

BOARD WAIT-TIME DISTRIBUTION

Median and middle-half wait among published AMA Board decisions with calculable dates.



SOURCE
RateMyVSO BVA corpus

GENERATED
2026-07-27

COVERAGE
1,232,839 decisions with wait data

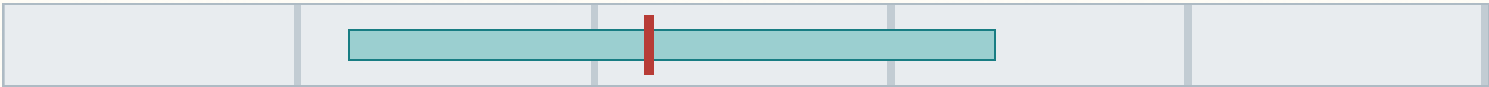
REVIEW FIRST

This research measures completed published Board decisions. It is not the same as VA's pending-inventory age, operational goal, or average completion measure.

DISTRIBUTION | MIDDLE 50 PERCENT

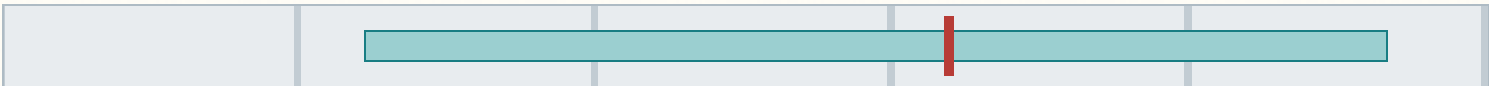
WAIT FROM APPEAL DATE TO BOARD DECISION

Direct Review
n = 81,746 decisions



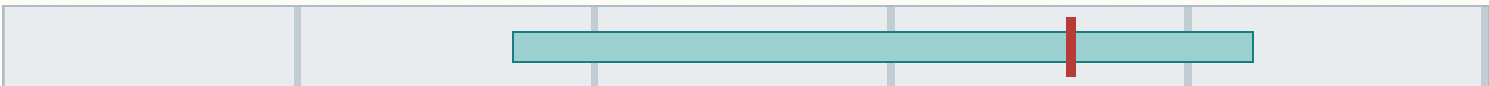
21.7 mo median

Hearing
n = 35,143 decisions



31.8 mo median

Evidence Submission
n = 29,833 decisions



35.9 mo median

Teal band: 25th to 75th percentile. Red marker: median. Axis ceiling: 50 months. Printed values are authoritative.

COVERAGE | RESEARCH POPULATION

WHAT THE DATASET CONTAINS

342,580

AMA decisions

Published decisions with calculable wait

20.4

AMA median months

All AMA dockets combined

100%

AMA wait coverage

Rows with calculable wait in this artifact

LIMITS | READ BEFORE COMPARING

WHY DOCKET MEDIANS DO NOT RANK LEGAL STRATEGY

CASE

Different case mix

Dockets differ in evidence needs, hearings, issue types, representation, remands, and filing periods.

DONE

Completed cases only

Pending appeals are not part of a completed-decision wait distribution.

PUB

Published decisions

The research describes decisions available in the published Board corpus.

DISTRIBUTION, NOT PROMISE

The median splits this historical published-decision population in half. It does not establish the wait for an appeal filed today.

