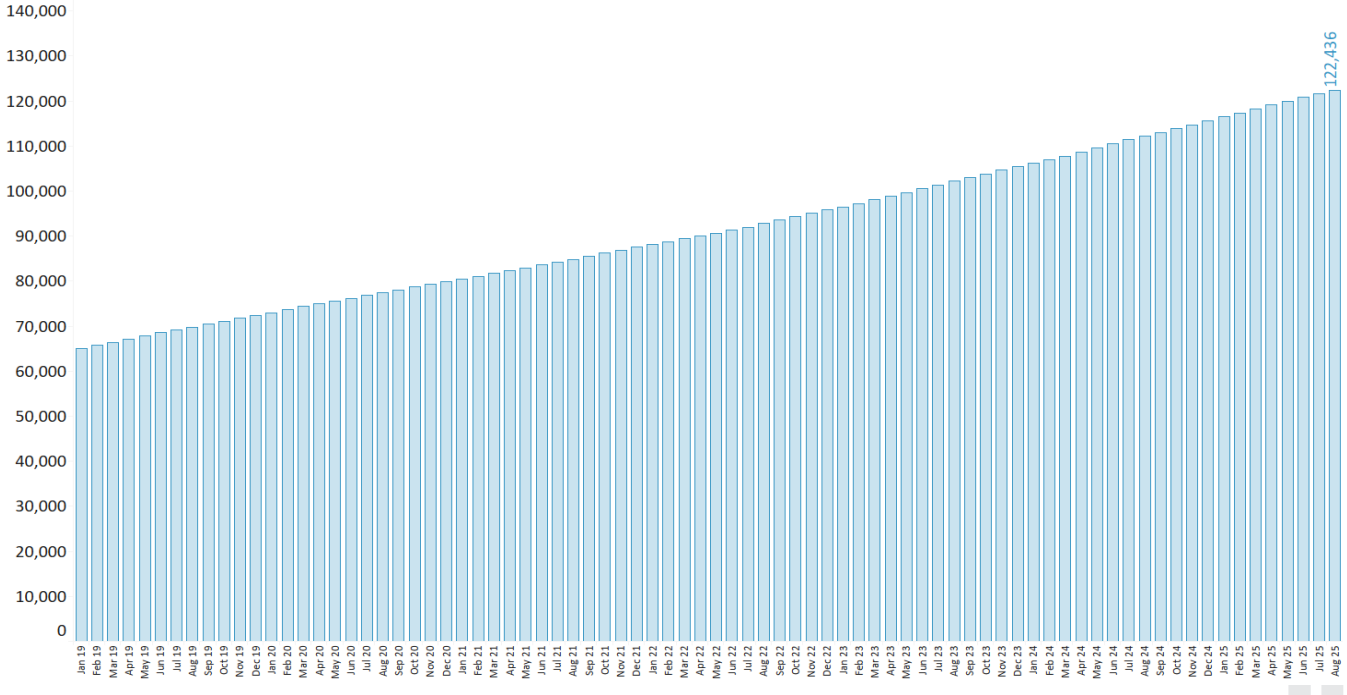
Patent Prosecution Highway

Monthly Statistics Report as of August 31, 2025

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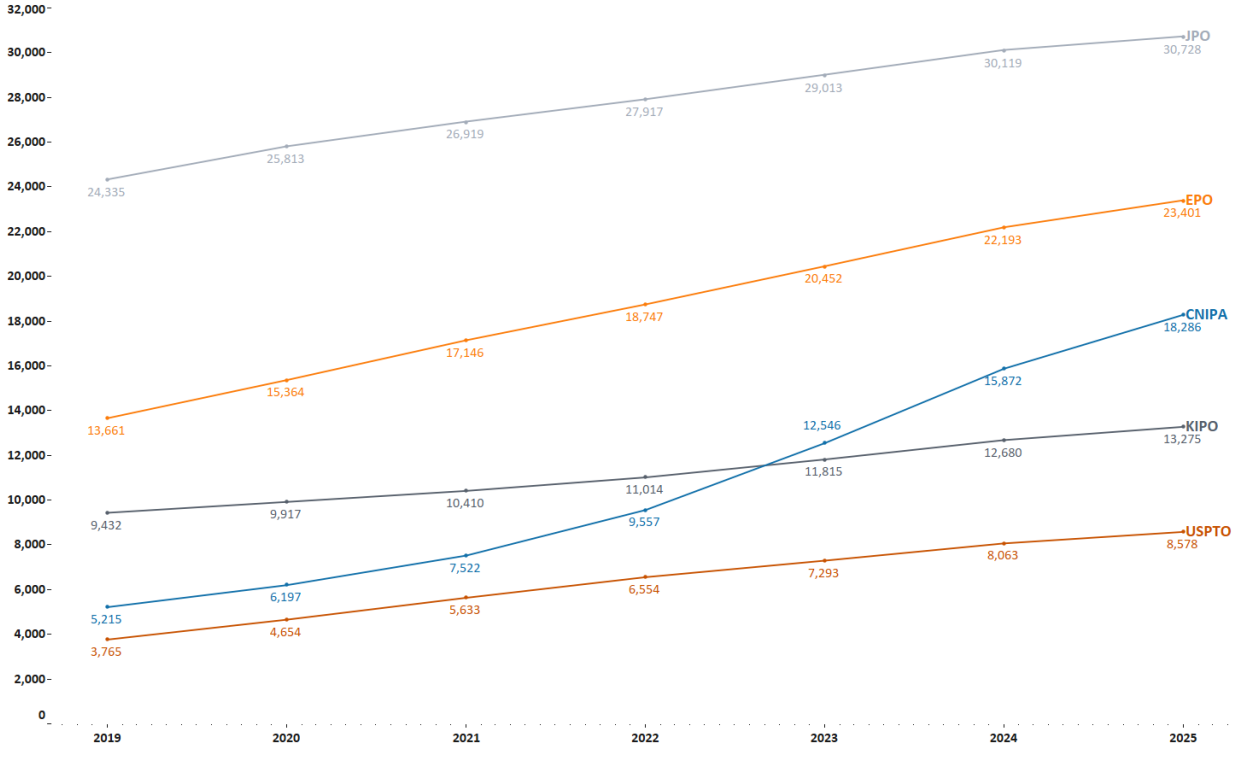
PPH program growth

Cumulative applications with petitions at USPTO from 2020 to present



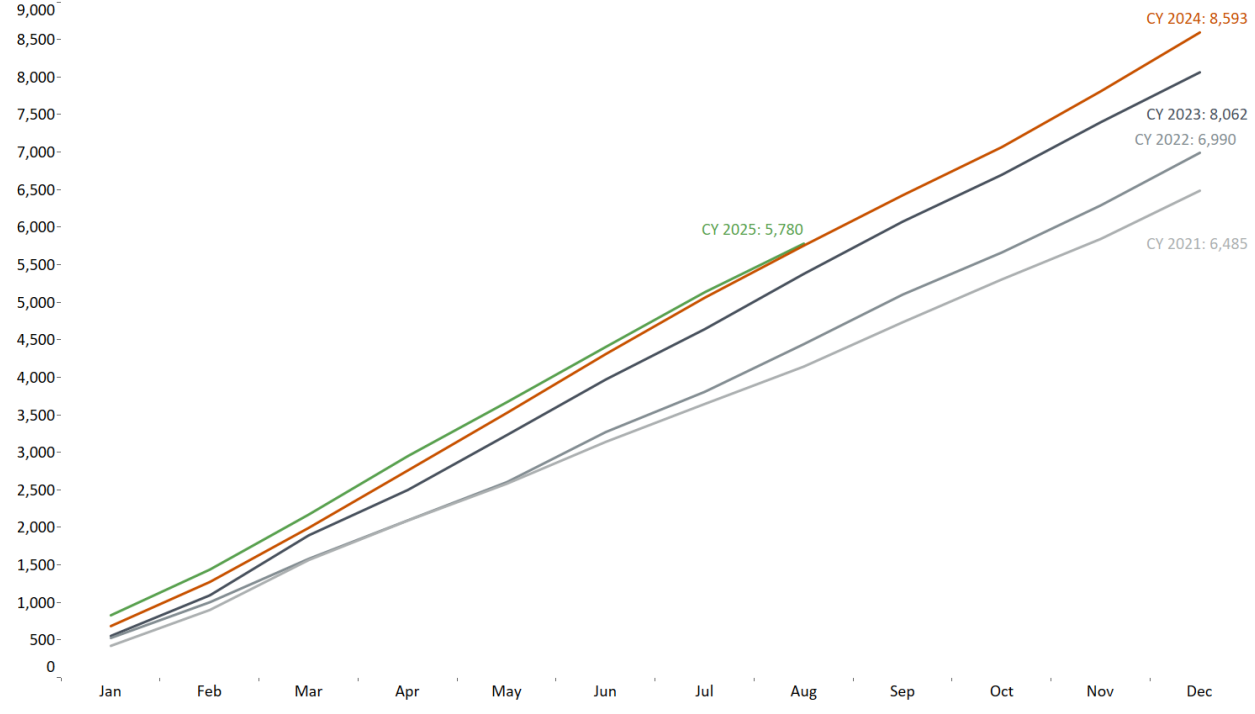
Applications with petition requests

Cumulative filings at USPTO from 2020 to present among the IP5 offices



Applications with petition requests

PPH Filings at USPTO in the Past Five CY Years (2020-2025) Show Consistent Usage



The data is based on the count of PPH petitions in each month.

Applications with petitions filed and granted at USPTO

- As of August 31, 2025:
  - Cumulative total of all petitions* 122,436 (10,239 last 12 months)
  - Cumulative total of 105,434 applications with petitions (8,619 last 12 months)
  - Cumulative total of 95,984 with 'Granted' petitions (7,879 last 12 months)

Petitions*	CY 2024	Cumulative
All Petitions*	10,255	115,615
Applications with Petitions	8,590	99,651
Applications with 'Granted' Petitions**	7,353	89,938

*Petitions may include two petitions per application.
**Decision was made during (or before) CY 2024.

Applications with petition requests at USPTO

Global and IP5 PPH – last 12 months

GPPH/IP5 Data *Last 12 Months*	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	Jul '25	Aug '25	Total	%
China (CNIPA)	242	214	309	360	360	229	317	307	294	304	322	281	3539	41.06%
Europe (EPO)	149	153	162	123	159	135	154	153	149	169	150	139	1795	20.83%
Japan (JPO)	99	97	78	117	94	69	77	85	65	86	70	63	1000	11.60%
Korea (KIPO)	50	54	59	68	73	66	75	105	83	69	74	50	826	9.58%
U.S. (USPTO)	70	68	64	60	88	56	61	62	76	61	54	57	777	9.01%
Australia (IPAU)	10	5	17	4	7	8	8	7	6	7	8	17	104	1.21%
United Kingdom (UKIPO)	9	13	7	8	9	8	5	6	5	4	7	9	90	1.04%
Germany (DPMA)	9	6	8	2	8	8	6	9	10	6	12	5	89	1.03%
Canada (CIPO)	7	6	8	8	9	9	8	9	7	6	7	4	88	1.02%
Finland (NBPR)	2	4	6	6	5	4	6	10	5	6	3	2	59	0.68%
Israel (ILPO)	6	4	5	3	3	7	2	3	4	5	10	4	56	0.65%
Denmark (DKPTO)	2	2	4	3		2	1	4	2	1			21	0.24%
Sweden (PRV)	1	4	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	1		3	21	0.24%
Singapore (IPOS)	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1			8	0.09%
Austria (APO)	1		1	1	1						1		5	0.06%
Chile (INAPI)	1								1	2	1		5	0.06%
Nordic (NPI)				1	1					2	1		5	0.06%
Spain (SPTO)		1		2			1	1					5	0.06%
Norway (NIPO)				1					1		1		3	0.03%
Russia (ROSPATENT)	1						1			1			3	0.03%
Brazil (INPI-Brazil)				1								1	2	0.02%
Poland (PPO)							1			1			2	0.02%
Estonia (EPA)								1					1	0.01%
Hungary (HIPO)							1						1	0.01%
New Zealand (IPONZ)								1					1	0.01%
Visegrad (VPI)								1					1	0.01%
Peru (INDECOPI)													0	0.00%
Colombia (SIC)													0	0.00%
Iceland (IPO)													0	0.00%
Portugal (INPI)													0	0.00%
Grand Total	660	632	732	771	819	603	727	766	709	732	721	635	8507	98.70%

Applications with petition requests at USPTO

Non-global PPH – last 12 months

Non-Global *Last 12 Months*	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	Jul '25	Aug '25	Total	%
Taiwan (TIPO)	5	7	7	5	3	2	3	10	6	1	5	6	60	0.70%
France (INPI-France)	5	1	5	6	5	4	2	1	3	4	3	6	45	0.52%
Mexico (IMPI)		1		1	1								3	0.03%
Philippines (IPOPH)	1							1					2	0.02%
Czech Republic (IPOCZ)							1						1	0.01%
Malaysia (MYIPO)							1						1	0.01%
Saudi Arabia (SAIP)													0	0.00%
Bahrain (NPOB)													0	0.00%
Morocco (OMPIC)													0	0.00%
Nicaragua (NRIP)													0	0.00%
Romania (OSIM)													0	0.00%
Grand Total	11	9	12	12	9	6	7	12	9	5	8	12	112	1.30%

PPH timeliness

The Average Time in CY 2024	Months
Application Filing to First Action	7.7
Application Filing to First Disposal*	11.2
Granted Petition Filing to First Action	3.6
Granted Petition Filing to First Disposal*	7.2
Granted Petition Filing to Allowance	7.8
Granted Petition Filing to Allowance (No RCE)	5.9
Granted Petition Filing to Petition Grant	0.9

The Average Time in CY 2024	Months
Petition Grant to First Action	2.7
Petition Grant to First Disposal	6.2
Petition Grant to Allowance	6.8
Petition Grant to Allowance (No RCE)	4.9
Response after FOAM (Non-Final) to Next Mailed Action	0.9
Response after Each Action** to Next Mailed Action	1.1
Average Days Pending of Decided Petition Prior to Examination in the Past 12 Months***	29 Days

** First Disposal includes RCEs.*
*** Responses include Requests for Continued Examination (RCEs) and responses after non-final, i.e., does not include time period between after final amendment and advisory action.*
**** The data is current as of May 01, 2025, and is updated quarterly.*

Pendency from petition to first action (FAOM)
371 (national stage) applications vs. 111(a) applications

	Time to first action completed in CY 2024 (in months)		Count Applications with Granted PPH
	Avg. Months – Petition Filing to FAOM	Avg. Months – Petition Grant to FAOM	
111(a) Applications	2.6	1.7	4,282
371 Applications	4.8	3.9	4,059

Terminal Disposal Comparison between PPH and Non-PPH Prosecution at USPTO

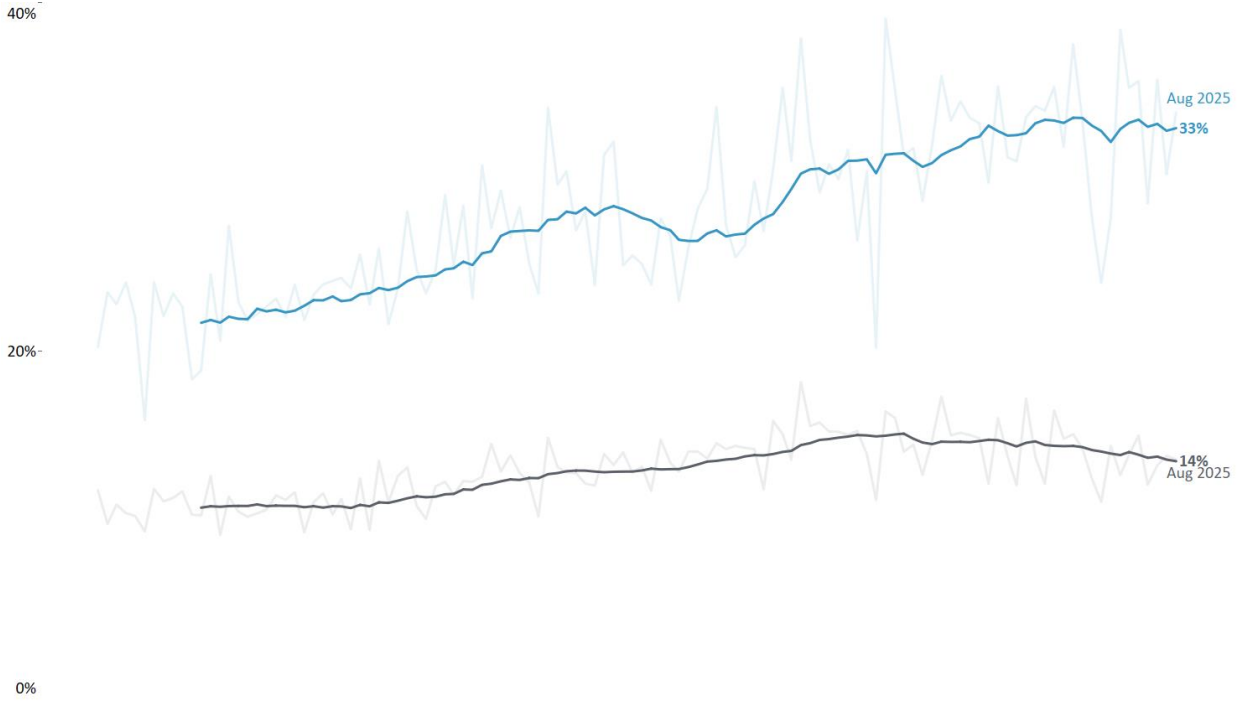
CY 2024	Percent of Applications with at least one RCE*	Appeal Rates*	Overall Allowance Rate**	First Action Allowance Rate**	Percent of Applications with at least one continuation
PPH Applications	15.7%	1.4%	91.7%	32.6%	16.1%
Non-PPH Applications	23.9%	1.5%	80.7%	14.2%	23.3%

Examiner Actions include restrictions, non-final rejection, final rejection, ex parte Quayle, allowance, Interference, SIR disposal, Rule 105 requirement, examiner's answer, advisory action, miscellaneous action with SSP, first action interview actions, examiner initiated suspension and abandonment after PTAB decision.

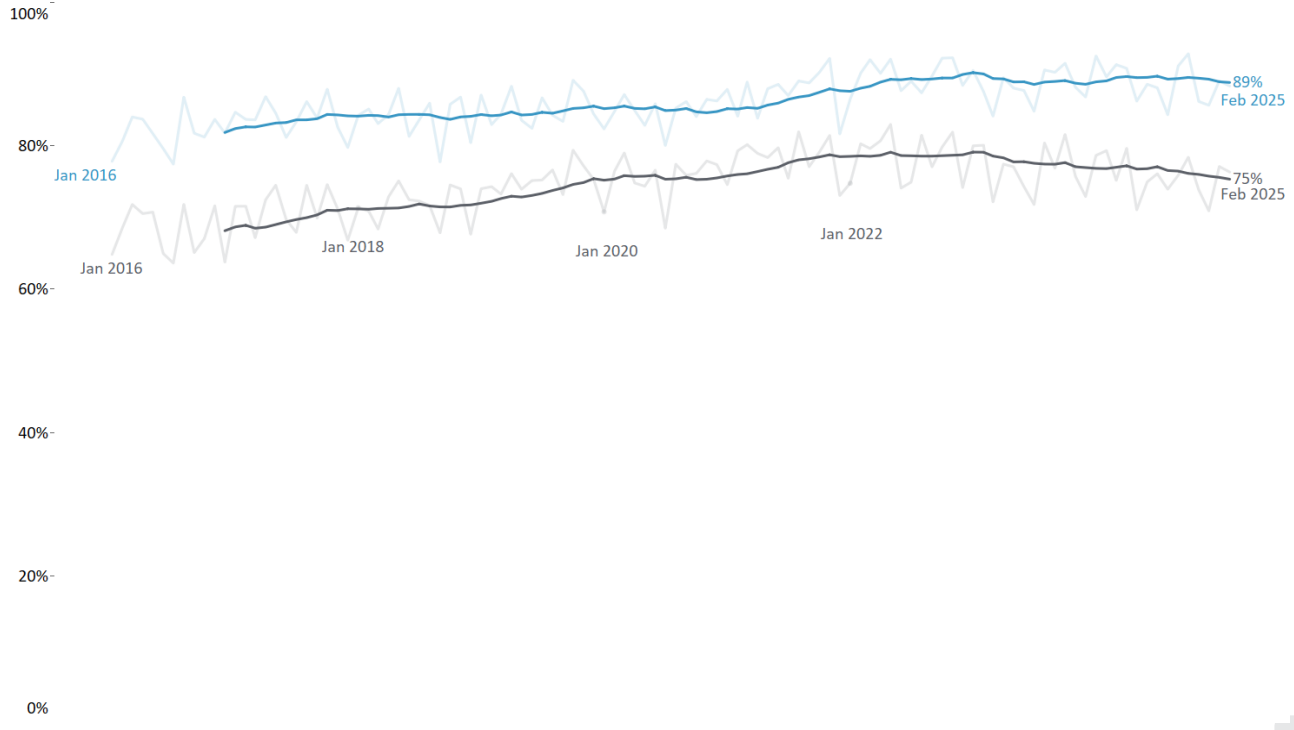
* RCE/Appeal rates - Cases completed in CY 2024
** First Action Allowance Rate – First action from CY 2024

Note: Rates dependent on terminal disposal counts are reported with a 6-month delay because abandonments could take up to 6-months to be recorded. CY rates should be considered preliminary until June of the subsequent CY.

First Action Allowance Rate for PPH and Non-PPH Applications (12-month moving average) at USPTO

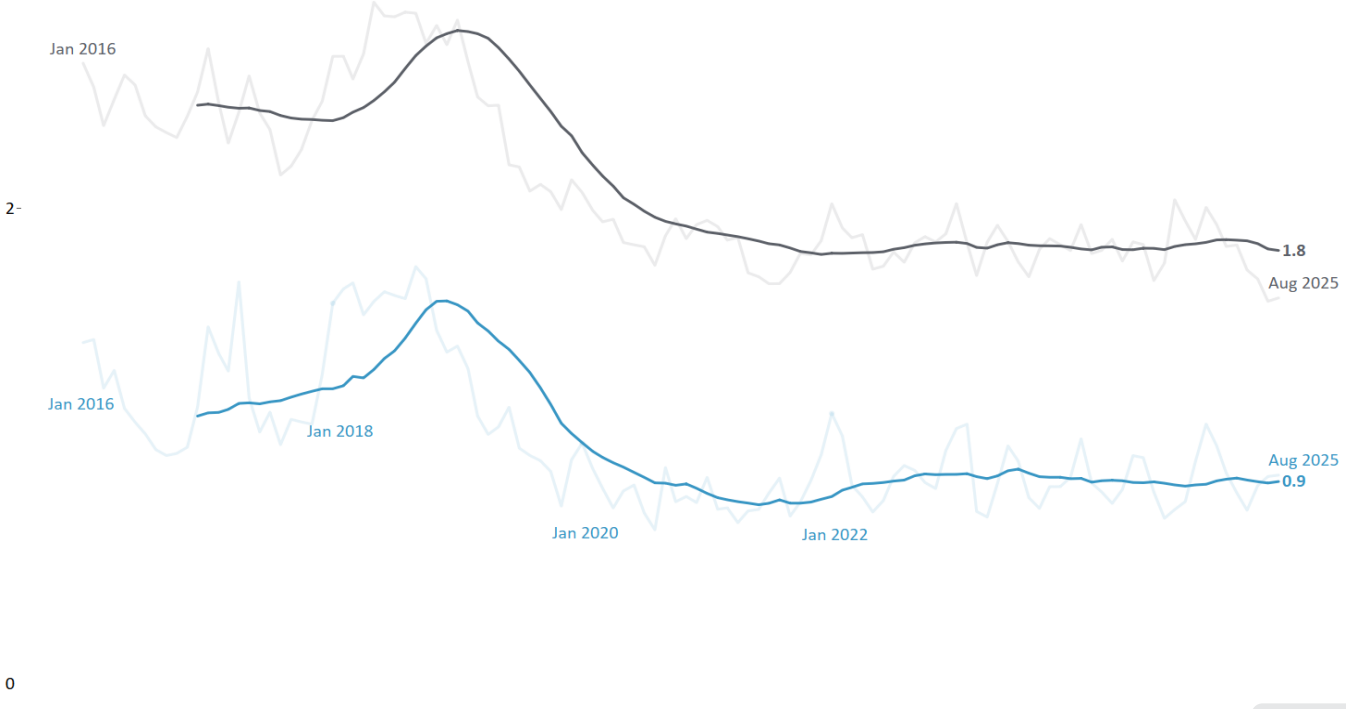


Overall Allowance Rate for PPH and Non-PPH Applications (12-month moving average) at USPTO

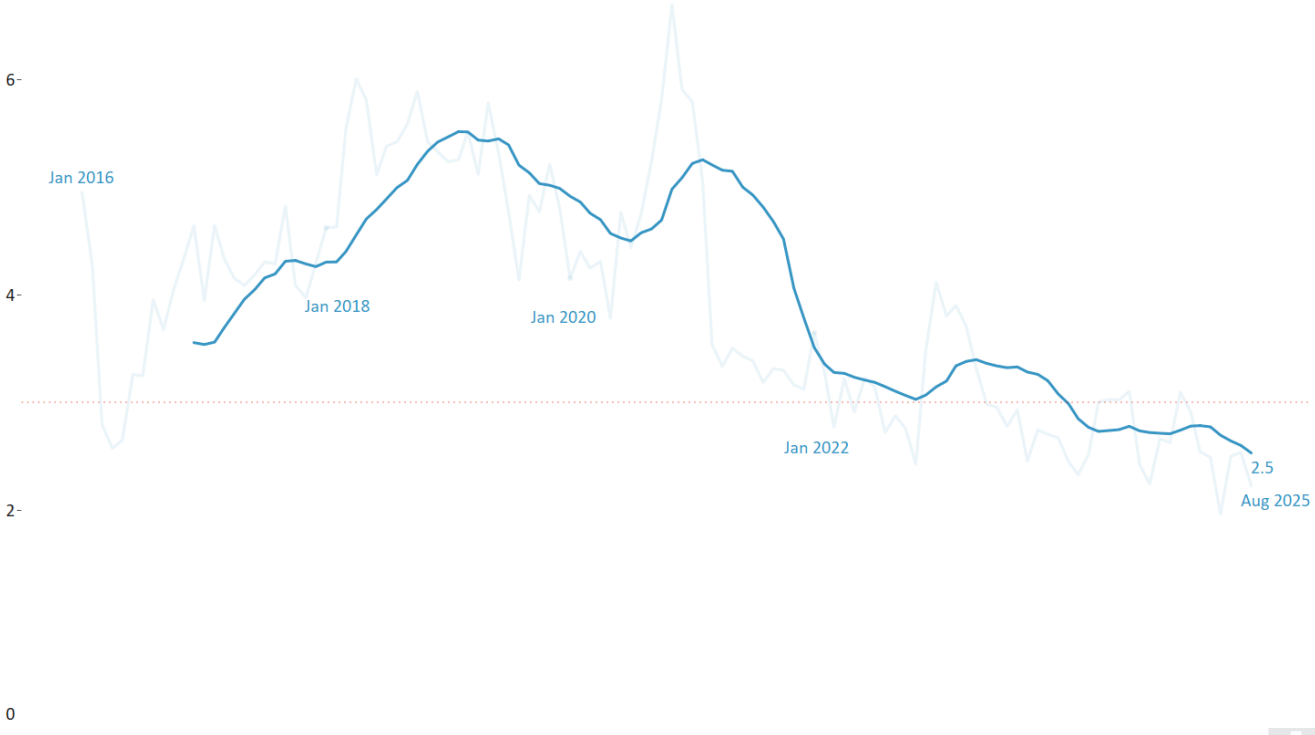


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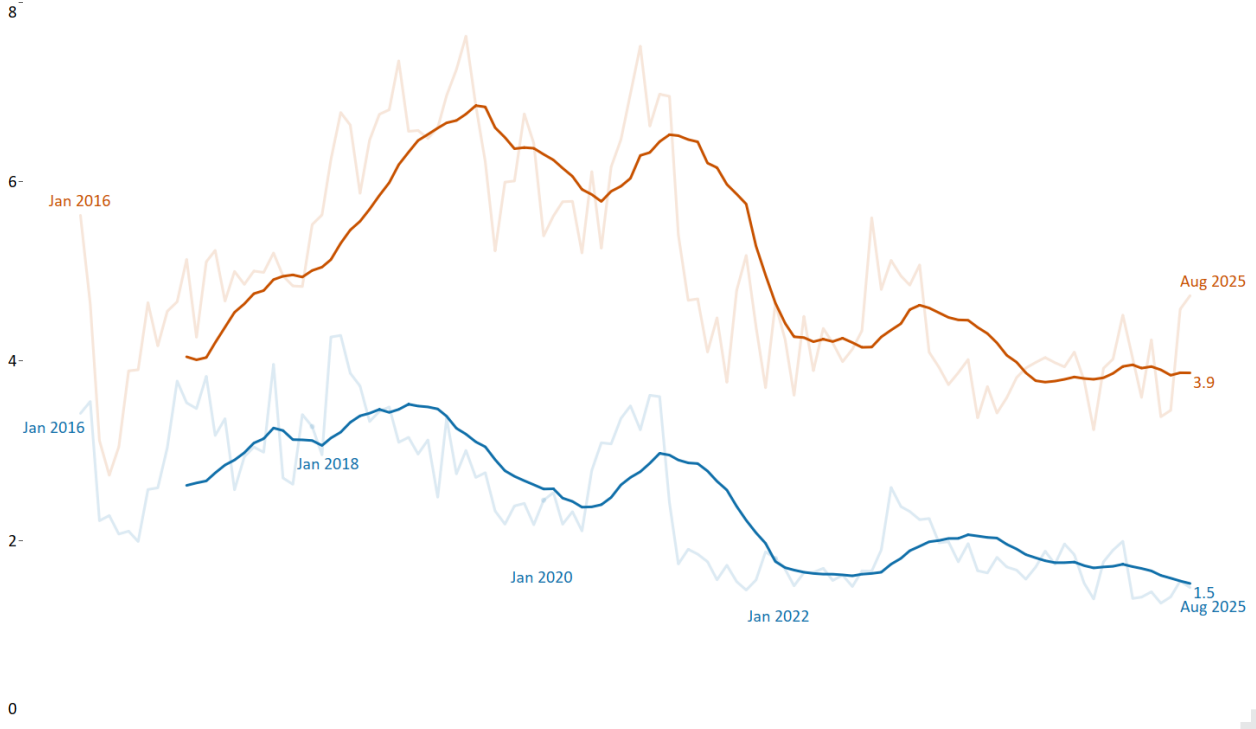
Months from Responses to FOAM to Next Mailed Action for PPH vs. Non-PPH Applications (12-month moving average) at USPTO



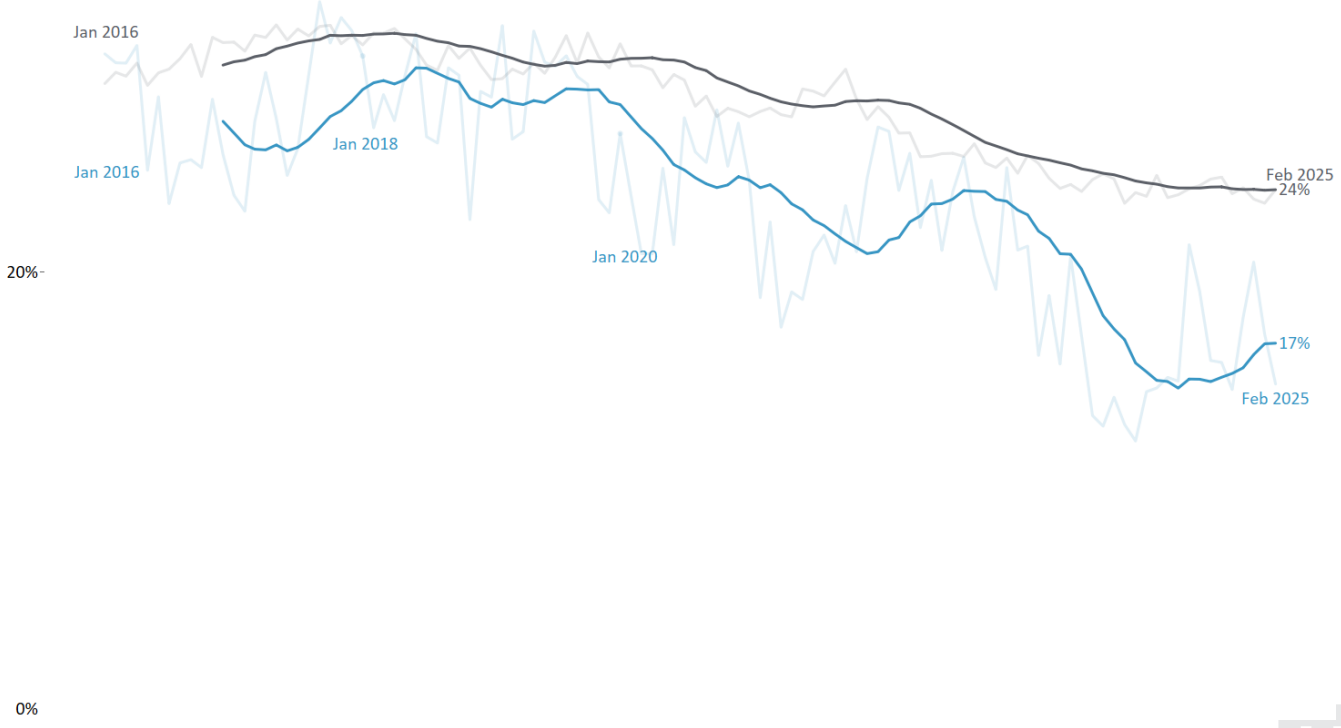
Months between PPH Petition Grant to First Action (12-month moving average) at USPTO



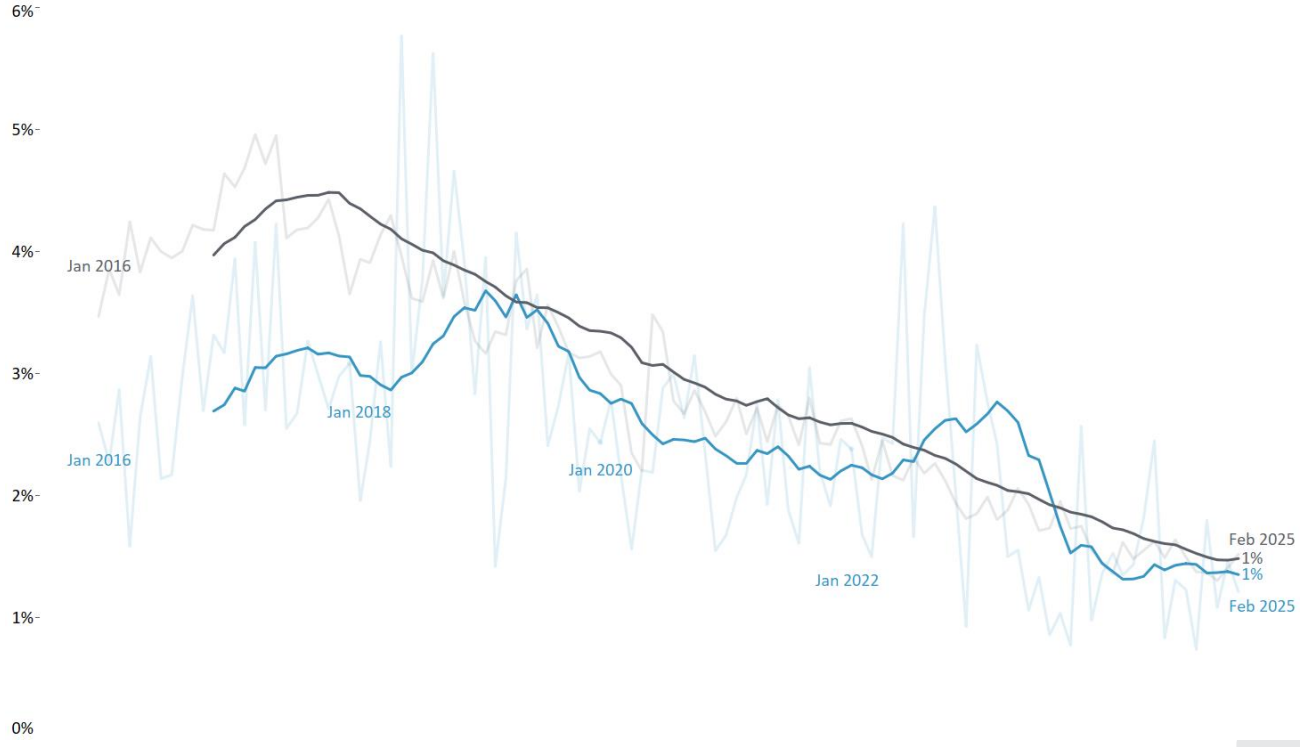
Average Months between PPH Petition Grant to First Action, NST vs. Non-NST (12-month moving average) at USPTO



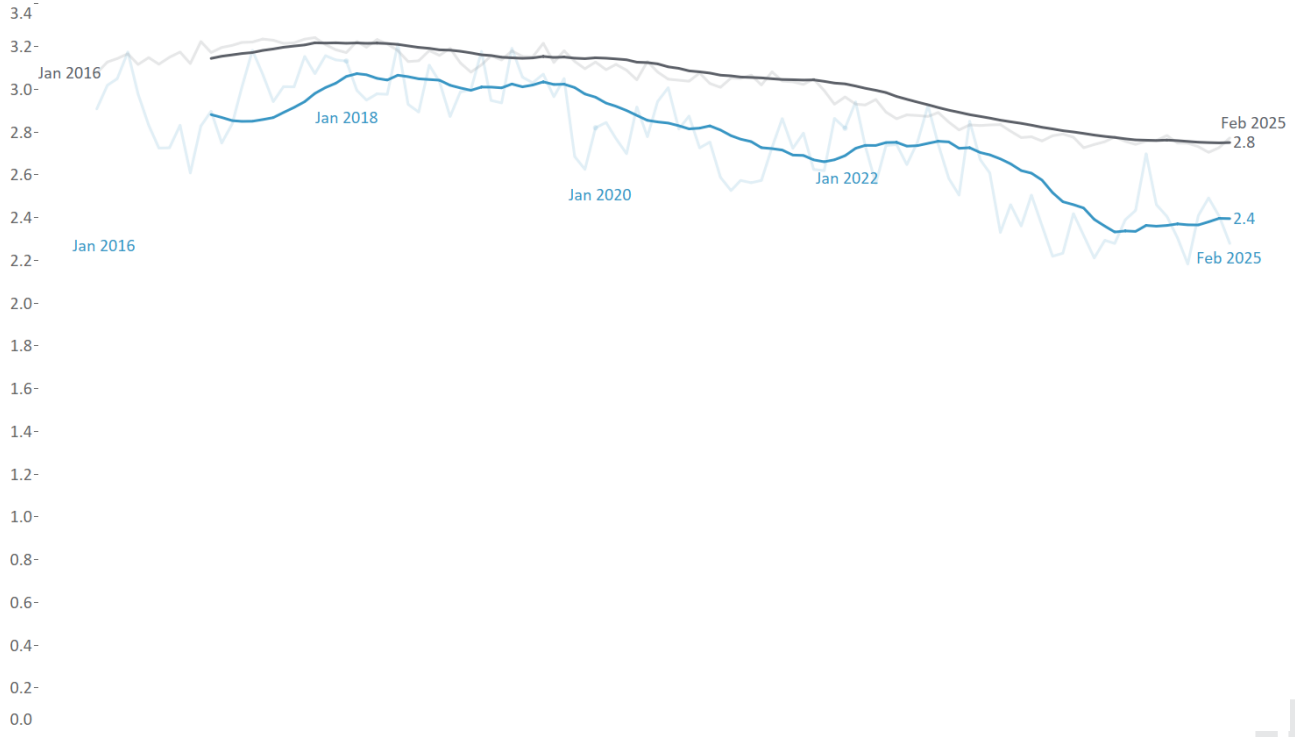
Terminal Disposals with at least one RCE, PPH vs. Non-PPH (12-month moving average) at USPTO



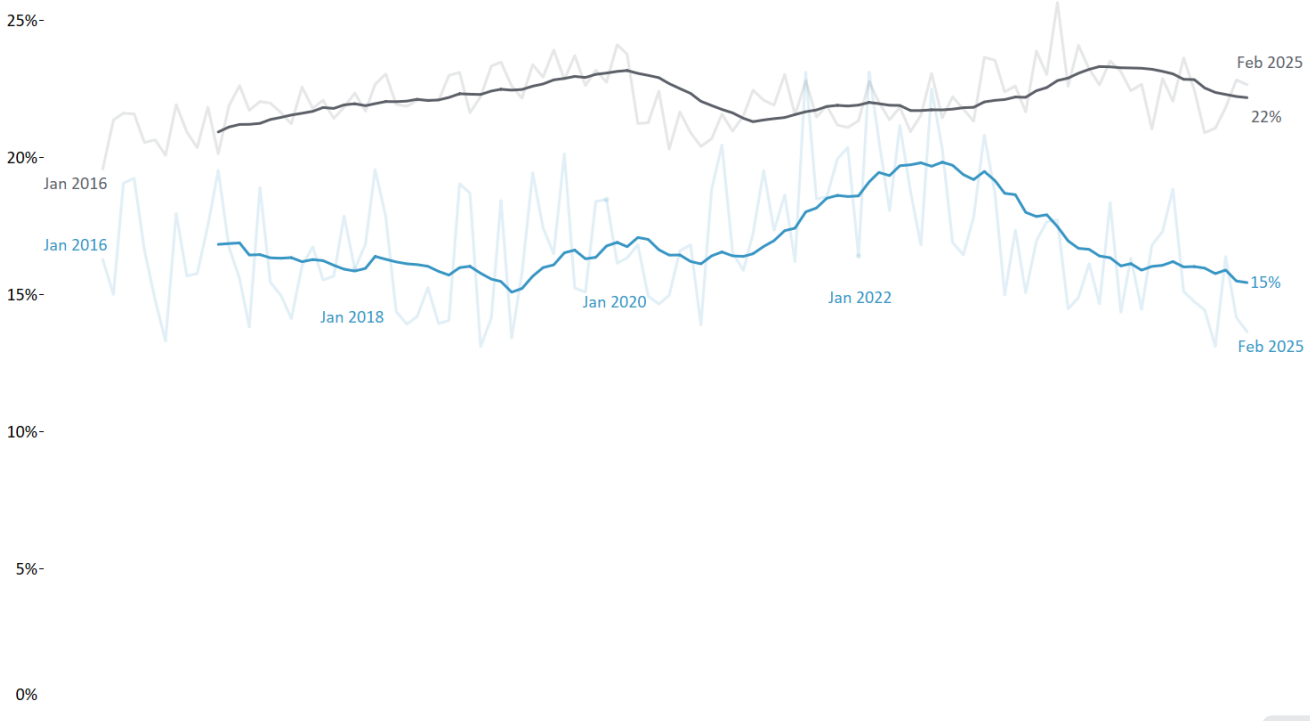
Terminal Disposals with at least one appeal, PPH vs. Non-PPH (12-month moving average) at USPTO



Number of actions per Terminal Disposal, PPH vs. Non-PPH (12-month moving average) at USPTO

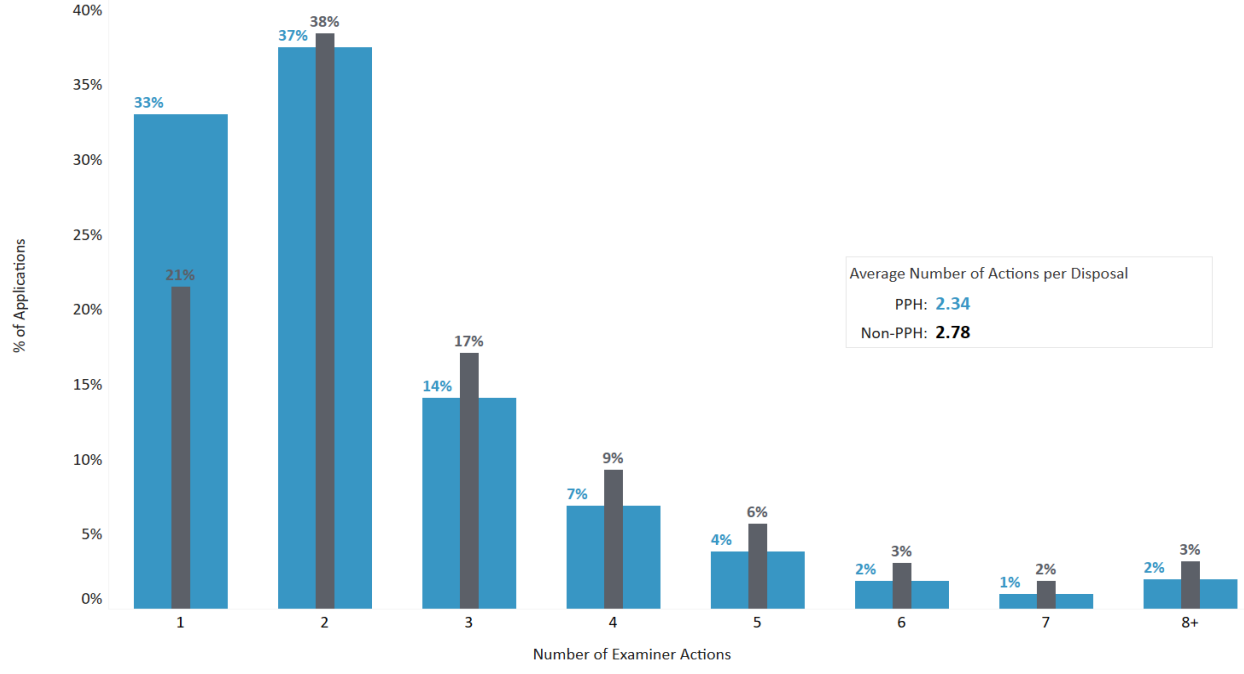


Terminal Disposals with at least one continuation, PPH vs. Non-PPH (12-month moving average) at USPTO



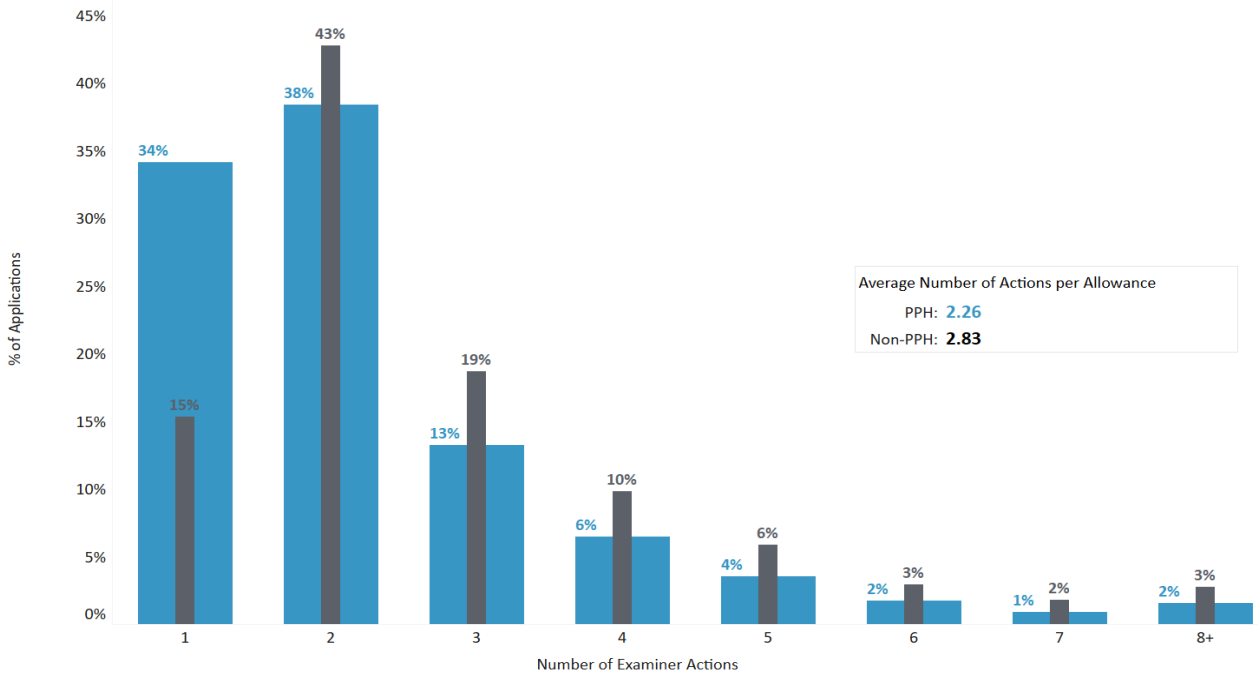
Number of examiner actions needed to complete prosecution at USPTO

Cases completed between January and December 2024



Number of examiner actions needed to notice of allowance at USPTO

Allowances between January and December 2024



PPH agreement statistics

- Agreement offices with the USPTO (as of 08/31/2025).

  Worldwide = 39 offices (56 offices worldwide)

  - Global/IP5 = 28 offices
  - Bilateral Agreements = 11 offices

- *At the end of 2023, a total of 3,552,100 applications worldwide.
- *The applications from 29 GPPH/IP5 Offices account for 3,242,381 of those applications or 91.3%.

Based on WIPO IP Statistics Data Center, the **2023 numbers are the latest ones available.*

Global PPH participants with the USPTO

Global PPH Principles				
1. AUSTRALIA (IPAU)[1]	6. COLOMBIA (SIC)[5]	11. HUNGARY (HIPO)[1]	16. New Zealand (IPONZ)[5]	21. PORTUGAL (INPI)[1]
2. AUSTRIA (APO)[2]	7. DENMARK (DKPTO)[1]	12. ICELAND (IPO)[1]	17. NORDIC (NPI)[1]	22. SINGAPORE (IPOS) [2]
3. BRAZIL (INPI)[9]	8. ESTONIA (EPA)[3]	13. ISRAEL (ILPO)[1]	18. NORWAY (NIPO)[1]	23. SPAIN (SPTO)[1]
4. CANADA (CIPO)[1]	9. FINLAND (NBPR)[1]	14. JAPAN (JPO)[1]	19. PERU (INDECOPI)[7]	24. SWEDEN (PRV)[1]
5. CHILE (INAPI)[8]	10. GERMANY (DPMA)[3]	15. KOREA (KIPO)[1]	20. POLAND (PPO)[4]	25. UNITED KINGDOM (UKIPO)[1]
				26. VISEGRADE (VPI)[6]

1. Effective January 6, 2014
2. Effective November 1, 2014
3. Effective July 6, 2015
4. Effective January 6, 2017
5. Effective July 7, 2017
6. Effective January 8, 2018
7. Effective January 6, 2019
8. Effective January 6, 2020
9. Effective July 6, 2024

IP5 PPH participants with the USPTO

- Began January 6, 2014
  - European Patent Office (EPO)
  - Japan Patent Office (JPO)
  - Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)
  - China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)

Bilateral PPH participants with the USPTO

Bilateral agreements	
1. TAIWAN (TIPO) – September 1, 2011	7. SAUDI ARABIA (SAIP)* - January 1, 2020
2. CZECH REPUBLIC (IPOCZ) – October 1, 2012	8. FRANCE (INPI-France)* - December 1, 2021
3. PHILIPPINES (IPOPH) – January 29, 2013	9. MALAYSIA (MYIPO)* - March 2, 2023
4. NICARAGUA (NRIP) – September 5, 2013	10. MOROCCO (OMPIC)* - April 1, 2023
5. ROMANIA (OSIM)* - April 15, 2015	11. BAHRAIN (NPOB)* - November 1, 2024
6. MEXICO (IMPI)* - July 1, 2015	

*Bilateral agreement under global principles.

PPH full range of benefits	Office	Applicant
Higher grant rates	✓	
Reduced overall pendency	✓	
Higher initial allowance rate	✓	
Reduced workload and duplicated effort	✓	
Cost savings	✓	✓
Rapid prosecution	✓	✓
Improved search/examination quality	✓	✓
Single set of principles		✓
Filing in multiple offices		✓
Rapid portfolio building		✓
Fast-tracked and streamlined examination		✓
Reduced time to receive office action and patents		✓
Technology neutral		✓
No limitations on filing dates		✓
No limitation on patent family		✓


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