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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 Fourth Quarter Completions (July - September 2021)**

Form Type	Case Type	Completed 0-180 Days	Quarterly Completions
Cumulative total of all completions		47.50%	1,061
I-129CW	Petition for CNMI Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker	100%	3
I-129E2	CNMI Treaty Investor	100%	5
I-129F	Petition for Fiancée	70.59%	17
I-129H1B	Nonimmigrant Specialty Occupation Worker	93.24%	74

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I-129H2A	Nonimmigrant Petitions for Trainees	0%	0
I-129L	Nonimmigrant Intracompany Transferee	90.70%	43
I-129O	Nonimmigrant Extraordinary Ability Worker	100%	10
I-129P	Athletes, Artists and Entertainers	33.33%	3
I-129R	Nonimmigrant Religious Worker	14.29%	21
I-131	Application for Travel Document	100%	4
I-140A	Alien with Extraordinary Ability	92.73%	55
I-140C	Multinational Manager or Executive	100%	25
I-140D	Advanced Degree Professional	83.33%	6
I-140E	Professional Worker	66.67%	9
I-140F	Skilled Worker	52.94%	17
I-140G	Other Worker	93.75%	16
I-140I	National Interest Waiver	36.25%	160
I-212	Application to Reapply for Admission	23.08%	26
I-352	Bond Breach	90.32%	93
I-360C	Special Immigrant Juvenile	17.86%	56
I-360D	Petition for Religious Worker	0%	7
I-360 VAWA	Violence Against Women Act Petition	22.22%	45
I-485 SEC 13	Cuban Adjustment Act	0%	2
I-485U	U Visa Nonimmigrant Adjustment	13.16%	38
I-526	Alien Entrepreneur	50%	2
I-600	Petition for Orphan	100%	3

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I-601	Application for Waiver of Inadmissibility	29.67%	91
I-612	Application of 212(e) Waiver	100%	1
I-698	Application to Adjust Status from Temporary to Permanent Resident Under Section 245A	0%	0
I-821	Temporary Protected Status	0%	4
I-914	Application for T Nonimmigrant Status	4%	75
I-918	Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status	15.18%	112
I-924(Term)	Termination of a Regional Center	0%	0
I-929	Petition for Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Recipient	66.67%	3
N-470	Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization Purposes	0%	0
N-565	Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document	0%	0
N-600	Certificate of Citizenship	92.31%	13
SEC 342	Cancellation of Citizenship Certificate	100%	1

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