

Historical Processing Times Trends Fiscal Year 2016 - 2024



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Data Source: USCIS. Data as of 03/05/2024

Overview: This factsheet provides historical national median processing times (in months) for all USCIS offices for select forms for fiscal years 2016 – 2024. In Table 1, the number of months shown is the median. It represents the time it took to complete half of the cases in a given time period. Table 2 shows the change in median processing times from the prior year.

Forms displayed include I-765 Application for Employment Authorization¹, I-821 Application for Temporary Protected Status, I-485 Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status, I-130 Petition for Alien Relative, N-400 Application for Naturalization, I-131 Application for Travel Document, I-90 Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card, and I-129 Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker.

Table 1. FY 2016 – FY 2024 Median Processing Times (months)

Form	Classification or Basis for Filing	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 ²
I-765	Based on a pending asylum application	2	1.7	0.9	2	2.5	3.2	9.2	1.6	0.6
I-765	Based on a pending I-485 adjustment application	2.5	3	4.1	5.1	4.8	7.1	6.7	5.5	3.6
I-765	Based on parole	2.6	2.9	3.5	6.1	4.7	0.6	1.1	1.3	0.9
I-765	All other applications for employment authorization	2.2	2.5	2.9	3.3	2.4	3	4.7	3.2	2.9
I-821	To request or reregister for TPS	1.9	3.4	2.9	6.4	2.2	4.1	10.2	11.8	8.7
I-485	Based on grant of asylum more than 1 year ago	4.4	5.5	6.2	6.7	6.9	12.9	22.6	22.9	13.9
I-485	Based on refugee admission more than 1 year ago	5.5	4.6	6.4	9.4	9.3	7.1	14.1	21.6	13.3
I-485	Employment-based adjustment applications	5.5	7	10.6	10	8.8	9.9	11	8.6	7.2
I-485	Family-based adjustment applications	6.1	7.9	10.2	10.9	9.3	12.9	10.6	11.4	9.4
I-130	Immediate Relative	4.9	6.5	7.6	8.6	8.3	10.2	10.3	11.8	11
N-400	Application for Naturalization	5.2	7.9	9.7	10	9.1	11.5	10.5	6.1	5.2
I-131	Advance Parole Document ³	2.3	3	3.6	4.5	4.6	7.7	7.3	5.8	4.4
I-131	Parole in Place ⁴	2.2	2.5	3.3	3.3	4.8	4.9	4.7	5.4	4.8
I-131	Travel Documents ⁵	4	4.2	2.9	2.8	4	7.2	10.6	15.9	15.5
I-90	Initial issuance, replacement or renewal	6.4	6.8	8	7.8	8.3	5.2	1.2	9.1 ⁶	3.3
I-129	Nonimmigrant Petition (non Premium filed)	5.1	3.4	3.8	4.7	2.3	1.8	2.3	2.5	2.7

Table 2. FY 2016 – FY 2024 Change in Median Processing Time from Prior Year (percent difference)

Form	Classification or Basis for Filing	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 ²
I-765	Based on a pending asylum application	-	-15%	-47%	122%	25%	28%	188%	-83%	-63%
I-765	Based on a pending I-485 adjustment application	-	20%	37%	24%	-6%	48%	-6%	-18%	-35%
I-765	Based on parole	-	12%	21%	74%	-23%	-87%	83%	18%	-31%
I-765	All other applications for employment authorization	-	14%	16%	14%	-27%	25%	57%	-32%	-9%
I-821	To request or reregister for TPS	-	79%	-15%	121%	-66%	86%	149%	16%	-26%
I-485	Based on grant of asylum more than 1 year ago	-	25%	13%	8%	3%	87%	75%	1%	-39%
I-485	Based on refugee admission more than 1 year ago	-	-16%	39%	47%	-1%	-24%	99%	53%	-38%
I-485	Employment-based adjustment applications	-	27%	51%	-6%	-12%	13%	11%	-22%	-16%
I-485	Family-based adjustment applications	-	30%	29%	7%	-15%	39%	-18%	8%	-18%
I-130	Immediate Relative	-	33%	17%	13%	-3%	23%	1%	15%	-7%
N-400	Application for Naturalization	-	52%	23%	3%	-9%	26%	-9%	-42%	-15%
I-131	Advance Parole Document ³	-	30%	20%	25%	2%	67%	-5%	-21%	-24%
I-131	Parole in Place ⁴	-	14%	32%	0%	45%	2%	-4%	15%	-11%
I-131	Travel Documents ⁵	-	5%	-31%	-3%	43%	80%	47%	50%	-3%
I-90	Initial issuance, replacement or renewal	-	6%	18%	-3%	6%	-37%	-77%	658% ⁶	-64%
I-129	Nonimmigrant Petition (non Premium filed)	-	-33%	12%	24%	-51%	-22%	28%	9%	8%

Table Color Legend: Decrease in Processing Times

-1% to -24%	-25% to -49%	-50% to -74%	-75% to -100%
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Figure 1. I-485 Median Processing Times by Fiscal Year

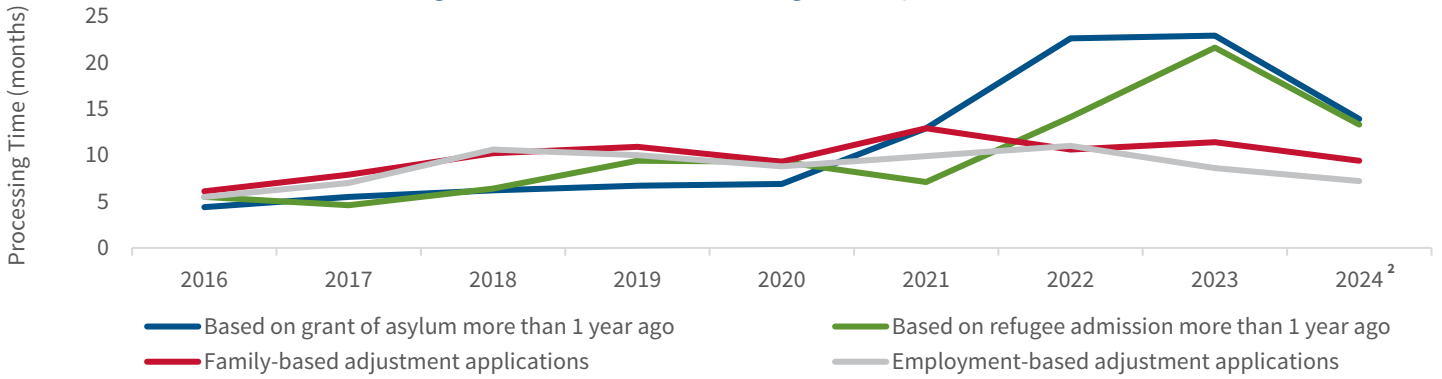


Figure 2. I-765 Median Processing Times by Fiscal Year

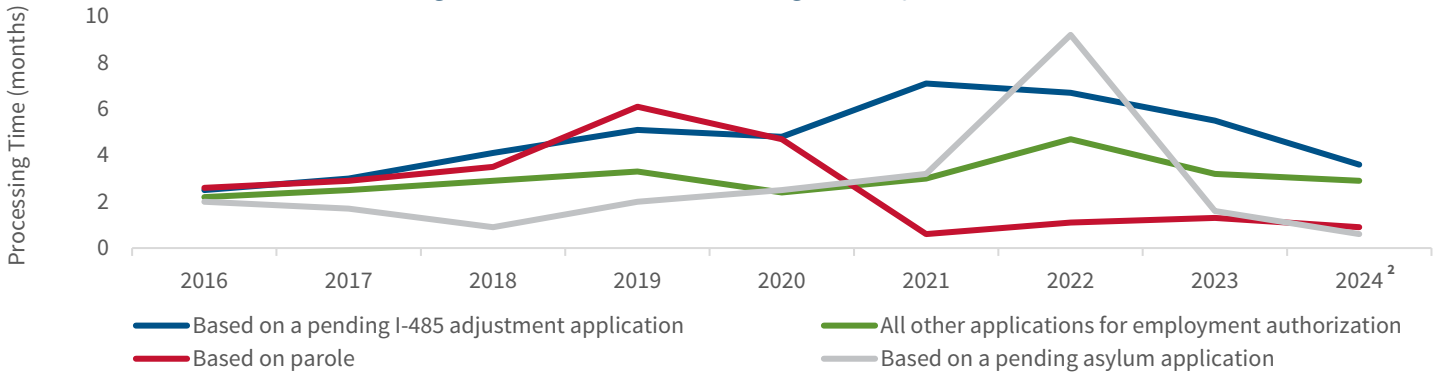
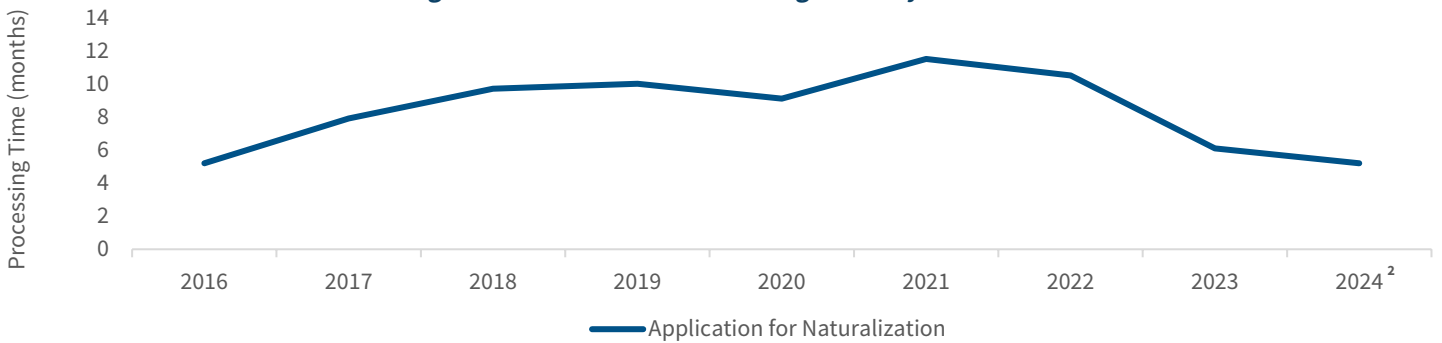


Figure 3. N-400 Median Processing Times by Fiscal Year



References:

- ¹ Form I-765 processing times listed apply to initial, renewal, and replacement filings.
- ² FY 2024 uses data from October 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024.
- ³ Form I-131, category Advanced Parole Document, includes applications for an advance parole document for individuals who are currently in the United States.
- ⁴ Form I-131, category Parole in Place, parole requests for spouses, children, and parents of active duty members and veterans of the U.S. military.
- ⁵ Form I-131, category Travel Documents, includes refugee travel documents and reentry permits.
- ⁶ In FY 2022 USCIS completed approximately 403,560 Form I-90s and had a backlog of approximately 845,100 cases. In FY 2023, USCIS completed more than 1,043,000 cases and reduced the backlog by more than 50 percent to approximately 414,350 cases. Because processing times are calculated from receipt date to completion date, when older cases are completed, processing times increase.

Note(s):

- 1) Processing times may differ from previously published reports due to system updates and post-adjudicative outcomes.
- 2) Processing times are defined as the number of months it took for an application, petition, or request to be processed from receipt to completion in a given time period. Visa regressed I-485s and revoked petitions or applications are excluded. Additional information on visa retrogression can be found on our [website](#).
- 3) Historical processing times are not comparable to the processing times posted on the USCIS processing times webpage for certain form types due to different methodologies (for example, cycle time methodology versus processing time methodology). For more information, visit the [Case Processing Times webpage](#).
- 4) The federal fiscal year is from October 1st through September 30th.

Source(s):

- 1) Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, USCIS Electronic Immigration System (ELIS), C3 Consolidated, C4 Consolidated, INFAC, queried February 2024.