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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 2021 First Quarter Completions (October - December 2020)

Form Type	Case Type	Completed 0-180 Days	Quarterly Completions
Cumulative total of all completions		45.31%	1278
I-129CW	CNMI-Only Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker	0%	1
I-129E2	CNMI Treaty Investor	100%	1

Form Type	Case Type	Completed 0-180 Days	Quarterly Completions
I-129F	Petition for Fiancée	71.43%	14
I-129H1B	Nonimmigrant Specialty Occupation Worker	26.74%	187
I-129HA	Temporary Agricultural Worker	100%	1
I-129L	Nonimmigrant Intracompany Transferee	60.76%	79
I-129O	Nonimmigrant Extraordinary Ability Worker	37.50%	8
I-129P	Athletes, Artists and Entertainers	50%	2
I-129R	Nonimmigrant Religious Worker	0%	1
I-131	Application for Travel Document	100%	12
I-140A	Alien with Extraordinary Ability	42.68%	82
I-140B	Outstanding Professor	100%	1
I-140C	Multinational Manager or Executive	50%	38
I-140D	Advanced Degree Professional	53.33%	15
I-140E	Professional Worker	68.75%	16
I-140F	Skilled Worker	78.85%	19
I-140G	Other Worker	75%	8
I-140I	National Interest Waiver	26.67%	15
I-212	Application to Reapply for Admission	72.2%	72
I-352	Bond Breach	36.46%	96
I-360C	Special Immigrant Juvenile	14.61%	89
I-360D	Petition for Religious Worker	33.33%	3
I-360 VAWA	Violence Against Women Act Petition	63.89%	36
I-485 SEC 13	Cuban Adjustment Act	100%	1

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I-485U	U Visa Nonimmigrant Adjustment	20.79%	101
I-526	Alien Entrepreneur	21.05%	19
I-600	Petition for Orphan	0%	3
I-601	Application for Waiver of Inadmissibility	55.61%	196
I-612	Application of 212(e) Waiver	40%	5
I-687	Application for Temporary Resident Status Under Section 245A	0%	1
I-698	Application to Adjust Status from Temporary to Permanent Resident Under Section 245A	0%	0
I-821	Temporary Protected Status	83.33%	24
I-914	Application for T Nonimmigrant Status	33.33%	15
I-918	Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status	42.86%	56
I-924 Termination	Termination of Regional Center Designation	0%	1
I-929	Petition for Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Recipient	50%	4
N-565	Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document	66.67%	3
N-600	Certificate of Citizenship	91.67	36

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