Operations update

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Unexamined application inventory (classes)
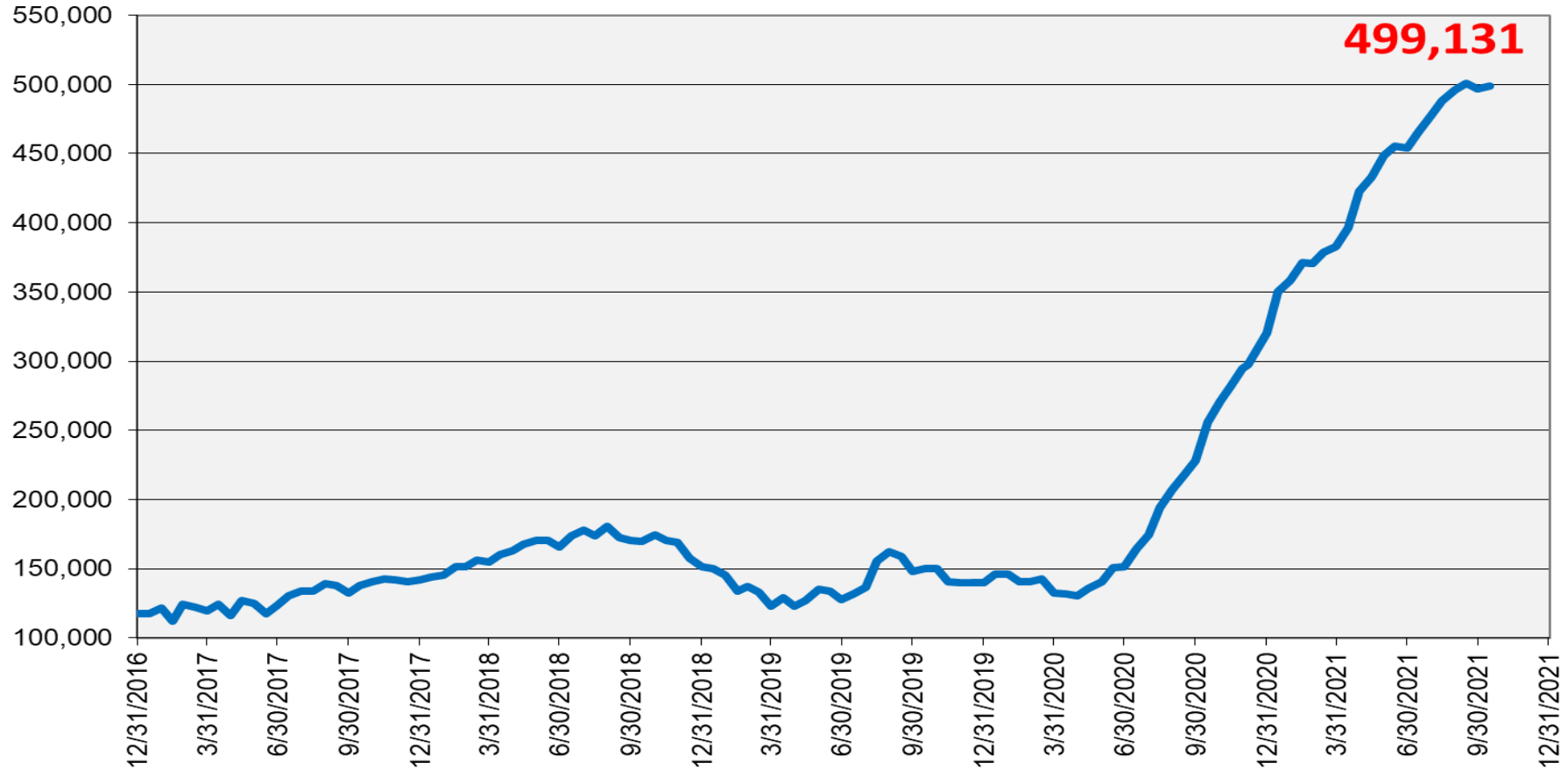
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Current processing timelines

- Uploading new applications into TSDR (Trademark Status & Document Retrieval) and TESS (Trademark Electronic Search System)
  - Typically processed within one week
  - Takes longer if manual entry is required; contact TEAS@uspto.gov
- Processing amendments & responses to Office actions
  - Much progress
  - Now taking under 14 days
- Current processing times viewable on uspto.gov
  - Click the "Find it Fast" link to our dedicated webpage

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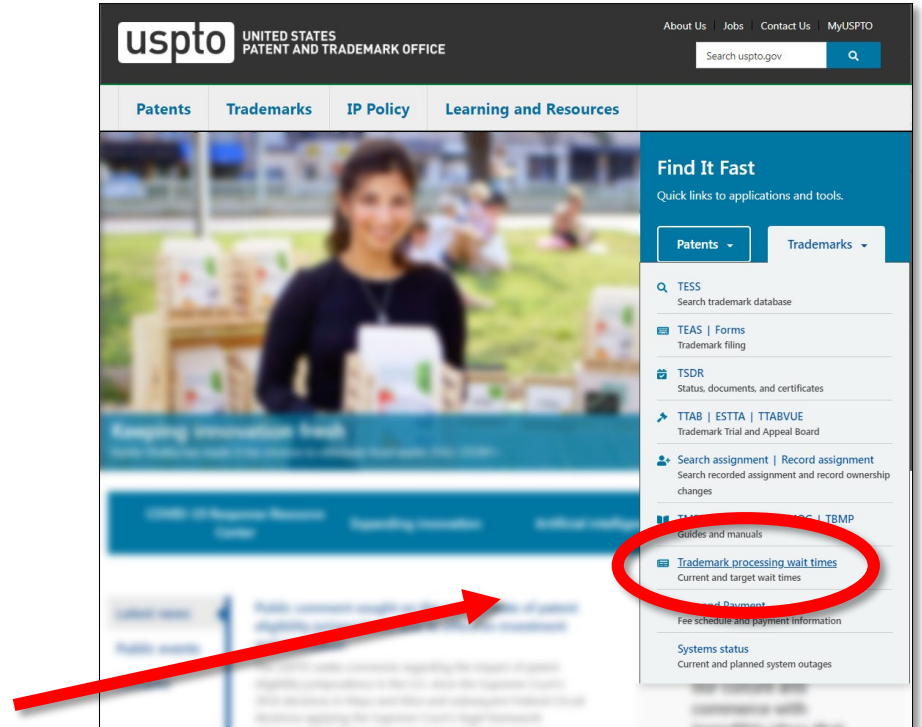
Processing wait times: webpage

Current Trademark processing wait times		
As of August 2021	**Pendency Target**	**Current Pendency**
Pre-Examination Unit		
TEAS	10 days	67 days
MADRID	10 days	5 days
Examination Support Unit (ESU)		
Amendments/Corrections	14 days	6 days
Intent to use		
Extension requests	15 days	8 days
Statement of use	15 days	8 days
Divisional requests	15 days	7 days
Petitions Office		
Letters of protest	60 days	90 days
Post Registration		
Affidavits of Use/incontestability	30 days	79 days
Renewals	30 days	70 days
Amendments/Corrections	30 days	40 days
Assignment		
ETAS	2 days	5 days
Fax	10 days	0 days
Paper	14 days	12 days

Current Trademark processing wait times		
As of August 2021	**Pendency Target**	**Current Pendency**
First action pendency (months)	2.5-4.5	6.2
Disposal pendency (months)	12	11

https://www.uspto.gov/dashboard/trademarks/application-timeline.html

Combating the surge
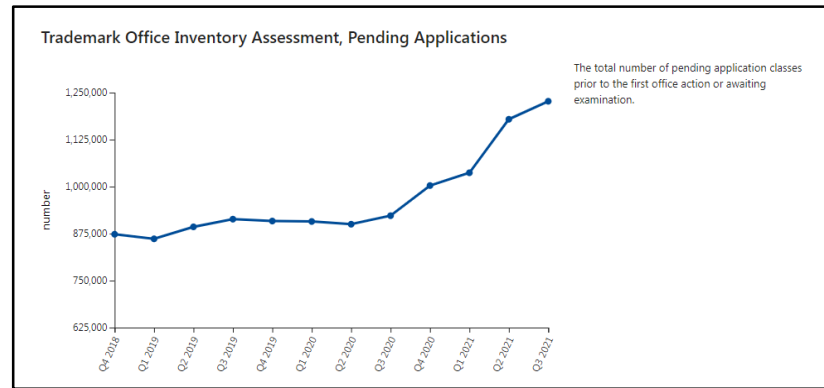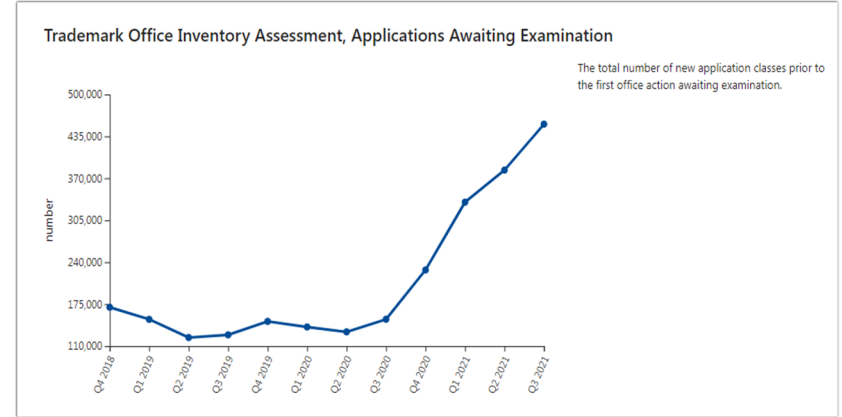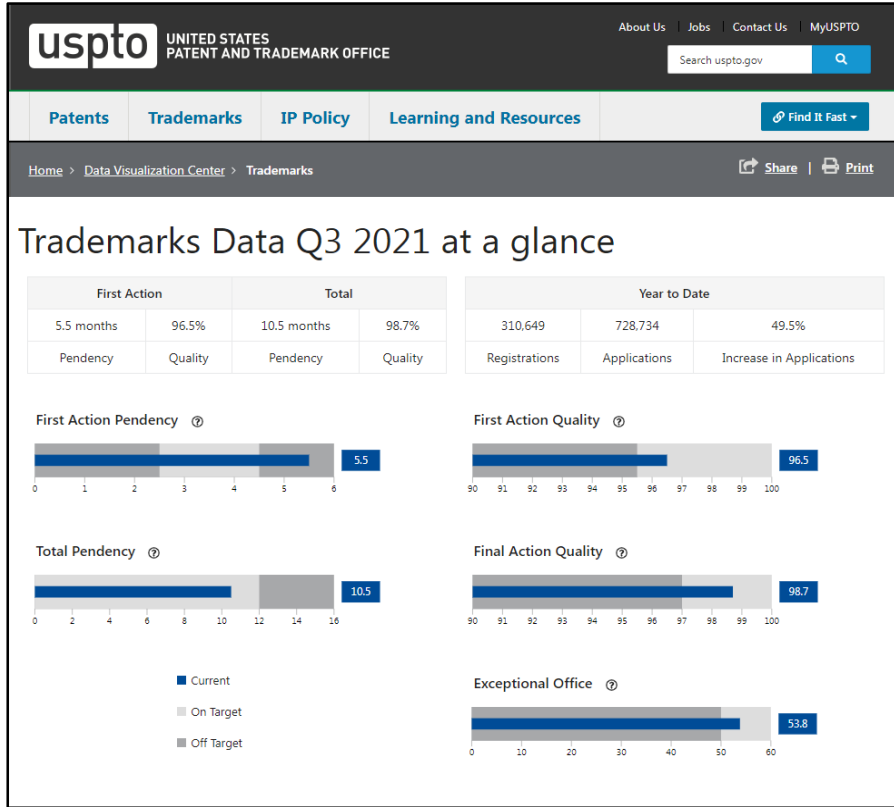
Staffing and process

- Reorganized workloads among professional staff

- Hired 47 new examining attorneys in Spring 2021

  - Expecting to hire additional 100 in FY22 (60 in October; 40 in Spring 2022)

  - New Training Academy

  - Additional staffing resources

- IT solutions to streamline work processes

  - New translations process

  - Bots and tools to assist with administrative tasks

- Evaluating options to improve efficiency in the examination process

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Communications

- TM dashboard

  – Posted on external website

  – Monthly pendency metrics

  – Provides yearly and quarterly statistics

- Notices on external site

TM dashboard in action

Go to uspto.gov/dashboard/trademarks