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The AAO reports its processing times by form type, displaying the total number of completions for the quarter and the percentage completed within 180 days, which is our goal.

The administrative appeals process has two stages: initial field review and AAO appellate review.

**Initial field review:** The office that issued the unfavorable decision has 45 days to evaluate the appeal and determine whether to take favorable action on the appeal. If that office does not take favorable action, it will forward the appeal to the AAO and send the appellant a Notice of Transfer to the AAO.


**AAO appellate review:** The AAO strives to complete its appellate review within 180 days from the time it receives a complete case record after the initial field review. Some cases may take longer than 180 days due to factors beyond the AAO's control. For example, additional documentation may be needed to complete the record, or the case may be more complex and require additional review.

The following chart shows the percentage of cases the AAO completed within 180 days, by case category, during the most recent quarter of the fiscal year. These data include all AAO dispositions for the listed form types. If a case category is not listed, the AAO issued no appeal decisions for that category in the most recent quarter.

Timeliness of Fiscal Year 2023 Third Quarter Completions (April - June 2023)

Form Type	Case Type	Completed 0-180 Days	Quarterly Completions
Cumulative total of all completions		95.34%	880
I-129F	Petition for Fiancée	80.00%	5
I-129H1B	Nonimmigrant Specialty Occupation Worker	100%	24
I-129H2B	Nonimmigrant Temporary Non-Agricultural Worker	100%	1
I-129L	Nonimmigrant Intracompany Transferee	100%	37
I-129O	Nonimmigrant Extraordinary Ability Worker	100%	4

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I-129P	Athletes, Artists and Entertainers	100%	5
I-129Q	Nonimmigrant International Cultural Exchange	100%	1
I-129R	Nonimmigrant Religious Worker	100%	5
I-131	Application for Travel Document	100%	4
I-140A	Alien with Extraordinary Ability	94.00%	50
I-140B	Outstanding Professor or Researcher	100%	1
I-140C	Multinational Manager or Executive	100%	26
I-140D	Advanced Degree Professional	100%	4
I-140E	Professional Worker	92.31%	13
I-140F	Skilled Worker	100%	7
I-140G	Other Worker	100%	9
I-140I	National Interest Waiver	99.22%	256
I-212	Application to Reapply for Admission	100%	34
I-352	Bond Breach	100%	6
I-360C	Special Immigrant Juvenile	92.00%	50
I-360D	Petition for Religious Worker	100%	6
I-360G	Special Immigrant G-4	100%	2
I-360 VAWA	Violence Against Women Act Petition	98.39%	62
I-485 SEC 13	Cuban Adjustment Act	100%	17
I-485T	Adjustment of Status of T Nonimmigrants	100%	3
I-485U	Adjustment of Status of U Nonimmigrants	94.44%	36

Form Type	Case Type	Completed 0-180 Days	Quarterly Completion 
I-526	Alien Entrepreneur	63.16%	19
I-600	Petition for Orphan	80.00%	5
I-601	Application for Waiver of Inadmissibility	90.00%	70
I-612	Application of 212(e) Waiver	100%	1
I-690	Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility Under Sections 245A or 210 of the Immigration and Nationality Act	100%	4
I-698	Application to Adjust Status from Temporary to Permanent Resident Under Section 245A	100%	1
I-821	Temporary Protected Status	100%	12
I-914	Application for T Nonimmigrant Status	72.73%	11
I-914A	Application for Family Member of T-1 Recipient	33.33%	3
I-918	Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status	93.75%	48
I-929	Petition for Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Recipient	100%	1
N-565	Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document	90.00%	10
N-600	Certificate of Citizenship	85.00%	20
N-600K	Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate Under Section 322	100%	7

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