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## Key Statistics

- **FY 2016 End of Year Statistics**

**UPR First Action pendency finished at 16.2 months**

- *compare to FY 2015 17.3 months*

*(FY 2017: Current up to Feb. 2017 - 15.7 months)*

**UPR Total Pendency finished at 25.3 months**

- *compare to FY 2015 26.6 months*

*(FY 2017: Current up to Feb. 2017 - 25.6 months)*

**537,655 Unexamined Applications**

- *compare to FY 2015 553,221*

*(FY 2017: Current up to Feb. 2017 - 546,702)*

**Allowance rate finished at approximately 57%**

*(FY 2017: Current up to Feb. 2017 51%)*



## FY 2016 Filings

- **Total UPR filings up 5.1%**
  - Serialized filings up 1.6% (418,506 filings)
  - RCE filings up 13.6% (190,049 filings)
- **Prioritized Examination filings up 7.8%**  
(10,011 filings)
- **Design filings up 7.1%** (40,406 filings)
- **Provisional filings down 1.9%**



## Patents Workforce

- As of January 31, 2017
  - 8,179 UPR Examiners
  - 188 Design Examiners
- 9,537 total for Patents



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## USPTO LOCATIONS



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