

# Trademark Operations update

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# FY 2023 Trademark organization targets

## Pendency:

First action pendency — 8.5 months  
Disposal pendency — 14.5 months

## Quality:

First action compliance — 95.5%  
Disposal compliance — 97.0%  
Exceptional office actions — 50.0%

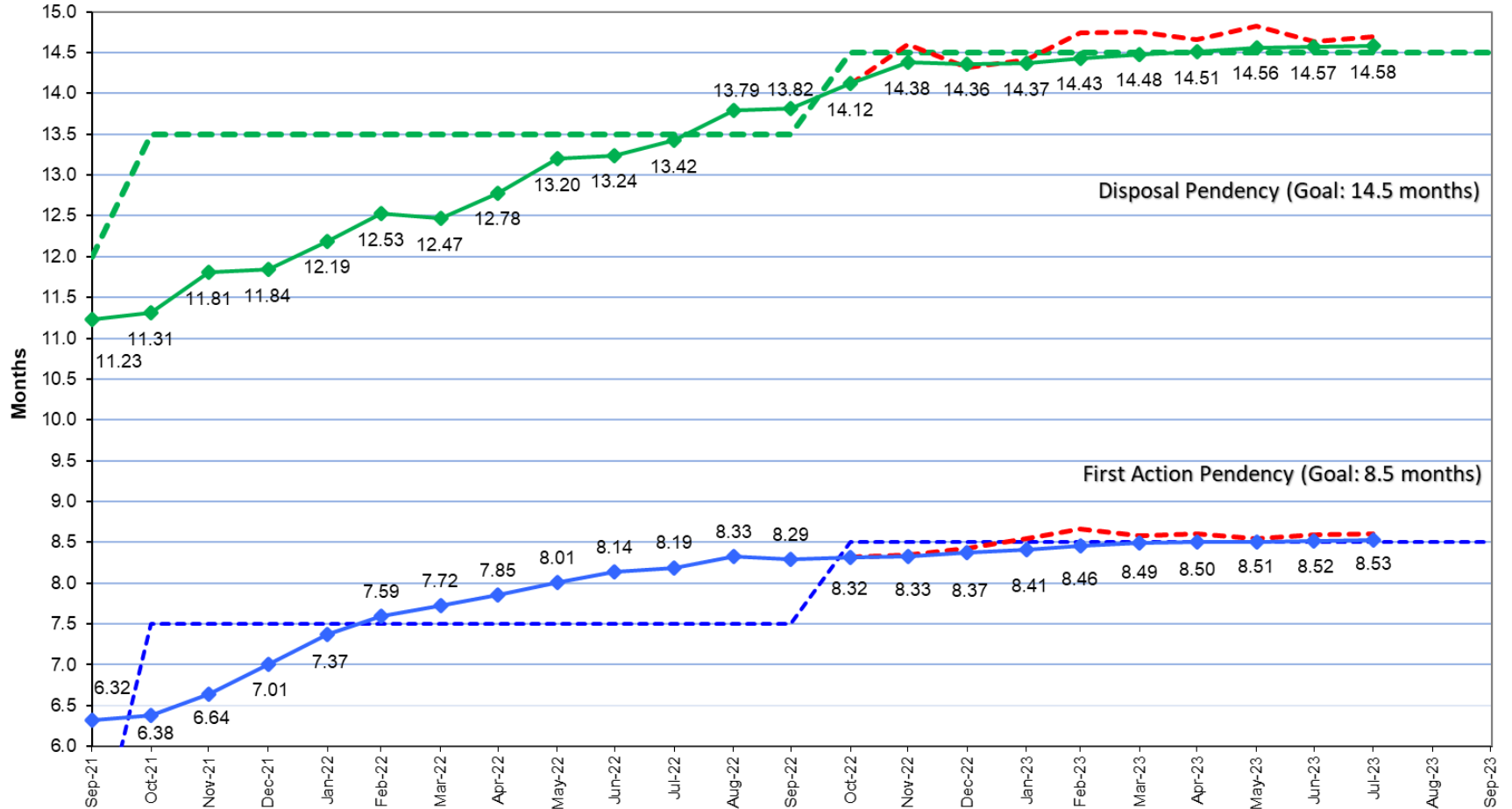


# Trademarks Performance: Quality

Trademarks performance measures	FY 2023 targets	FY 2023 Q3 Results
<b>First action compliance</b> In-process review evaluation of the statutory bases for which the USPTO raises issues and/or refuses marks for registration based on the first office action	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>96.9%</b>
<b>Final action compliance</b> In-process review evaluation of the statutory bases for which the USPTO raises issues and/or refuses marks for registration based on the examining attorney's approval or denial of the application	<b>97.0%</b>	<b>98.7%</b>
<b>Exceptional office action</b> Measure indicating the comprehensive quality of the first office action search, evidence, writing, and decision making	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>58.8%</b>

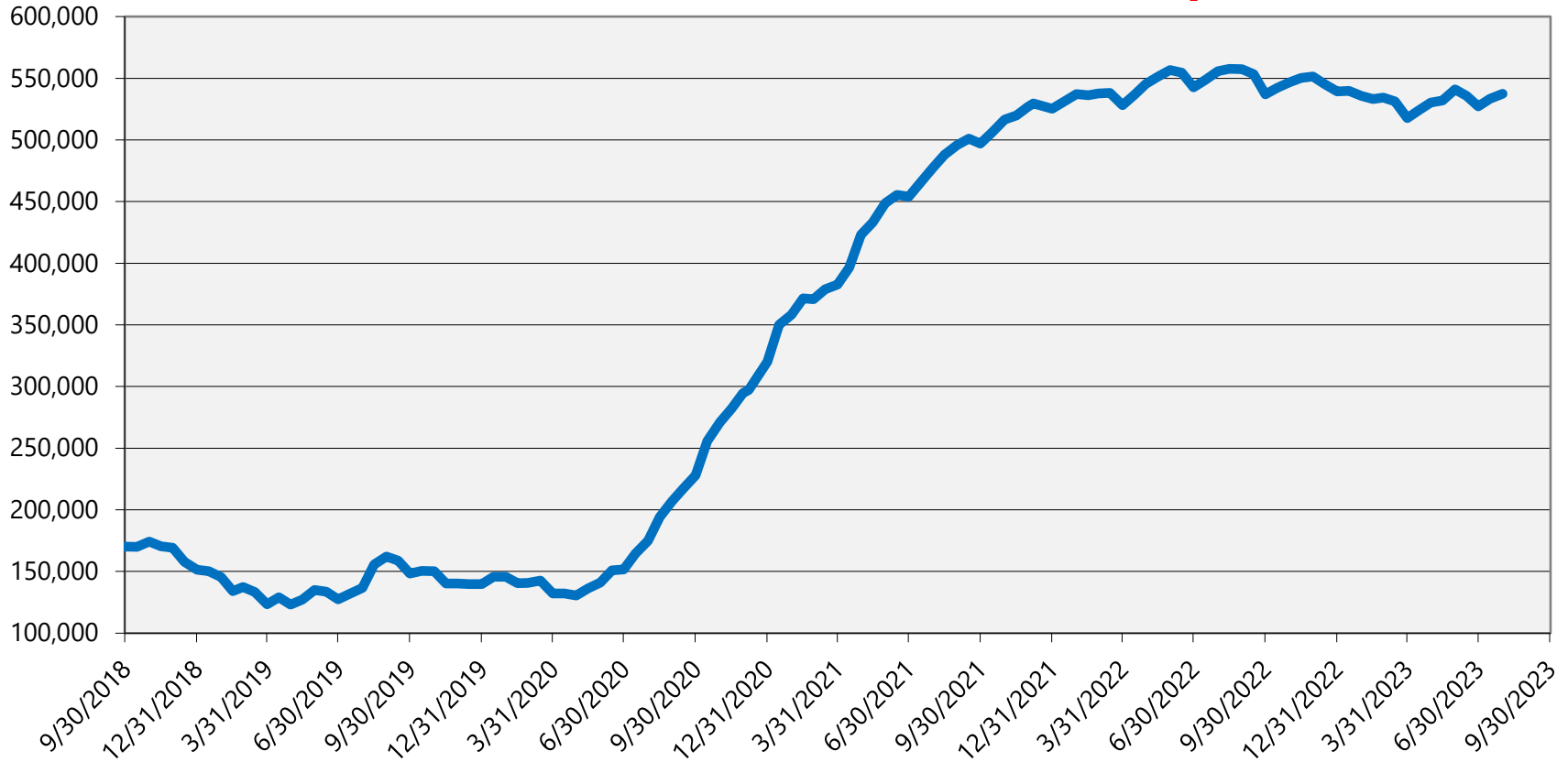


# FY 2022-2023 pendency

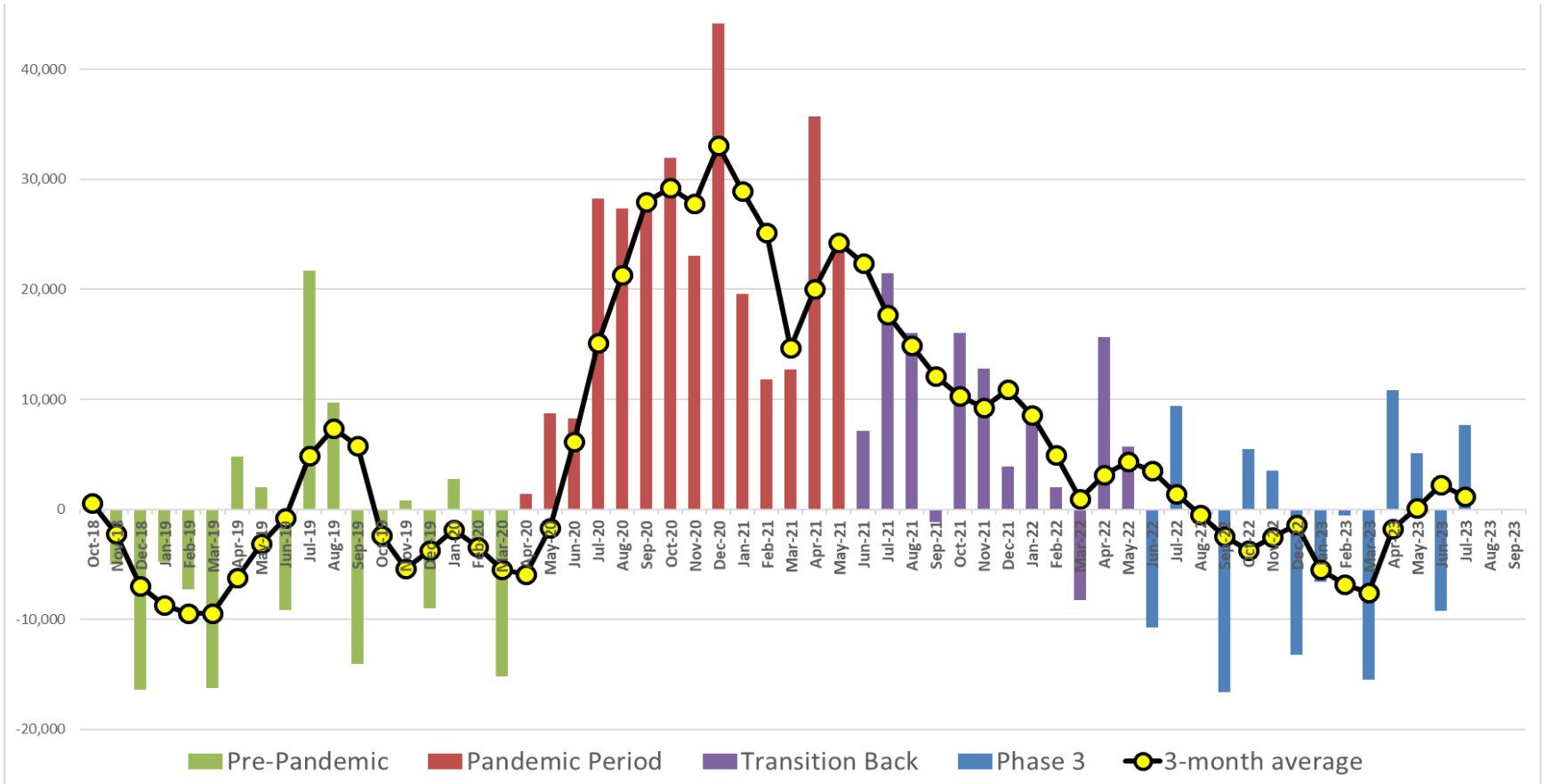


# Unexamined application inventory

**537,492 classes**



# Monthly inventory increase/decrease (filings minus first actions produced) FY 2019 – 2023



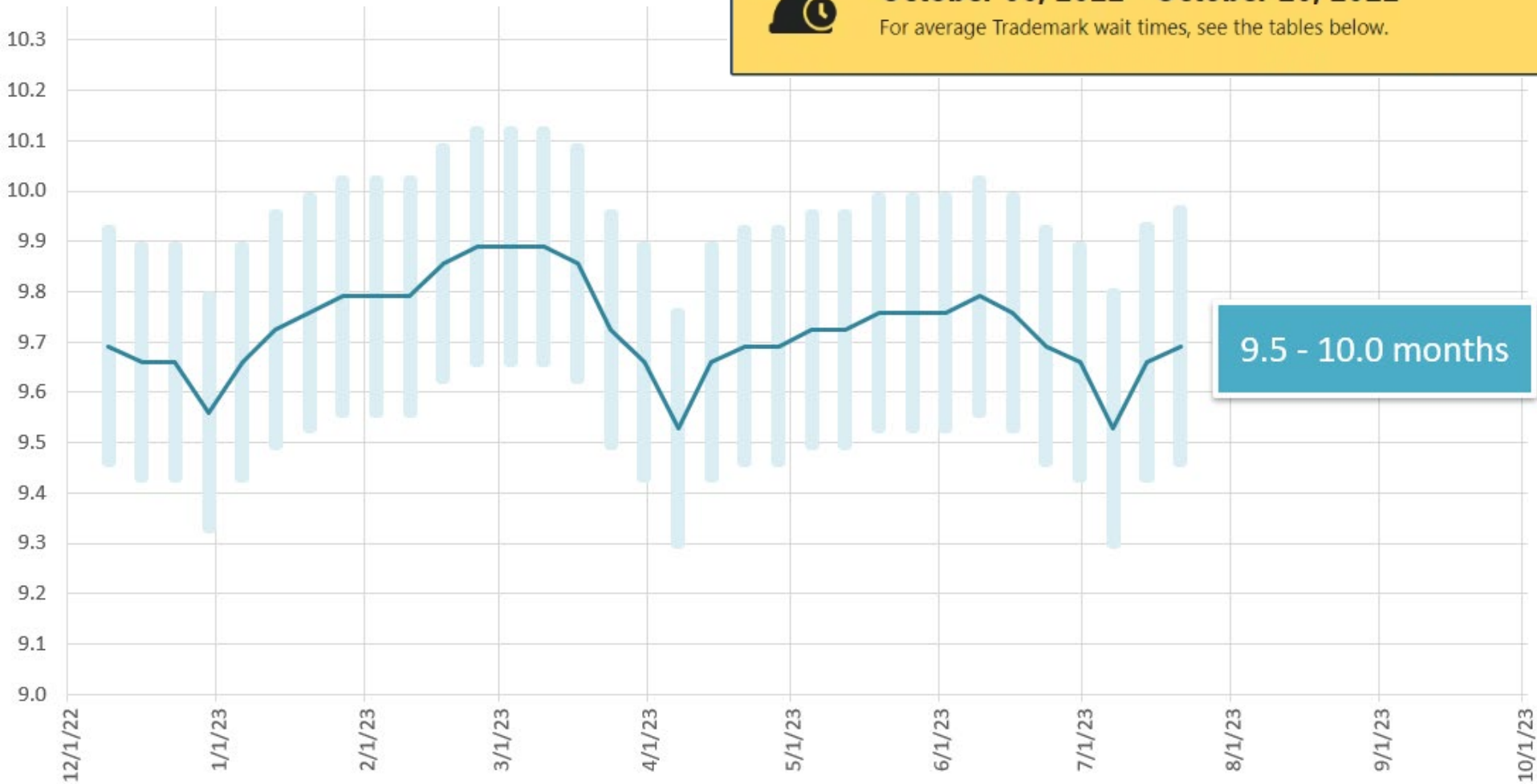
# Recent applications



We are currently examining **new applications** submitted between:

**October 06, 2022 - October 20, 2022**

For average Trademark wait times, see the tables below.



# Staffing and Process

- Hiring
  - FY23: 86 examining attorneys
  - TM Academy
  - Post Registration; ESU; Pre-Exam
- Pendency ideation
  - Collaboration on ideas for examination efficiency
    - Examination process and IT tools
  - First action examination
    - Ideal balance between pendency and quality expectations





# Thank you!

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