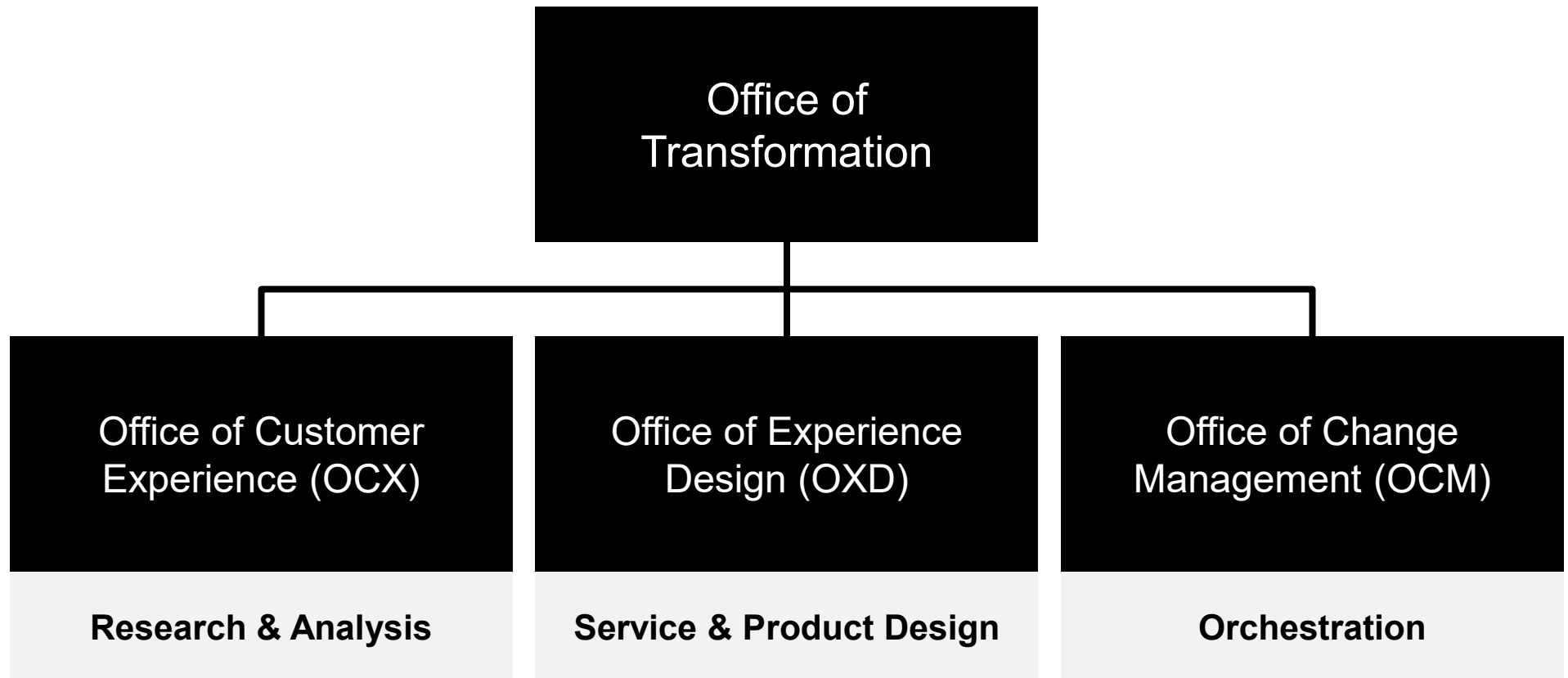

Social Security Administration Transition Briefing

Office of Transformation (OT)

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Social Security 101

We provide financial protection for individuals and their families against disability, old age, and loss of life.

Our business by customer type:

SSN Holder
Solutions

Employer
Solutions

Claimant
Solutions

Beneficiary
Solutions

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Primary customers

- Citizens by birth/adoption
- Citizens by naturalization
- Non-citizens, primarily those eligible for work

Value of SSN

- Used by SSA to associate eligibility for and distribute benefits
- Used by employers to determine eligibility to work in U.S.
- Used by SSN holders to interact with financial, health, and government organizations

Key customer journeys

- Getting SSN for first time (parents or adults)
- Updating their SSN record (e.g. name change)
- Replacing their SSN card

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Primary customers

- HR professionals at businesses
- Payroll professionals

Key customer journeys

- Hiring a new employee
- Reporting federal tax withholding for employees

Value created

- Establishes individual **earnings record** ...
- Earn credits for annual quarters of work
- Typically require 40 credits to be eligible for benefits

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Primary customers

- Individual experiencing a disability
- Individual approaching age 62 or older
- Household experiencing death of wage earner

Key customer journeys

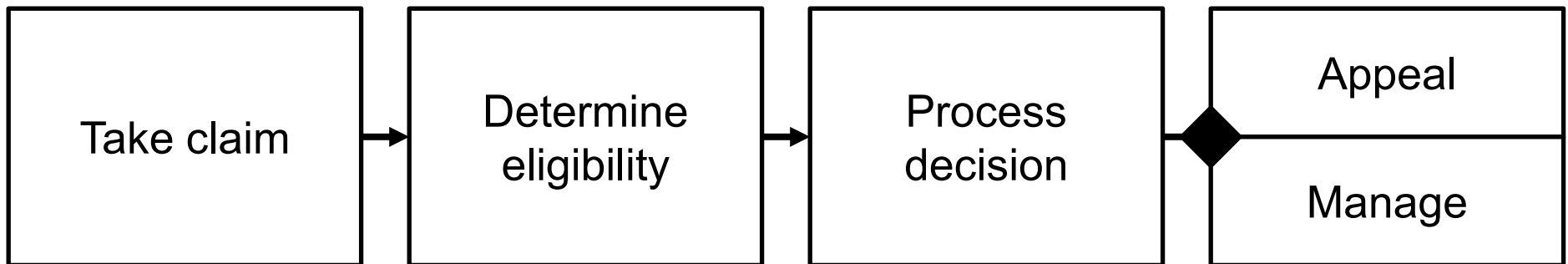
- Applying for benefits (one or more claims)
- Appealing a denial or claim decision

Key concepts

- We support **multiple** benefit programs: Retirement, Disability, Survivors, Family, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Medicare
- We evaluate every applicant for ALL programs

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The basic claims process:



We evaluate:

- Technical criteria
- Medical criteria
- Financial criteria

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| Child born with or develops disabling condition before age 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Supplemental Security Income |
| Adult becomes unable to work due to disabling condition or terminal illness | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Disability benefits▪ Family benefits▪ Supplemental Security Income |
| Adult with dependents dies | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Survivor benefits▪ Supplemental Security Income▪ Lump sum death payment |
| Adult attains age 62-70 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Retirement benefits, Medicare▪ Disability benefits▪ Supplemental Security Income |
| Spouse dies at age 62+ | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Spouse/Family benefits▪ Lump sum death payment |

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Primary customers

- Anyone receiving payments
- Anyone receiving Medicare
- ... and those who support them

Key customer journeys

- Managing monthly payments
- Updating contact or payment information
- Filing annual taxes (1099/1042s)
- (Conducting disability review)
- (Reporting income) ... and many more

Takeaway

- About 70 million customers receiving benefits/payments
- Repeat customers!

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Adoption | Approach age 65 | Approach age 70 | Approach retirement age | Attain age 18 | Bankruptcy |
| Birth | Change in ability to manage | Citizenship change | Contact info change | Death or survivorship | Disability |
| Document for gov ID | Employment change | Expatriate | File income tax | Fraud or identity theft | Guardianship |
| Health insurance change | Immigration change | Incarceration change | Income change | Institution or hospital stay | Loss from disaster |
| Marital status change | Name change | Payment or bank info change | Residence circumstance change | Resource change | 27 life events |

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Those **27 life events** translate into **140 customer tasks**:

Online
230M visitors

26% (36 out of 140) customer tasks can be completed online

Call Center
79M callers

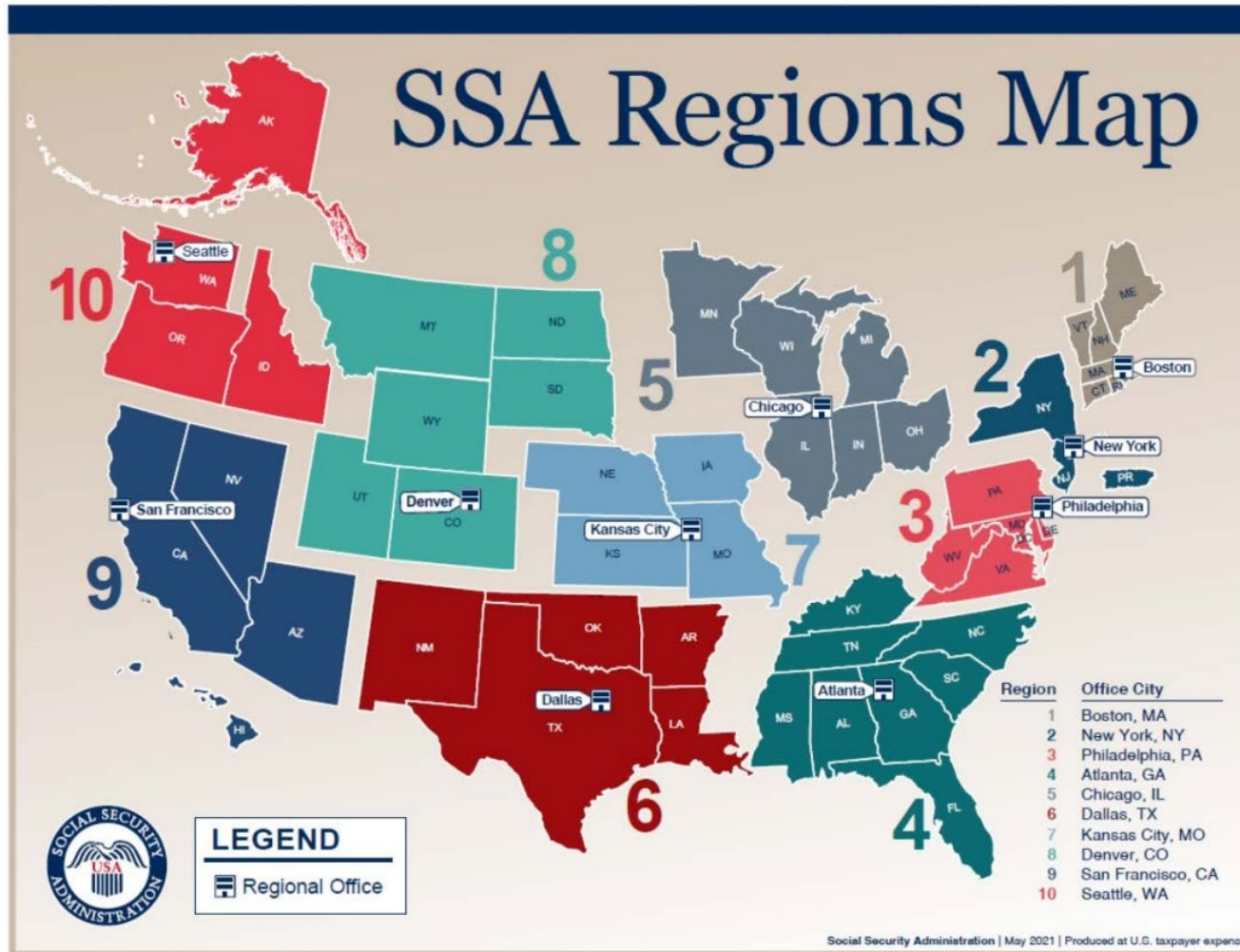
5% (7 out of 140) customer tasks can be completed in IVR
24% (33 out of 140) tasks can be completed by agents

Offices
57M callers
30M visitors

47% (66 out of 140) tasks can be completed by phones
91% (128 out of 140) tasks can be completed in-person

Office of Operations (DCO)

Office of Operations (DCO) - Regions



Office of Operations (DCO) – Major Components

Operations consists of approximately 41,000 employees dispersed across the country and includes:

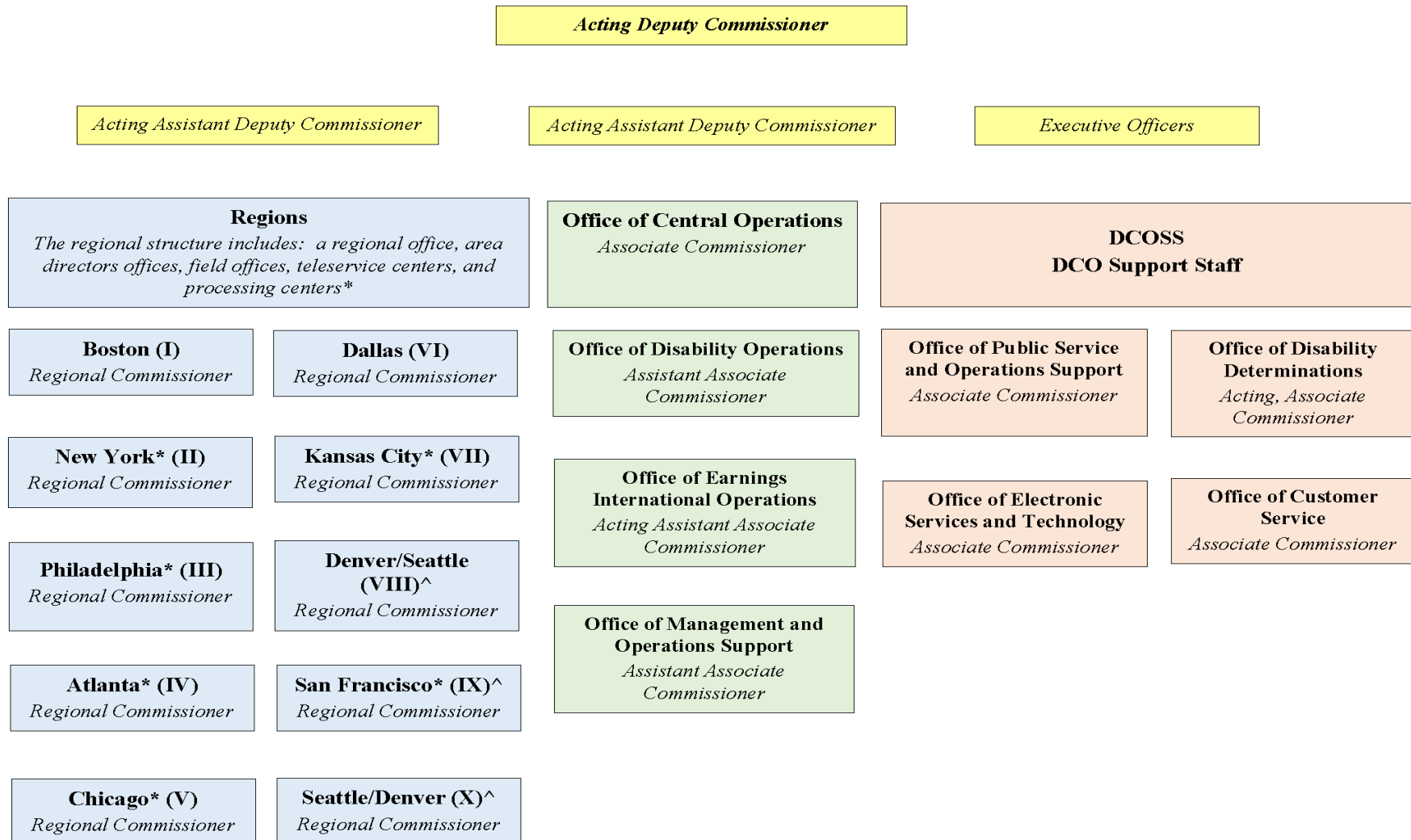
- *1,224 field offices
- *23 teleservice centers
- *51 area director offices
- *4 headquarters support offices
- *7 Social Security Card Centers
- *8 processing centers
- *15 workload support units
- *10 regional offices

Also:

- 21 Federal benefit offices around the world.
- Approximately 14,500 State employees who work in 52 disability determination service (DDS) offices responsible for making disability decisions on disability applications below the hearings level.

Office of Operations (DCO) – Org Chart

Office of Operations Organizational Structure



^The Denver/San Francisco/Seattle regions are operating as one region under one leadership structure.

Office of Operations (DCO) – Key Initiatives

- Mail Centralization Digitization (MCD)
- Appointment Focused Service
- Training

Office of Operations (DCO) – Challenges

- Initial Disability Claims Backlog
- Budget Environment
- Modernizing our IT Systems and Business Process
 - ESS
 - ECC
 - Document Management
- Employee Morale/Retention

Office of Operations (DCO) – Opportunities

- Enterprise Contact Center Solution (ECC) & AWS Expansion
- Increasing Self Service Options

Office of Operations (DCO) – Operating Plan

DCO Operating Plan – FY 2025 GOALS

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Disability Claims Goal | RSHI Timeliness Goal |
| Phone Service Goal – National 800# | Initial Claims Appointments Goal |
| Phone Service Goal – Field | Hearings Workload Goal |
| PC Pending, AERO, & BRI Goal | Stewardship Goal |

DCO Operating Plan – FY 2024-2025 Two-Year Agency Priority Goals

| | |
|---|---|
| Phone Service | By September 30, 2025, ASA less than 12 minutes (National 800#). |
| Supplemental Security Income Underpayment Processing | By September 30, 2025, complete 98 percent of SSI underpayments that have been identified as priority cases or been pending for a year or more at the beginning of FY 2024. (Volume 152,374). |

Office of Hearings Operations (OHO)

Objectives

Office of Hearings
Operations (OHO) Overview

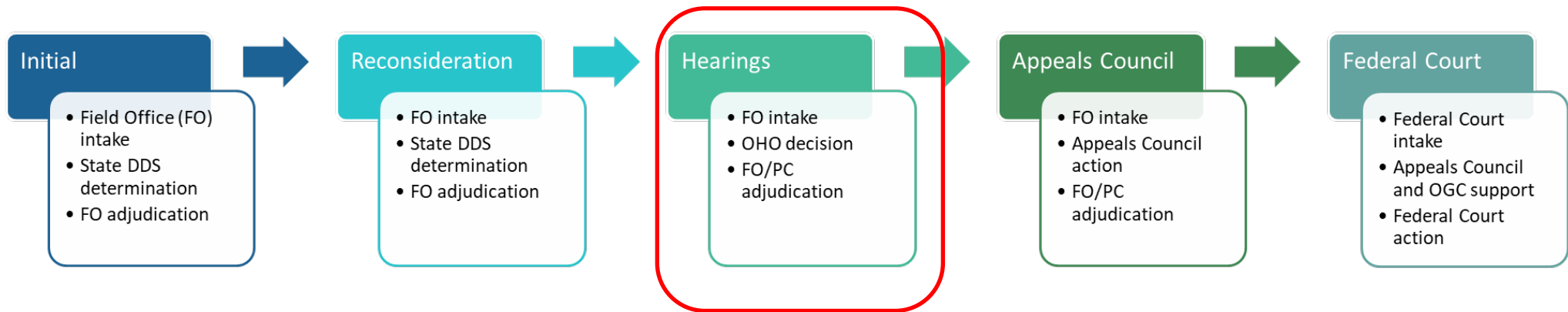
A Brief Overview of the
Disability Process

OHO State of Services

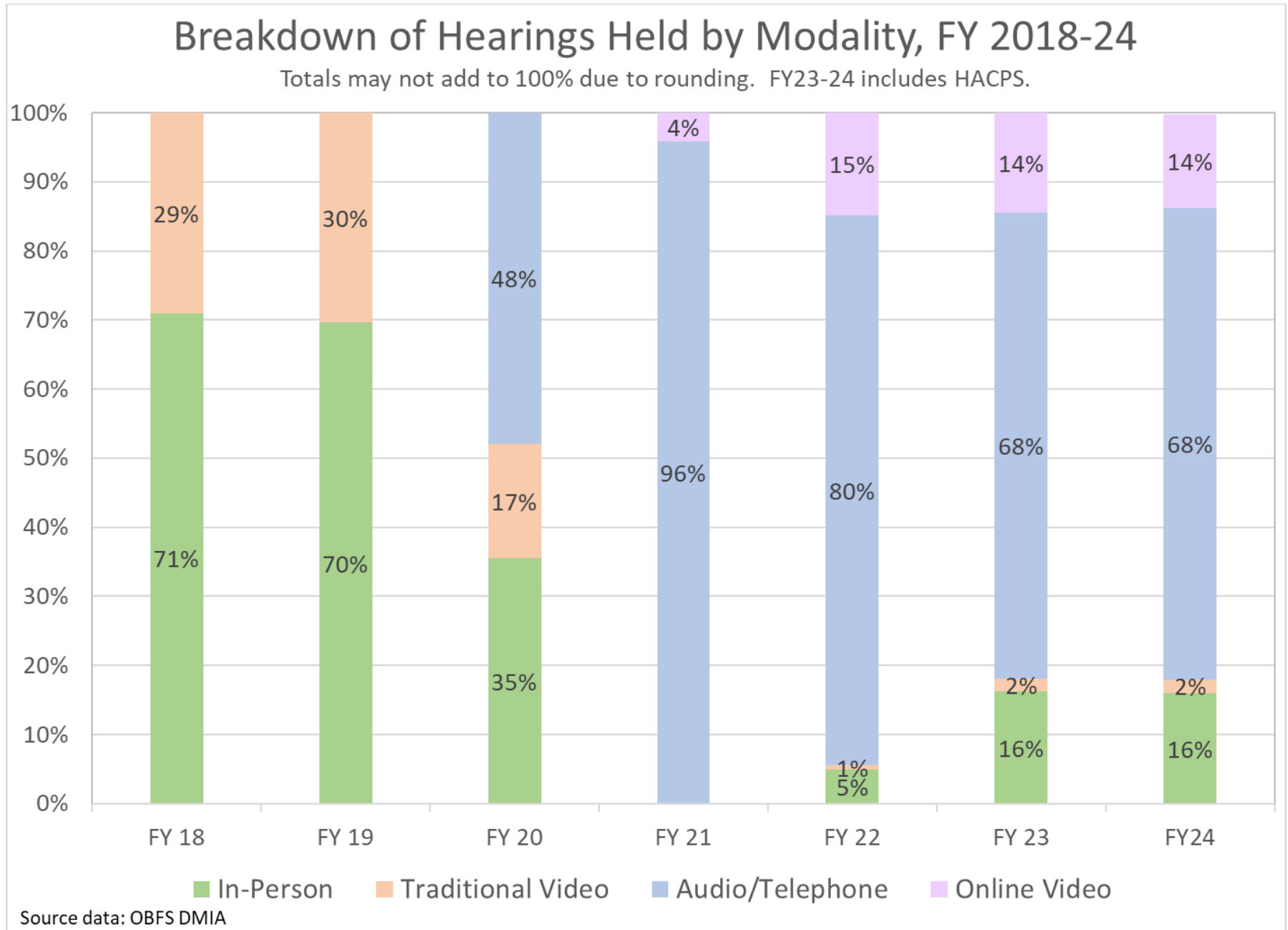
Office of Hearings Operations (OHO) Overview

- SSA's administrative appeals operation is one of the largest administrative judicial systems in the world. Under the Office of Hearings Operations (OHO), administrative law judges (ALJ) conduct hearings and issue decisions. OHO issues nearly half a million hearing dispositions each year.
- OHO currently has approximately 7,200 employees across headquarters, 10 regional offices, 161 locally based hearing offices (HO), 5 national hearings centers (NHC), and 5 national case assistance centers (NCAC) that provide support and direct service to claimants seeking appeal under SSA's hearings process.

Brief Overview of the Disability Process



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OHO Headquarters: Washington, DC

Regional Offices 10

Hearing Offices 161

Satellite Hearing Offices 5

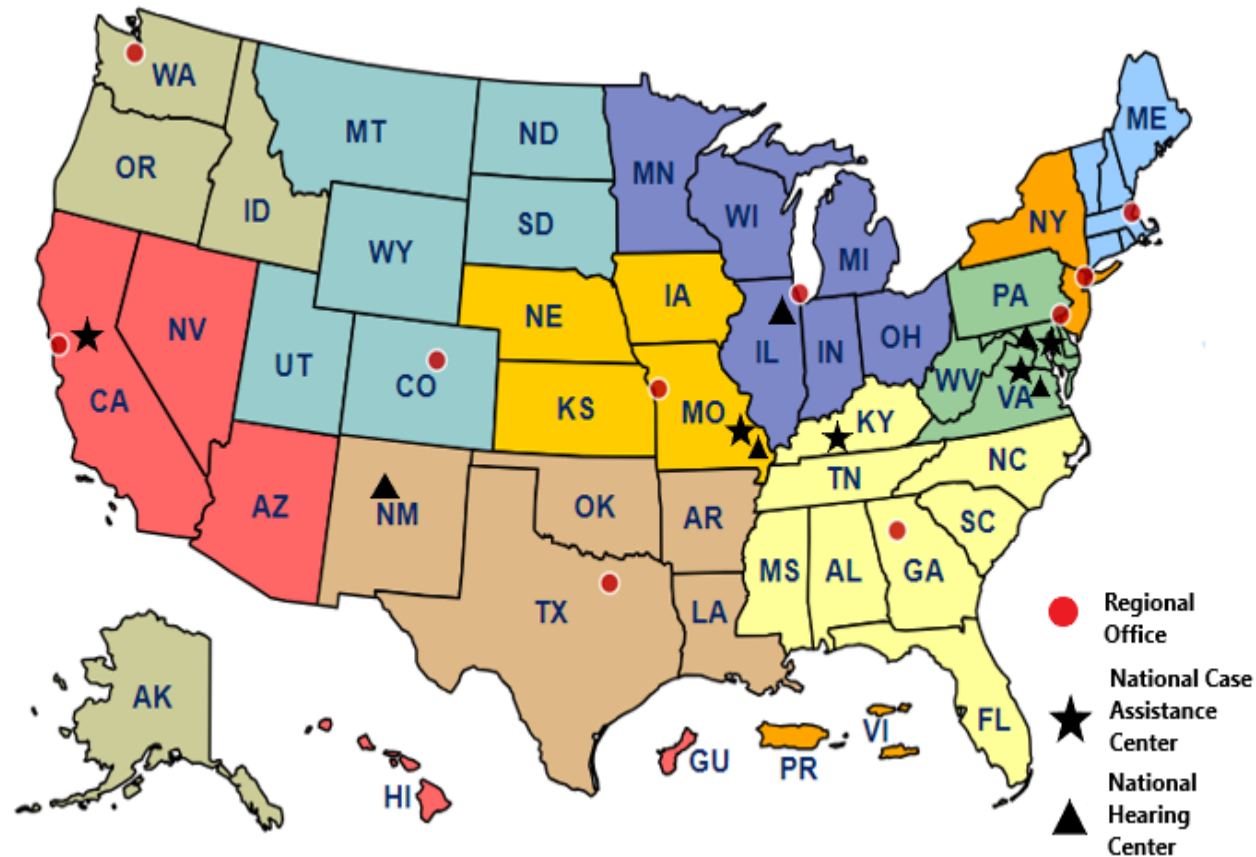
National Service Delivery Central Office 1

National Hearing Center 5

National Case Assistance Center 5

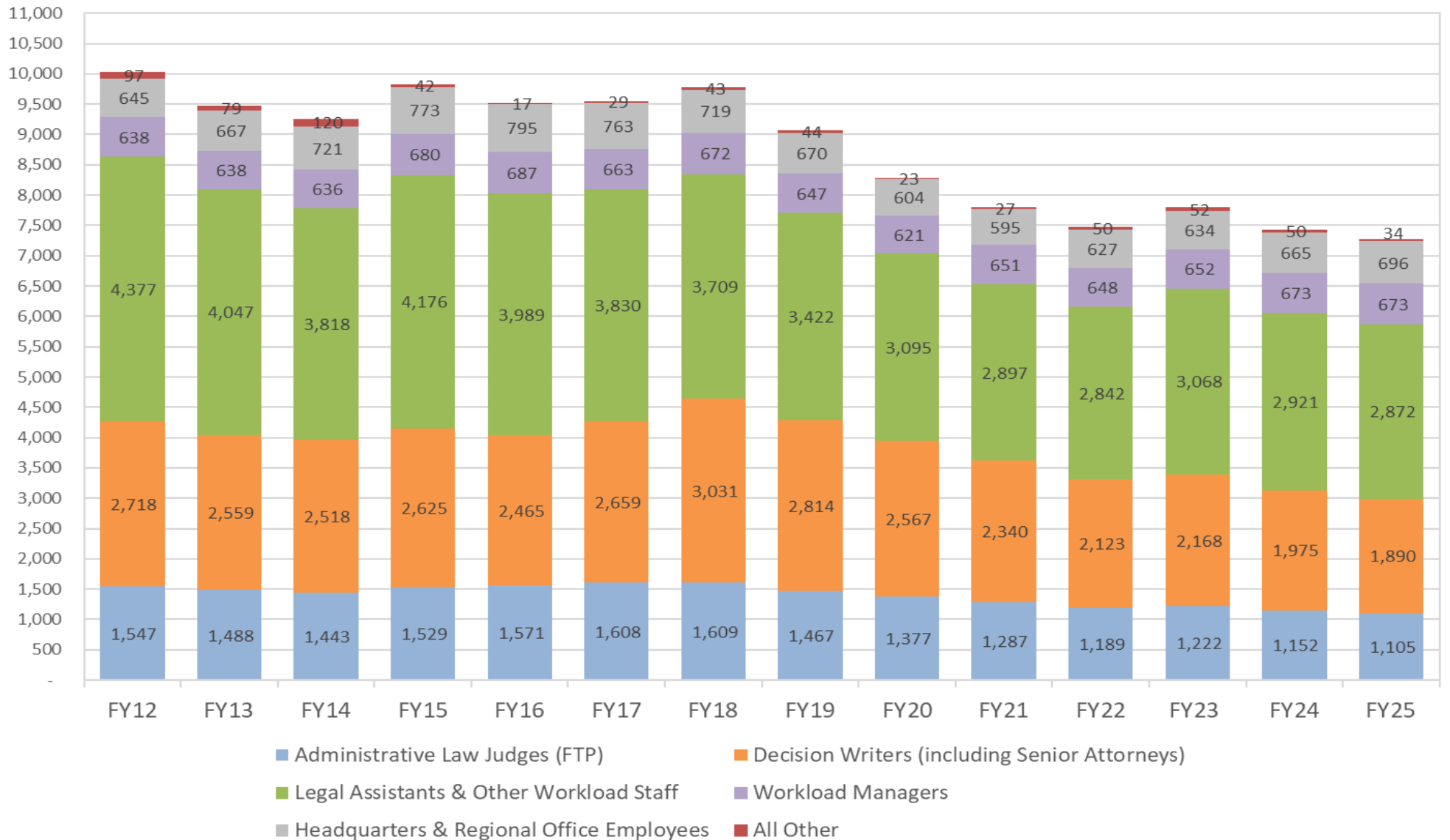
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National Adjudication Team 1

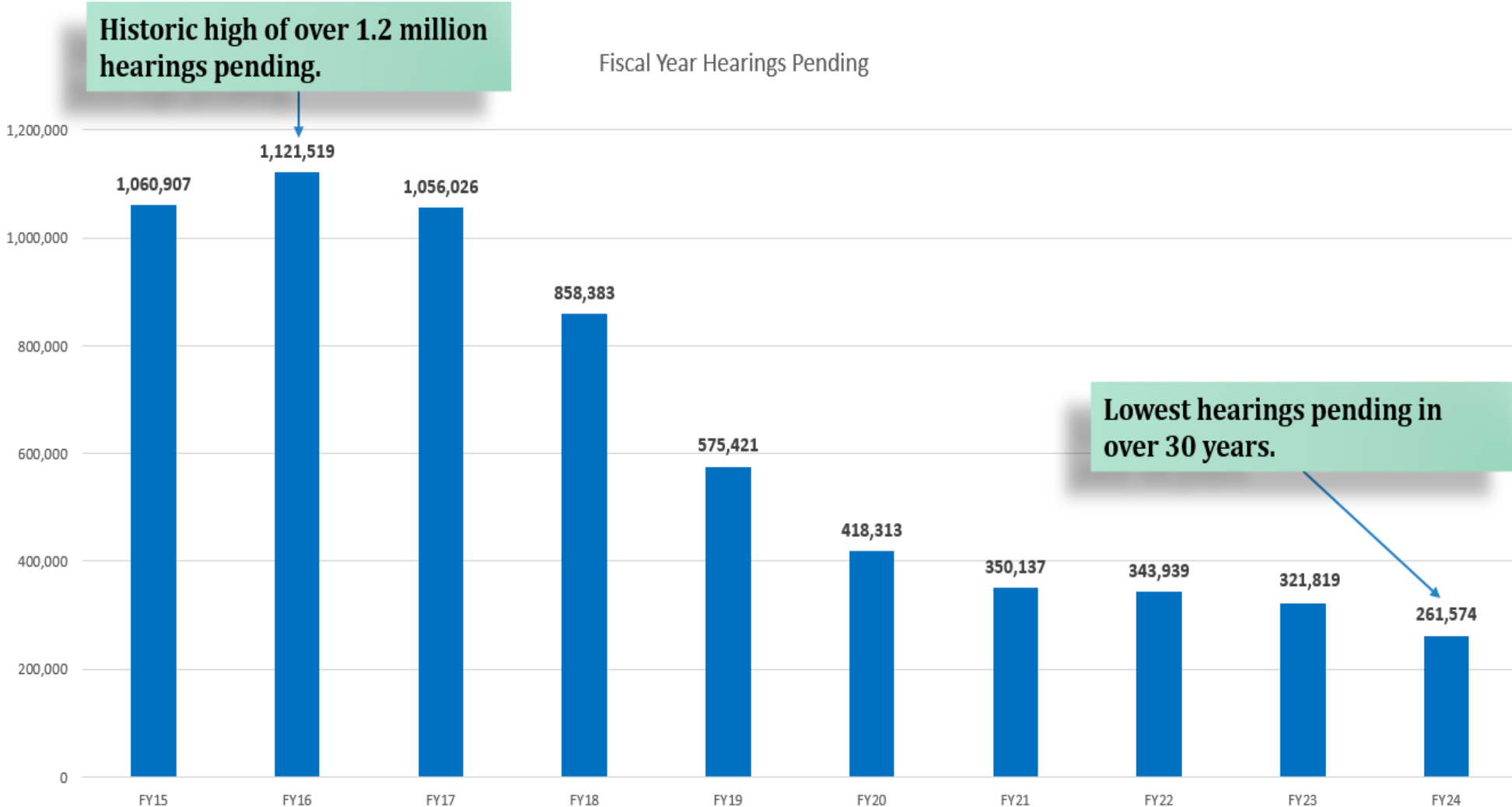


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OHO Staffing

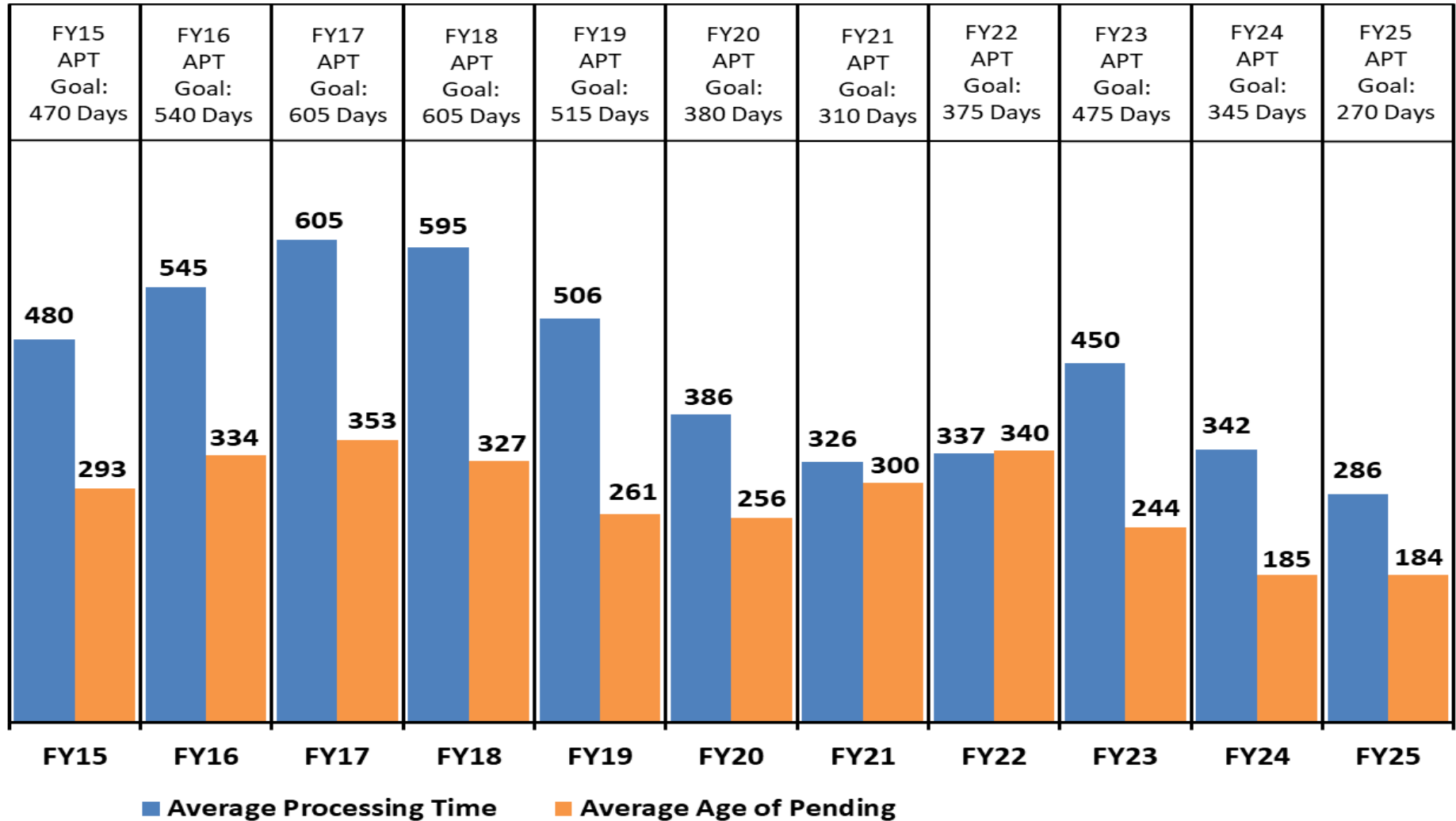


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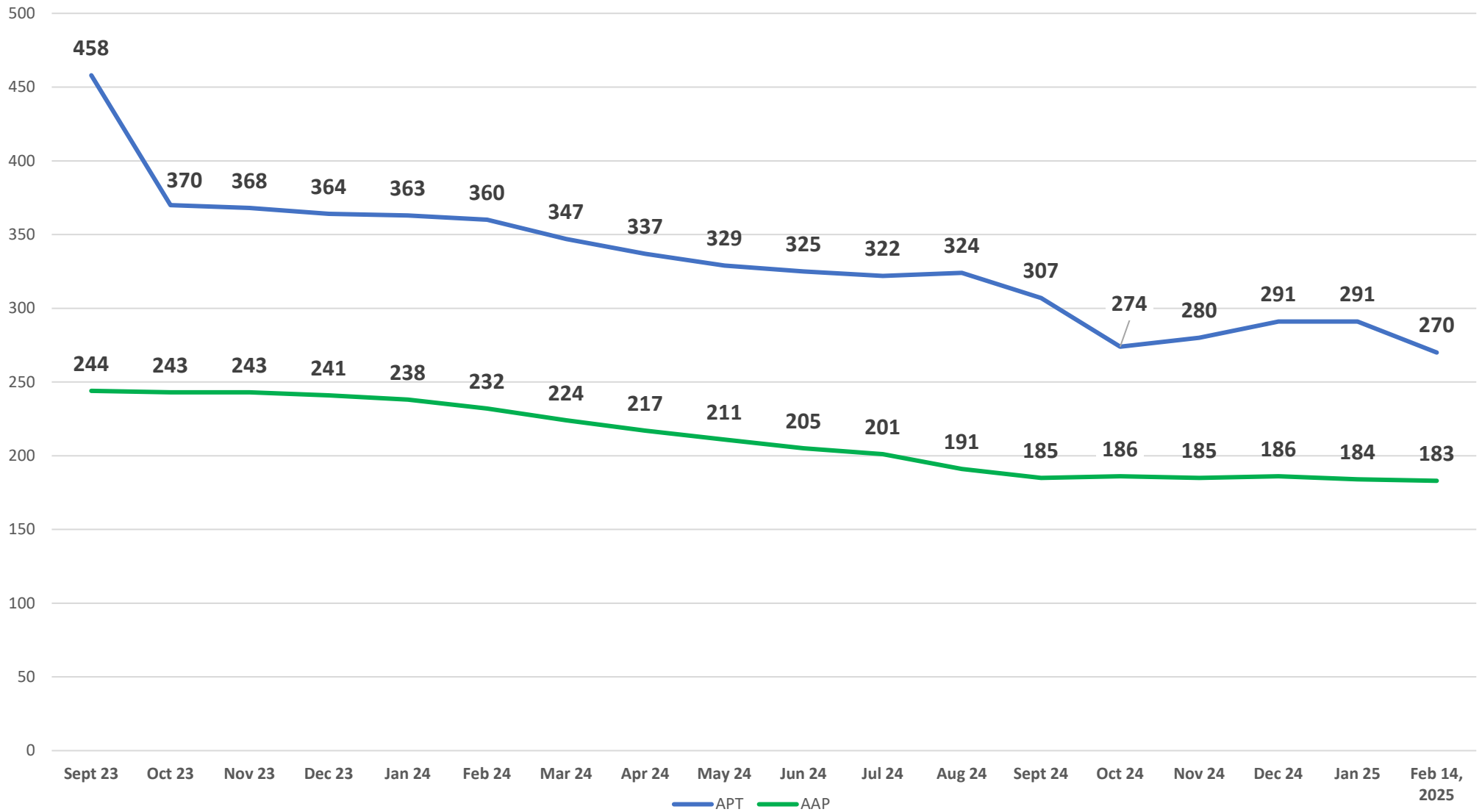
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Hearings Average Processing Time and Age of Pending FY 2015-25



OHO State of Services

Monthly Average Age of Pending (AAP) and Average Processing Time (APT); September 2023 Through February 14, 2025



Office of Analytics, Review, and Oversight (OARO)

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Office of Quality Review (OQR)

Conducts quality reviews of disability and payment decisions.

Supports agency partners by adjudicating claims.

Executes targeted studies to benchmark accuracy rates and provides data-driven recommendations to improve accuracy.

Office of Appellate Operations (OAO)

Provides claimants an appellate level review of administrative law judge decisions and dismissals.

Provides data-driven feedback to adjudicators and agency policymakers regarding the implementation of the disability adjudication process.

Office of Analytics and Improvements (OAI)

Deliver data-driven analytic insights, visualizations, and solutions to agency partners to improve agency operations.

Devise and deploy AI innovations and automations (e.g., predictive models, decision support systems).

Office of Program Integrity (OPI)

Ensures stewardship by preventing, detecting, and mitigating fraud in our program.

Identifies the root cause of improper payments, develops recommendations, and drives corrective actions.

Other Offices

Chief Data Officer – Leads data use strategy, governance, the Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW), and AI use innovation (Senior Level AI Use).

Audit Liaison Staff (ALS) – Liaison to oversight bodies, coordinates audits participation, and provides oversight of and guidance for audit recommendations.

IMPACT:

OQR DDS Quality – 90.6% threshold required on initial (currently at 95.2%)

OQR Pre Effectuation Review – 50 percent review of allowances for accuracy

OAO Insight – Inline identification of potential errors; TMF for generative AI enhancements

OAI Predictive Models – Save over \$2 billion annually; over 341 analytics products to agency partners (e.g., interactive dashboards, quick-turn data-driven answers, etc.)

OPI – Avoided losses due to fraud of approximately 100 million in FY24

CDO – Completed first ever data maturity assessment

ALS – Closed 127 audit recommendations in FY24 with an average age of 1.3 years at closure

Office of the General Counsel (OGC)

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- Deliver a full-range of legal services to the Social Security Administration, including representing the agency before Federal appellate and district courts and adjudicative administrative agencies.
- Program litigation, where we defend the agency's benefits decisions in Federal court, comprises around 70% of our attorney time.
- Personnel advice and litigation comprises 20% of our attorney time.
- Our attorneys also provide legal advice and representation on matters involving Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs, appropriations law; procurement and contracts, labor and personnel laws, data exchanges, privacy and disclosure laws, bankruptcy, fraud, and ethics.
- Under 700 employees with a \$1.6M budget plus \$60M in agency funding to cover payments due under the Equal Access to Justice Act, No Fear Act, settlement payments, and other attorney fees.

Office of Budget, Finance, and Management (OBFM)

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BFM provides leadership on key agency programs and initiatives, including administration of:

- Budget formulation, execution, and justification;
- Acquisition and grants program;
- Accounting and financial reporting;
- Internal control and enterprise risk management programs;
- Strategic planning and performance reporting;
- Facilities and logistics management; and
- Physical security, continuity of operations, and emergency preparedness.

BFM Key Results

- Accountable for \$1.5 trillion program budget and more than \$14 billion administrative budget
- Fiscal year (FY) 2024 marked the 31st consecutive year SSA received an unmodified opinion on our financial statements
- Reduced SSA's real property footprint by 3.1 million square feet since FY 2015, including reducing by over 846,000 usable square feet and saving \$18 million in lease avoidance costs in FY 2024
- Moved printing of 9 million notices to a central print vendor since FY 2022, saving \$28 million in cost avoidance and removing work from field offices
- Increased electronic repayments and processed about \$1.4 million debtor remittances in FY 2024 for over \$1 billion
- Completed nearly 5,000 contract actions for about \$2 billion and over 400 grant actions for about \$89 million in FY 2024

Office of Acquisitions and Grants (OAG)

Major Functions:

- Oversee the agency-wide acquisition and grants program, including the agency's purchase card program
- Promote competition and socioeconomic activities, including supporting small business programs and category management
- Ensure our Contracting Officers maintain their Federal Acquisition Career-Contracting certification through training and experience awarding various contracts

Key Workloads:

- Streamline Acquisition Procedures (estimated to increase timeliness of approximately 50 sole source justifications)
- Enhance Use of Category Management (award at least \$200 million in accordance with spend under management principles)
- Achieve Small Business Goals
 - Small Business: 37 percent
 - Subcontracting: 55 percent
- Award Vocational Experts Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) (approximately 650 BPAs by the end of the fiscal year)

Office of Budget (OB)

Major Functions:

- Formulate a detailed budget for the agency three times each fiscal year (FY) (i.e., Commissioner's Budget, President's Budget, and Congressional Operating Plan), including specific workload and performance commitments for the Annual Performance Plan/Report
- Serve as lead liaison with House and Senate appropriations and budget committees, the Congressional Budget Office, and OMB on budget related matters and confidential technical assistance requests
- Execute the agency's program and administrative budget and prepares administrative cost estimates for enacted and proposed regulatory and legislative changes.

Key Workloads:

- Execute FY 2025 Budget to Support Priorities/Prepare Congressional Operating Plan (due 45 days after annual appropriation)
- Develop FY 2026 President's Budget and FYs 2025–2026 Annual Performance Plan (due TBD, estimated between March-May 2025)
- Develop FYs 2026-2030 Agency Strategic Plan Outline (due to OMB May 30, 2025)
- Continue Organizational Health and Performance Reporting (ongoing quarterly)

Office of Financial Policy and Operations (OFPO)

Major Functions:

- Direct the agency's benefit payment certification operations and central accounting and financial reporting activities, including coordinating the financial statement audit
- Integrate the agency's financial management systems with administrative processes
- Direct the agency's administrative payments and travel management

Key Workloads:

- Resume Treasury Offset Program (pending decision, will take at least 12 months to resume)
- Modernize Program Debt Collection (modernization of all pieces of SSA's debt management processes, including use of government-wide shared services)
- Transition to new Direct Express Financial Partner (transition to Treasury Department's new financial agent, Bank of New York)
- Prepare Financial Statements (quarterly beginning in January)
- Support Annual Financial Statement Audit (December 2024–November 2025)
- Coordinate Agency Internal Control Programs (ongoing)
- Publish Agency Financial Report (due November 17, 2025)

Office of Facilities and Logistics Management (OFLM)

Major Functions:

- Work with the General Services Administration (GSA) to support our agency's facilities nationwide to ensure effective space utilization, including major construction projects, as well as daily operations and maintenance for the HQ campus and regional delegated buildings
- Lead agency-wide priority projects, such as central print, mail centralization and digitization, and public-facing redesign plan
- Implement occupational health and safety programs to ensure employee and customer health and safety in all agency-occupied sites

Key Workloads:

- Continue Real Property Efficiency Efforts (anticipate 270,000 square feet reduction)
- Align Public-Facing Space with Current Service Models (re-examine space standards for over 1,200 public facing offices)
- Improve Notice Program and Increase Central Print Notices (anticipate nearly 200 workyear savings through central print)
- Expand Mail Centralization and Digitization (plan to centrally scan 250,000 pieces of mail, resulting in 2.25 million digitized images)
- Complete GSA Water Testing Program (completed water testing in 891 SSA buildings to date)

Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness (OSEP)

Major Functions:

- Oversee the agency's physical and protective security program, including partnering with the Federal Protective Service to protect our facilities, employees, and visitors nationwide
- Manage the agency's parking and credentialing operations
- Coordinate the agency's continuity of operations program, as well as manages the incident command center, coordinates communications during emergencies, and oversees the agency's occupant emergency program

Key Workloads:

- Oversee Participation in Continuity of Operations Exercise (Eagle Horizon - June or July 2025)
- Implement Executive Order 14111, Interagency Security Committee (complete full verification of the agency portfolio in FY 2025)
- Pursue the Protective Security Officer Policy/Statistical Model (consistency in physical security service across the enterprise)

Office of Human Resources (OHR)

Office of Human Resources: Mission/Purpose

- We recruit, hire, develop, motivate, and support employees through all stages of their career.
- We collaborate across the agency to advise and support managers and supervisors.
- We equip employees with the necessary HR tools, processes, and knowledge to accomplish SSA's mission.

Office the Deputy Commissioner

- Lead the overall HR mission of the agency.
- Supervise the major components of OHR and direct service support to the Agency's executive personnel activities and other high-level special categories.

Office of Executive and Special Services

- Develop and implement all SSA policies and activities relating to the Agency's executive level personnel management program.
- Recruit for and place individuals in positions in the Senior Executive Service (SES) and Senior Professionals (SL/ST) in accordance with OPM regulations.
- Provide staff support to the Executive Resources Board in administering a systematic program to manage SSA's executive and professional resources and ensuring the appropriate selection of candidates to participate in executive development programs.
- Provide staff support to the Performance Review Board in reviewing performance plan and subsequent appraisals of career and non-career executives in SES, SL/ST, and employees in equivalent levels positions.

Office of Personnel

- Direct a comprehensive personnel management program that develops, implements, and maintains fully integrated and coordinated personnel policies and procedures responsive to the needs of SSA.
- Conduct personnel management and performance evaluations and manage HR delegations of authority.
- Manage recruitment and placement, employee recognition, personnel security and suitability for employees and contractors, employee pay and benefits including health, transit subsidy, workers' compensation, and retirement, position classification and organization management, employee assistance services including counseling, and work life services.
- Provide transactional staffing and benefit services to all SSA headquarters employees, Administrative Law Judges nationwide, the Office of the Inspector General, Office of General Counsel, and Office of Analytics Review and Oversight.

Office of Labor Management and Employee Relations

- Carry out the labor and employee relations (LR/ER) mission of the agency including the national relationships with SSA's three labor partners: the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU), and the International Federation of Technical and Professional Engineers-Association of Administrative Law Judges (IFPTEAALJ).
- Manage the agencywide LR/ER programs, including direct service to all headquarters components and providing oversight for LR/ER activities conducted by staff within the Office of Operations and Office of Hearings Operations.
- Represent the Agency before third parties like the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA), Federal Service Impasses Panel (FSIP), and other external stakeholders.

Office of Operational Human Resources Services

- Provide nationwide staffing, benefits, and suitability services for over 47k agency employees (80% of SSA staff) in Operations, Office of Central Operations, and Office of Hearings Operations.
- Communicate updates with employees, managers, and stakeholders (e.g., policy changes, procedures), and advise individual customers on personnel programs and policies.
- Develop, deliver, and maintain a repository of training on recruitment, hiring actions, benefits, etc.
- Conduct internal audits to measure and satisfy regulatory requirements delegated to SSA by OPM, maintain proficiency and certification for delegated examining functions, and track internal processes for consistency and quality.

Office of Strategy, Learning, and Workforce Development

- Manage the agency's strategic workforce planning and talent development services to support and maintain SSA's high-performing workforce.
- Identify, design, deliver, and evaluate workforce development solutions through workforce analytics, assess training needs and outcomes, and adult-based and curriculum-based learning, as well as establishing talent management tools and workforce development governance with a focus on customer needs.

Office of Information Technology for Human Resources

- Design, develop, and execute major aspects of systems planning and operations for OHR. The Office serves as point of contact for equipment, software, and operational IT problems and needs within DCHR.
- Oversee OHR's IT security plans, operations, and direct and manage the IT budget and investments for DCHR.
- Manage the internal applications development process, including assessing user needs, developing system pilots, designing system framework, testing systems, administering database infrastructure, provide training artifacts, and evaluating overall system performance.

Key Initiatives

Time and Attendance Migration

- SSA is replacing the legacy webTA software with GovTA to ensure continuity in payroll processing and improve usability. Implementation is planned for April 2026 but may be subject to acceleration. This migration is critical as the current system has reached its end-of-life. New software will ensure the continuity of payroll processing and improve employee usability.

Top Challenges

Onboarding

- Governmentwide focus on onboarding efficiency is increasing. The SSA onboarding process involves multiple steps and handoffs across components, including suitability screening, credentialing, IT provisioning, and employee orientation. Currently, there is no system to track the process end-to-end, limiting visibility and efficiency. SSA is collaborating with internal partners to enhance tracking and streamline onboarding

Opportunities

Workforce Data and Analytics

- SSA is expanding data analytics capabilities to meet growing demand for workforce insights.
- New tools, such as the Strategic Workforce Analysis Tool (SWAT), provide components with self-service access to workforce planning and analytical data.
- Custom analytics now incorporate geospatial information, and SSA has enhanced its review of Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey data to better inform strategic decision-making.
- Quarterly HR STAT sessions with agency leadership promote actionable use of HR data and further component-level analyses.

Opportunities

Office Restructuring

- OHR is realigning HR functions previously housed within operational components, consolidating staffing, payroll, classification, benefits, and suitability under a centralized model.
- This restructuring aims to increase efficiency, streamline processes, and implement best practices.
- Anticipated benefits include enhanced oversight, reduced redundancy, improved decision-making, and better alignment with agency goals.

Partners

| Partners | |
|--|--|
| OHR's Customers | Union Partners |
| Union Management Cooperation Councils (UMCC) | Office of Personnel Management (OPM) |
| Department of the Interior (DOI) | Department of Defense (DOD) |
| Chief Human Capital Operating (CHCO) Council | Executive Review Board (ERB) |
| Performance Review Board (PRB) | Workforce Planning Governance Board (WPGB) |

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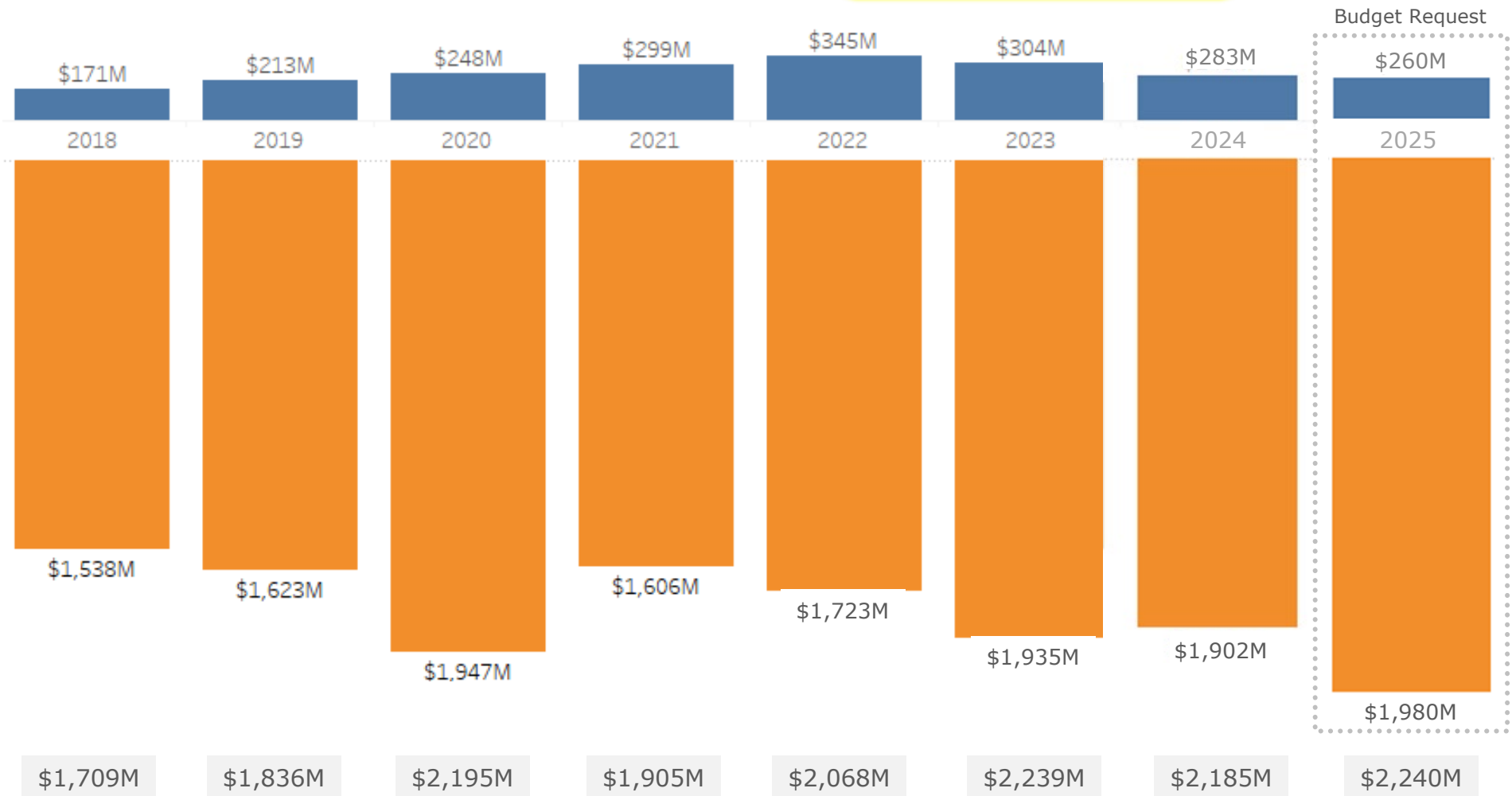
- **Responsibility:** IT Budget/Investments, Architecture, Infrastructure, Cybersecurity, IT applications, Data Management, Technology Innovation, Data Centers, and IT Governance
- **FY24 Support**
 - 1,400 Locations
 - 228 Million SSA.gov visitors
 - Over 90,000 end user devices and 5,000 mobile devices
 - 17,000+ compute devices (virtual machines)
- **Enterprise Availability of 99.5%**
 - 417 Million Transaction Daily
 - 224 Million average cloud transactions
 - Storage capacity: 226 Petabytes with 20 Cloud Petabytes

Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)

- **Vision** - We envision a future where customers have easy access to social security programs and services, where data informs our innovations and improves decision-making, and where our agency leads in digital transformation, setting a standard for excellence in federal government.
- **Mission** - Our mission is to use innovative technology and data strategically to meet customer needs, foster collaboration and continuous improvement, and create a resilient digital infrastructure that empowers our workforce, enhances lives, and promotes transparency, efficiency, security, and accessibility

Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)

IT Spending: Grow and Transform vs **Maintain and Run**



Cost Drivers

- **Unfunded** regulatory mandates
- **Cyber Security**- threat mitigation, vulnerability management
- Increased fixed cost (**inflation**)
- **Increase** in beneficiaries
- **New** business needs
- **Cloud** costs
- Capability **Duplication**
- Increasing technology support/maintenance (**Legacy**)



Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)

- **FY25 Key Investments**
 - Benefits Modernization
 - National Case Processing System (NCPS)
 - Analytics and Disability Decision Support (ADDS) – IMAGEN
 - Digital Notifications
 - Enterprise Contact Center
 - Technician Experience
 - Online Experience
 - Upload Documents/eSignature
- **Key Initiatives**
 - Cybersecurity
 - Target Architecture

Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)

- **Top Challenges**

- Technical Debt
- Budget
- Talent Retention
- Fraud Prevention
- Cybersecurity
- Digital Identity

- **Promising Opportunities**

- Improved Investment and Performance Monitoring
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Modern Online Services

Office of Retirement and Disability Policy (ORDP)

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- 450 Staff in five AC components:
 - Office of Disability Policy (ODP)
 - Office of Income Security Programs (OISP)
 - Office of Data Exchange, Policy Publications, and International Negotiations (ODEPPIN)
 - Office of Research, Demonstration, and Employment Support (ORDES)
 - Office of Research, Evaluation and Statistics (ORES)
- **Key Issues:**
 - Social Security Fairness Act (SSFA)
 - Payroll Information Exchange (PIE)
 - Data Exchanges
 - Health Information Technology (HIT)
 - 21st Century PolicyNet
 - E-Verify

Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs (OLCA)

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WHAT WE DO: Manage most legislative, congressional, and regulatory activity in SSA. Responsibilities:

- Preparing SSA officials to testify before Congress
- Informing SSA leaders and staff about Congressional action related to Social Security
- Coordinating the development of legislation to improve SSA programs
- Responding to Congressional casework, letters, and briefings requests
- Developing SSA's regulations, rulings, and Federal Register Notices
- Managing Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for SSA's public facing forms

Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs (OLCA)

How does OLCA measure performance? Satisfied customers (Congress, agency stakeholders, OMB, etc.) are the best measure of our performance. We plan to explore ways to measure customer satisfaction. Below is data on OLCA workloads:

| OLCA Workload Highlights | FY 19 | FY 20 | FY 21 | FY 22 | FY 23 | FY 24 |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Hill Requests | | | | | | |
| Congressional casework completed | 10,149 | 9,064 | 8,299 | 7,392 | 6,934 | 6,191 |
| Information requests (data and program inquiries) | | 350 | 197 | 317 | 108 | 87 |
| Congressional briefings, meetings, and calls | 118 | 92 | 101 | 84 | 75 | 99 |
| Congressional Priority Correspondence (CPCs) | 50 | 60 | 41 | 36 | 26 | 43 |
| Technical assistance for draft bill language | | 95 | 60 | 70 | 62 | 66 |
| Legislative Bulletins issued / Legislative Summaries | 8 | 12 | 14 | 6 / 6 | 5 / 7 | 4/2 |
| Congressional Update Newsletter | N/A | 1 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| Hearings | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 8 |
| Reports clearance and regulations | | | | | | |
| Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) clearances | | 27 | 27 | 26 | 164 | 164 |
| Regulations published | 14 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 9 |
| Agency and OMB Requests | | | | | | |
| Inter-component/inter-agency reviews (audits, Legislative Referral Memoranda, etc) | 243 | 625 | 430 | 371 | 724 | 637 |

Office of Communications (OCOMM)

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner with Press Office

Office of Public Inquiries and Communications Support

- Responds to written inquiries to Commissioner, other, and referred from White House.
- Provides accessible communications (captioning / audio publications).
- Provides agency translation services.
- Agency Initiatives:
 - Limited English Proficiency.
 - Plain Language.
 - Social Security Statement.

Office of Communications (OCOMM)

Office of Strategic and Digital Communications

- Leads strategic marketing and planning.
- Develops internal and external communications products.
- Coordinates non-media communications with regional and local public affairs.
- Directs social media development and engagement.
- Liaises with national organizations.
- Advances intergovernmental affairs, including State and local governments.
- Conducts outreach to specialized audiences.
- Creates video, photography, and graphics.
- Performs agency web design, development, and administration of certain webpages.

Office of the Chief Actuary (OCACT)

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Overview

- Performs actuarial estimates and analyses for the Social Security (OASDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs and for any proposed changes in those programs.
- Provides technical and consultative services to the Commissioner, agency staff, Congressional staff, and the Social Security Board of Trustees, among others.

Office of the Chief Actuary (OCACT)

Key Workloads

| Name | Overview |
|---|---|
| Social Security Trustees Report | Annual report on the actuarial status of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds, with projections extending 75 years into the future. Policymakers, legislators, and the general public rely on this report for the financial status of the program and use it as a baseline for possible legislation or other changes to the programs. |
| Annual Report on the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program | Provide 25-year projections of Federal SSI payments, as well as a comprehensive overview of the SSI program and select data on program participation. Policymakers, legislators, and the general public rely on this report for the projections of payments under this program and use it as a baseline for possible legislation or other changes to the program. |
| Estimates of Legislative Proposals to Change the Social Security Program | Develop detailed letters and memoranda analyzing the financial effects of proposed changes to the Social Security program. Some of these proposals are intended to ensure the long-range solvency of the program, while others focus on narrower aspects of program rules. These analyses are typically requested by members of Congress or the Administration. |
| Estimates of Proposed Regulatory Changes to the Social Security and SSI Programs | Develop detailed memoranda analyzing the changes in program cost of proposed changes to the Social Security and SSI programs. These analyses are typically requested by the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioners, and the Office of Management and Budget. |

Office of the Chief Actuary (OCACT)

Focus on: Trustees Report and Solvency

- The Commissioner of Social Security is one of four members of the Social Security and Medicare Boards of Trustees, along with the Secretaries of Treasury (managing Trustee), HHS, and Labor.
- The Social Security Act requires that the Board of Trustees, among other duties, report annually to the Congress on the actuarial status and financial operations of the OASI and DI Trust Funds.
- OCACT provides expert input to the process each year, including making recommendations, and preparing the demographic, economic, beneficiary, and cost projections required for the report.
- The Board of Trustees is scheduled to release the annual report in spring 2025. You can read the 2024 Trustees Report [here](#).

Office of the Chief Actuary (OCACT)

Focus on: Trustees Report and Solvency

- The estimates in the 2024 Trustees Report show that the combined Social Security trust funds will become depleted in 2035.
- If Congress does not enact legislative change by then, scheduled tax revenues will be sufficient to pay only about three-fourths of the scheduled benefits.
- Policymakers have developed numerous proposals and options that have financial effects on the Social Security Trust Funds with the intent of addressing the long-range solvency problem.
- OCACT has prepared detailed actuarial analysis for many of these proposals, including the estimated effect on the financial status of the Social Security program. A complete list of the proposals scored is available [here](#).

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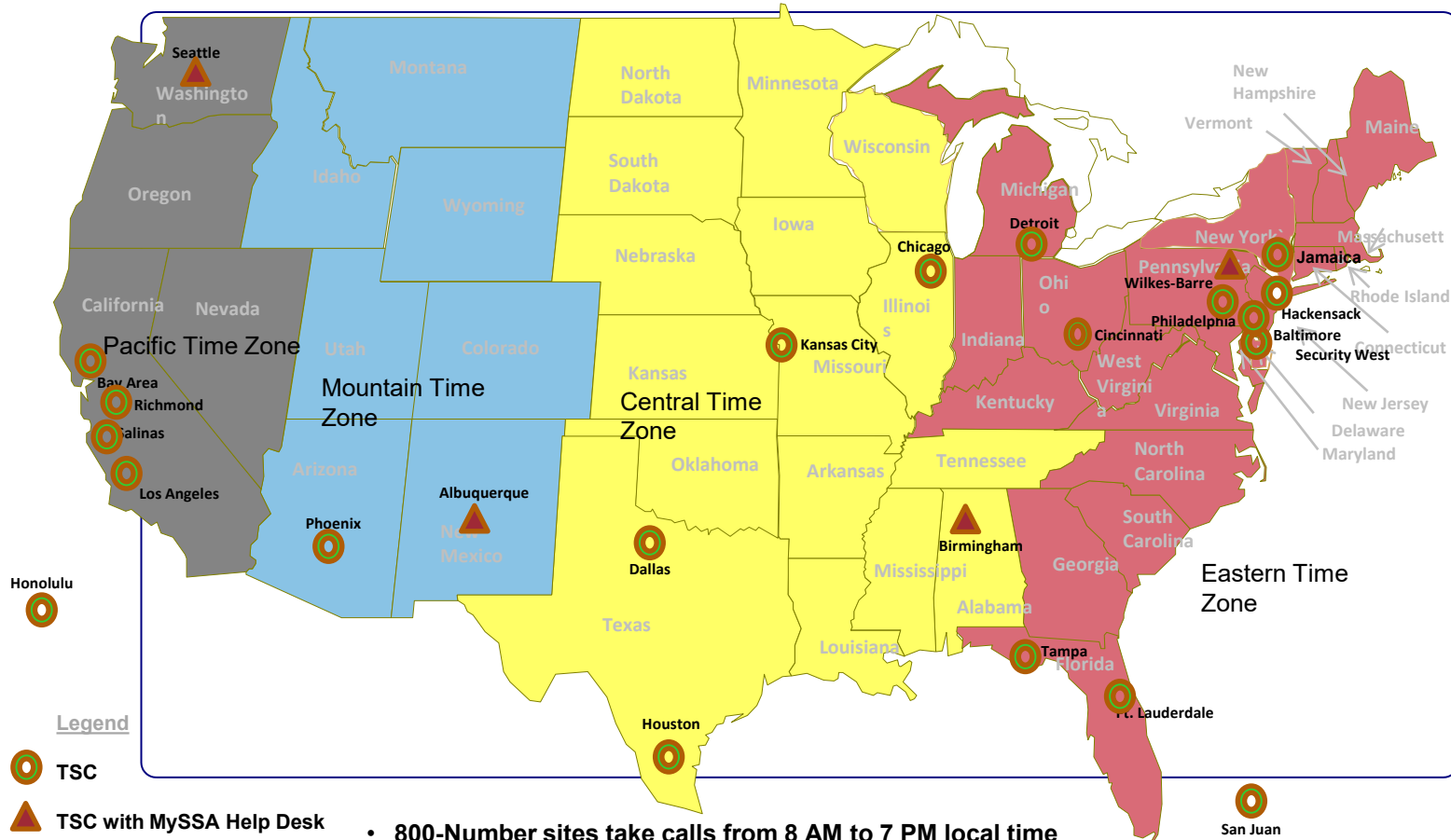
- Mission/Purpose
- Major Functions
- Key Initiatives
- Opportunities
- Stakeholders

Telephone Strategy

National 800 Number

TSC Sites and Staffing

January 2025 Staffing: 4,518 (Customer Service Reps & Leads)



Amazon Web Services (AWS) Connect

- National 800 Number
- Employer 800 Number
- OIG hotline
- All Workload Support Units (WSUs)
- Georgia Field Offices



National 800 Number Network (N8NN) FY25 Performance Dashboard

Please be aware that the dashboard refreshes daily at 9:45 am. For the latest data, kindly check after 10:00 am.

[Go to FY24 Performance Dashboard](#)



Daily Date Selector:
2/14/2025

FYTD Data Through:
2/14/2025

KPI Goal Performance
Color Scale Reference

Exceeds the goal by 10% or more



Meets the goal and/or outperforms the goal up to 10%



Missed the goal by up to 5%



Missed the goal by 5% to 10%



Missed goal by 10% or more



Daily Performance For: 2/14/2025

Metrics below include AWS and NGTP calls

| | Level Day 4 |
|---|-------------|
| Network Calls Received | 315,031 |
| Agent Calls Offered | 218,803 |
| Agent Calls Handled | 102,170 |
| Agent Answer Rate* | 46.7% |
| Busy Calls | 0 |
| Agent Busy Rate (ABR)* | 0.0% ● |
| Average Speed of Answer (ASA) In Minutes | 27.9 ● |
| Average Queue Wait Time – English (hh:mm:ss) | 01:39:38 |
| Average Queue Wait Time – Spanish (hh:mm:ss) | 00:34:22 |
| Average Time To Callback (hh:mm:ss) | 02:06:05 |
| Average Handle Time (AHT) In Minutes | 9.4 |
| Logged In FTEs (For the Day) | 2,044 |
| % of Calls Handled via Call Back Assist (CBA) | 69.1% |
| Automation Calls Handled (IVR)** | |

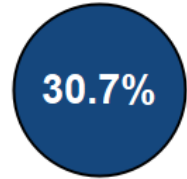
FYTD Performance Through 2/14/2025

Metrics below include AWS and NGTP calls

| | |
|---|------------|
| Network Calls Received | 35,925,010 |
| Agent Calls Offered | 23,288,008 |
| Agent Calls Handled | 11,031,332 |
| Agent Answer Rate* | 47.4% |
| Busy Calls | 343,842 |
| Agent Busy Rate (ABR)* | 1.5% ● |
| Average Speed of Answer (ASA) In Minutes | 21.0 ● |
| Average Queue Wait Time – English (hh:mm:ss) | 01:27:11 |
| Average Queue Wait Time – Spanish (hh:mm:ss) | 00:27:15 |
| Average Time To Callback (hh:mm:ss) | 02:10:33 |
| Average Handle Time (AHT) In Minutes | 9.1 |
| Average Logged In FTEs (For the Fiscal Year) | 2,382 |
| % of Calls Handled via Call Back Assist (CBA) | 73.6% |
| Automation Calls Handled (IVR)** | |

FYTD % of Customer Calls Served By An Agent

Agent Calls Handled/Network Calls Received



[Go to N8NN Metric Definitions Page](#)

FY 2025 KPI Goals

ABR Goal = 1% or less
ASA Goal = 12 minutes or less

Notes

*Agent Answer Rate and Agent Busy Rate (ABR) are based on Agent Calls Offered.

** AWS Automation Calls Handled (IVR) coming soon.

ALERT! Daily & FYTD data is incomplete as of 2/14/2025 due to cutover of TTY.

Monthly Trends: Answer Rate & Average Speed of Answer (ASA) | Data Through 2/14/2025

Answer Rate



Average Speed of Answer (ASA) in Minutes



Rolling 30 Day Performance

Select a date from which to calculate the 30 day rolling averages below: 2/17/2025

Calculated Date Range: 1/19/2025 to 2/17/2025

| | |
|---|--------|
| Agent Answer Rate | 41.3% |
| Agent Busy Rate | 1.9% ● |
| Average Speed of Answer (ASA) in Minutes | 27.8 ● |
| % of Calls Handled via Call Back Assist (CBA) | 72.2% |

N8NN | Network Calls Received (NCR)



Monthly Network Calls Received By Fiscal Year

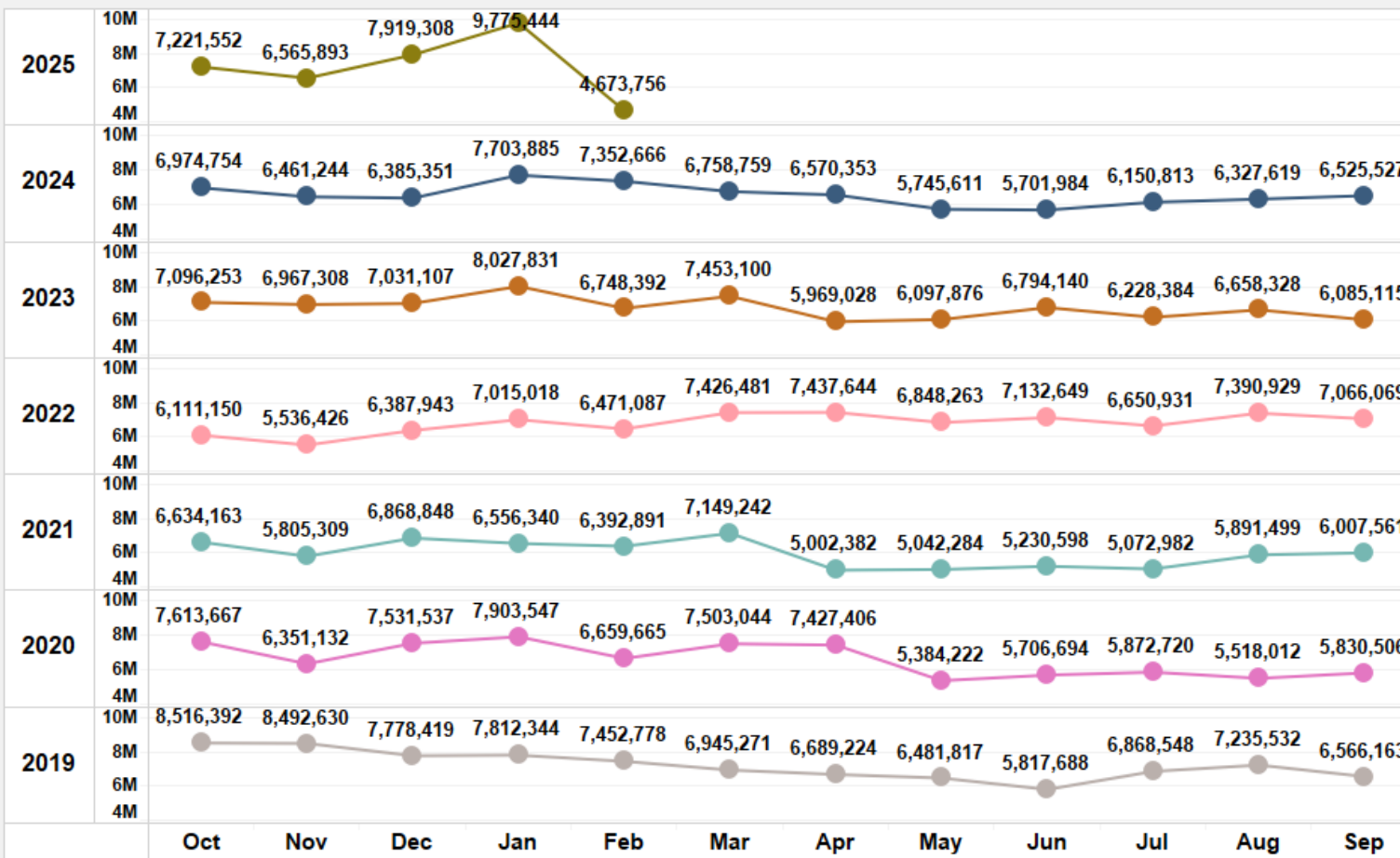
Data Available From 10/1/2018 To 2/17/2025

Showing Data Through:

2/17/2025

Network Calls Received By Fiscal Year

- Fiscal Year
- 2025
 - 2024
 - 2023
 - 2022
 - 2021
 - 2020
 - 2019



36,155,953

78,658,566

81,156,862

81,474,590

71,654,099

79,302,152

86,656,806



■ 2025
 ■ 2024
 ■ 2023
 ■ 2022
 ■ 2021
 ■ 2020
 ■ 2019

Data Source: OCS Operational MI/BI Portal

N8NN | Answer Rate



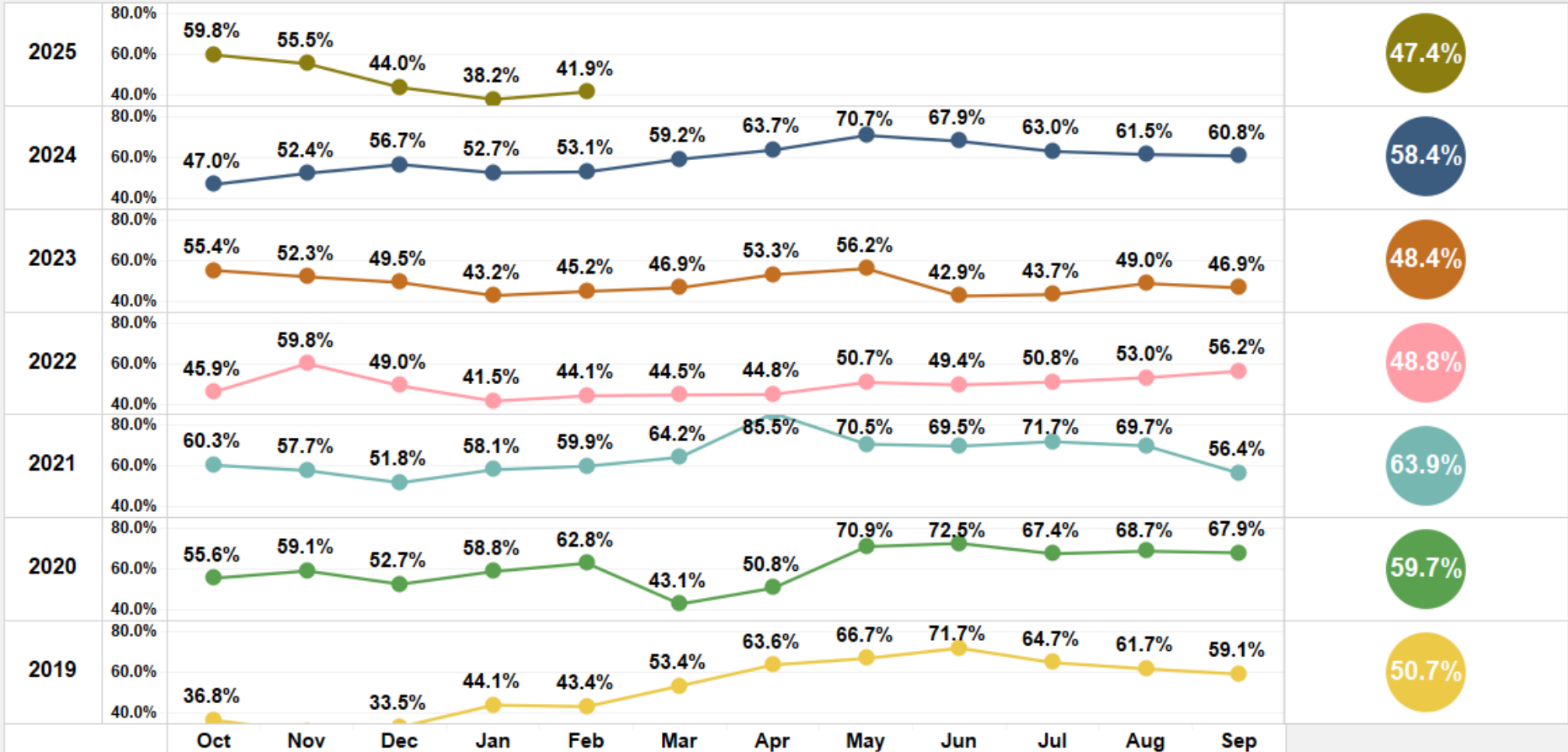
Monthly Answer Rate By Fiscal Year

Answer Rate= Calls Answered/Calls Offered.
Data Available From 10/1/2018 To 2/17/2025

Showing Data Through:
2/17/2025

Overall Answer Rate By Fiscal Year

- Fiscal Year
- 2025
 - 2024
 - 2023
 - 2022
 - 2021
 - 2020
 - 2019



Legend: 2025 (purple), 2024 (blue), 2023 (orange), 2022 (pink), 2021 (teal), 2020 (green), 2019 (yellow)

Data Source: OCS Operational MI/BI Portal

N8NN | Average Speed of Answer (ASA)



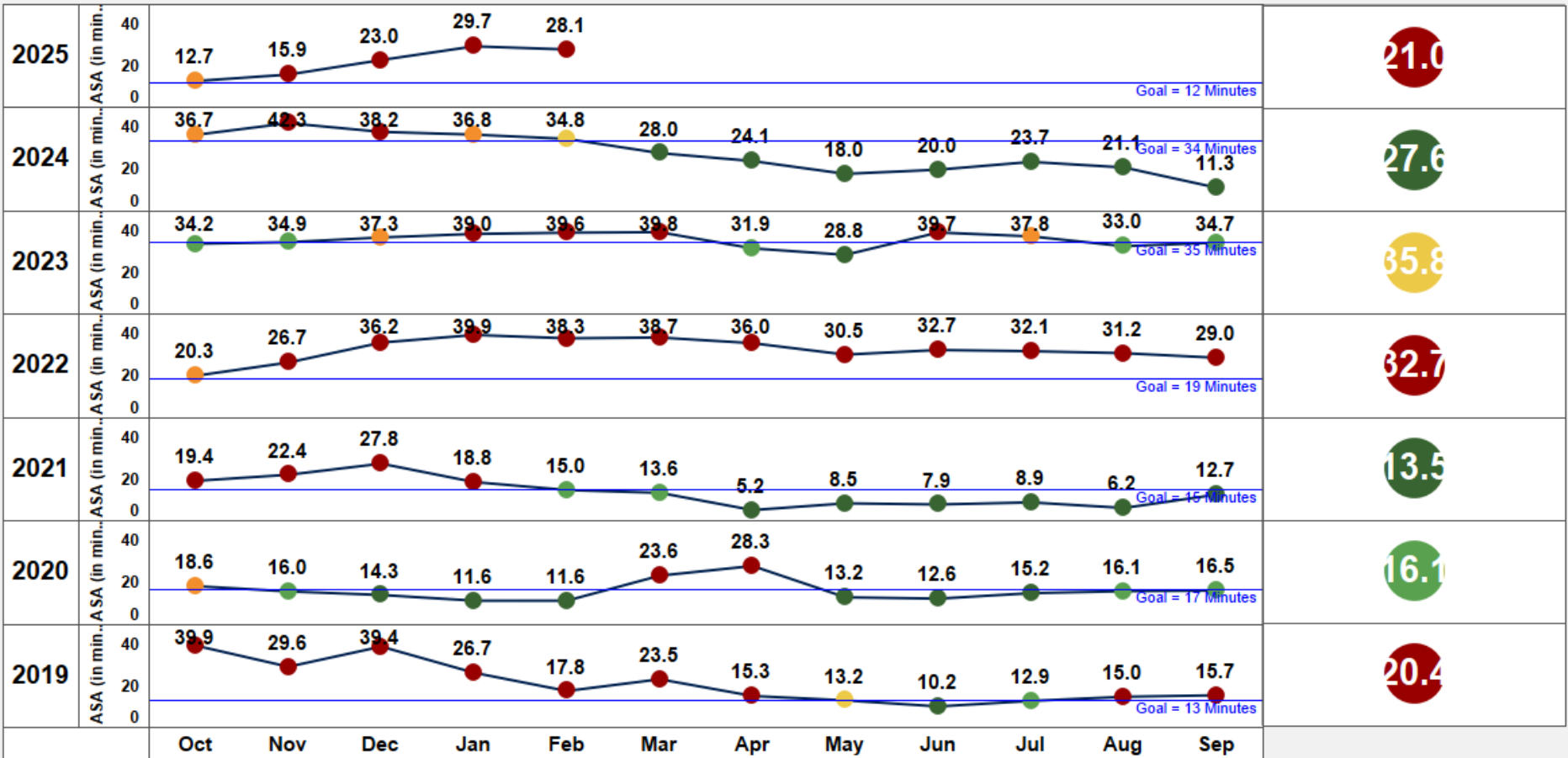
Monthly Average Speed of Answer (ASA) in minutes By Fiscal Year

Average Speed of Answer= Answer Wait Time/Agent Calls Answered.
Data Available From 10/1/2018 To 2/17/2025

Showing Data Through:
2/17/2025

Overall ASA By Fiscal Year

- Fiscal Year
- 2025
 - 2024
 - 2023
 - 2022
 - 2021
 - 2020
 - 2019



- Exceeds the goal by 10% or more
- Missed the goal by up to 5%
- Missed goal
- Meets the goal and/or outperforms up to 10%
- Missed the goal by 5% to 10%

Data Source: OCS Operational MI/BI Portal

Additional Key Data Points

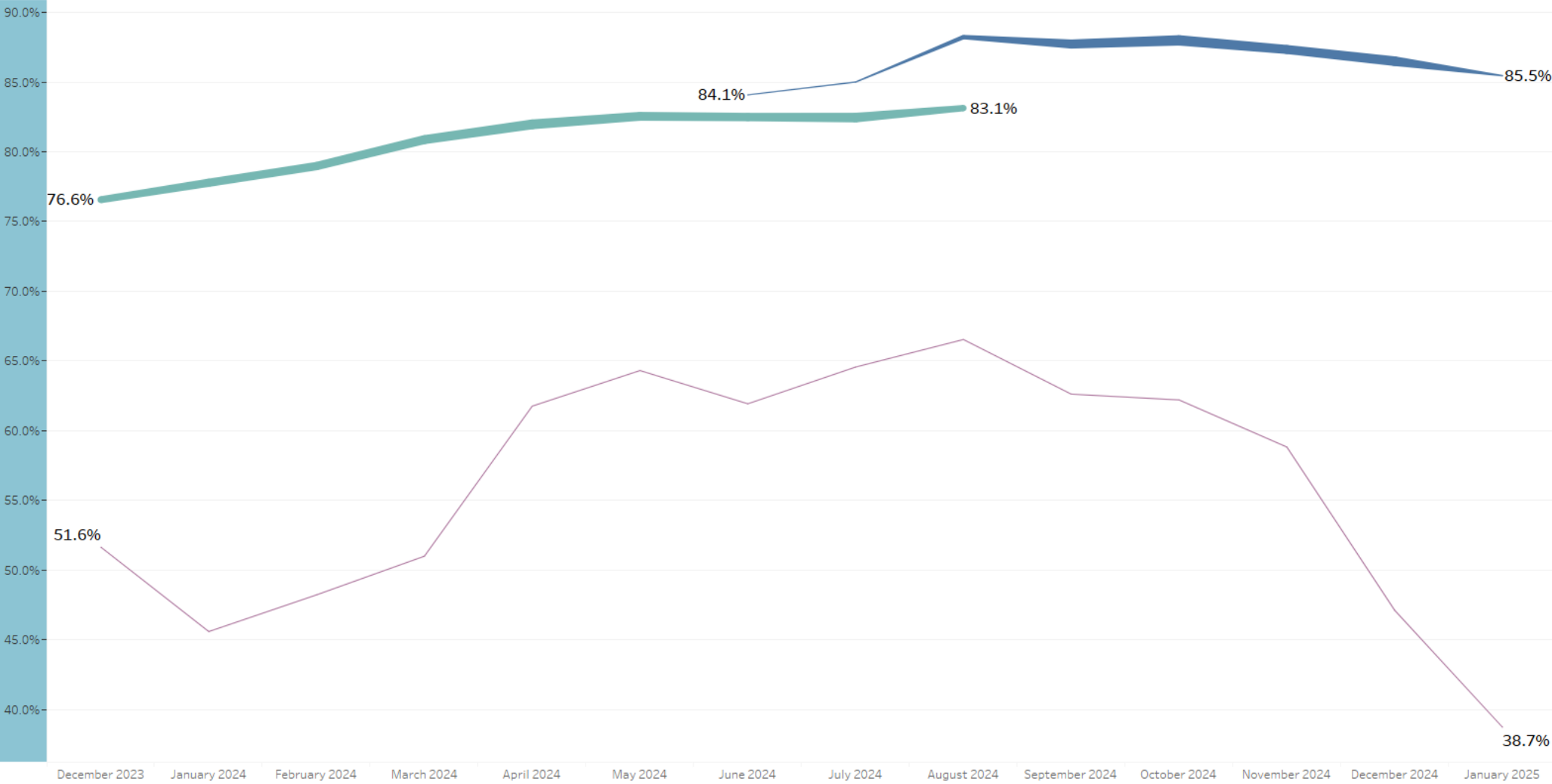
| Fiscal Year | Agent Calls Offered | Agent Calls Handled | Calls Handled by Automation | Total Calls Handled | Agent Busy Rate |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| FY19 | 56,194,877 | 28,464,527 | 5,031,988 | 33,496,515 | 14.1% |
| FY20 | 50,487,044 | 30,119,002 | 4,361,130 | 34,480,132 | 7.4% |
| FY21 | 48,276,885 | 31,246,009 | 3,253,946 | 34,499,955 | 0.2% |
| FY22 | 54,743,093 | 26,995,189 | 2,516,313 | 29,511,502 | 6.0% |
| FY23 | 51,933,760 | 25,133,420 | 4,402,255 | 29,535,675 | 8.3% |
| FY24 | 48,158,148 | 28,140,754 | 3,660,577 | 31,801,331 | 0.9% |
| FY25 (through 02/17/25) | 23,288,057 | 11,031,381 | 822,229 | 11,853,610 | 1.5% |

National 800# Customer Satisfaction % - NGTP Vs CCaaS Vs Medallia

Thicker line indicates higher response volume. Data 12/01/2023 through 02/15/2025.

■ CCaaS ■ Medallia ■ NGTP

Date Range
01-Dec-23 to 02-Jan-25
and Null values



N8NN Business Improvement Initiatives

- **Agent Desktop (CHIP) Modernization**
 - Beta release 12/2023
 - Gradually increase functionality by workflow
 - Need AI integration
- **Leverage AI and Speech Analytics**
 - Collab with USDS, OAI, and OT
 - Customer experience mapping, analyze agent policies and procedures
 - Use results to improve business processes across the enterprise
- **Improve new hire agent training**
 - Blended learning model that includes interactive instruction, real-job simulations, and live call handling experiences
 - Rolled out in 3 phases throughout calendar year 2024
 - Each phase replaced portions of the existing content with the redesigned material
 - Fully redesigned course delivered November 4, 2024
- **Re-establish Quality Business Reviews**
 - Bi-Monthly regular deep-dive reviews with each region
 - Focused on TSC site performance on key metrics
- **Improve Supervisor Coaching**
 - Completed December 2024, partnered with ICMI, an industry leader in call-center training
 - Supervisors developed critical agent coaching skills to drive performance improvements

N8NN Business Improvement Initiatives

- **Reintroduction of Agent Scorecards**
 - Completed December 2024, partnered with ICMI, an industry leader in call-center training
 - Supervisors developed critical agent coaching skills to drive performance improvements
- **Centralized Workforce Management**
 - Enterprise real-time agent monitoring, agent scheduling and, optimizing off-phone activities
 - Phased approach aligned with implementing agent schedules in AWS
 - Current Phase- (Evaluation)
 - Enterprise Real-Time monitoring of agents on high-level days
 - Planning Phase
 - Enterprise Real-Time monitoring of agents on all workdays
 - Scheduling, Approving, and Monitoring of large-scale off-phone activities
 - Establishing and Maintenance of Agent Schedules

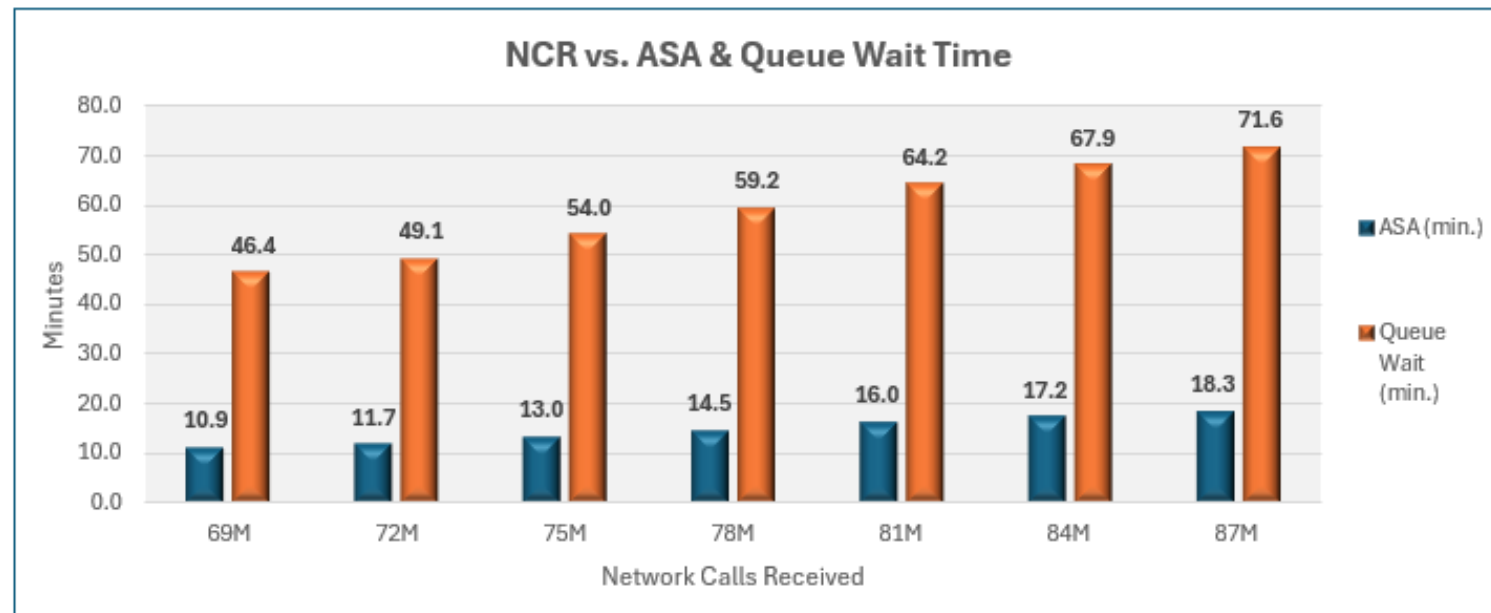
Keys to Improving 800# Service

- **Integrate AI in call center technology to reduce calls to agents**
- **Integrate AI in Agent tools (TED)**
- **Maximize use of AI analytics of call transcripts to target Agency-Wide improvements and reduce calls**
- **Accelerate deployment of AWS Connect to other business units**
- **Utilize IVR to improve critical service areas:**
 - Leverage ICTU Call flow process as a model
- **Escalate need for cooperation/collaboration to deploy countermeasures to bad actors**
 - Suspected Fraud calls (particularly DD)
 - Robo-dialers
- **Improve Agent productivity through Centralized Workforce management and improved tools**
 - Implement Centralized Workforce management plan
 - Improve AWS WFM tools

Forecast with Lower Call Volume

Call Volume Impact On ASA

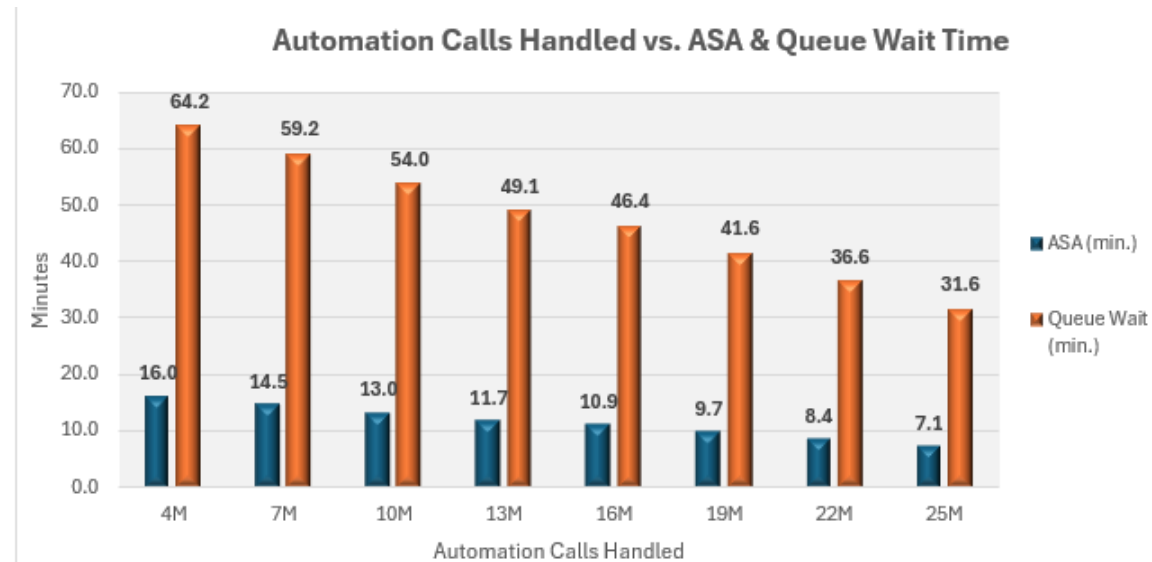
| Network Calls Received | ASA (min.) | Queue Wait (min.) |
|------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| 69M | 10.9 | 46.4 |
| 72M | 11.7 | 49.1 |
| 75M | 13.0 | 54.0 |
| 78M | 14.5 | 59.2 |
| 81M | 16.0 | 64.2 |
| 84M | 17.2 | 67.9 |
| 87M | 18.3 | 71.6 |



Forecast with Additional Automation

Automation Impact

| Network Calls Received | Agent Calls Handled | Calls Handled By Automation | Total Calls Handled | ASA (min.) | Queue Wait (min.) |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|
| 81,000,000 | 31,000,000 | 4M | 35,000,000 | 16.0 | 64.2 |
| 81,000,000 | 31,000,000 | 7M | 38,000,000 | 14.5 | 59.2 |
| 81,000,000 | 31,000,000 | 10M | 41,000,000 | 13.0 | 54.0 |
| 81,000,000 | 31,000,000 | 13M | 44,000,000 | 11.7 | 49.1 |
| 81,000,000 | 31,000,000 | 16M | 47,000,000 | 10.9 | 46.4 |
| 81,000,000 | 31,000,000 | 19M | 50,000,000 | 9.7 | 41.6 |
| 81,000,000 | 31,000,000 | 22M | 53,000,000 | 8.4 | 36.6 |
| 81,000,000 | 31,000,000 | 25M | 56,000,000 | 7.1 | 31.6 |

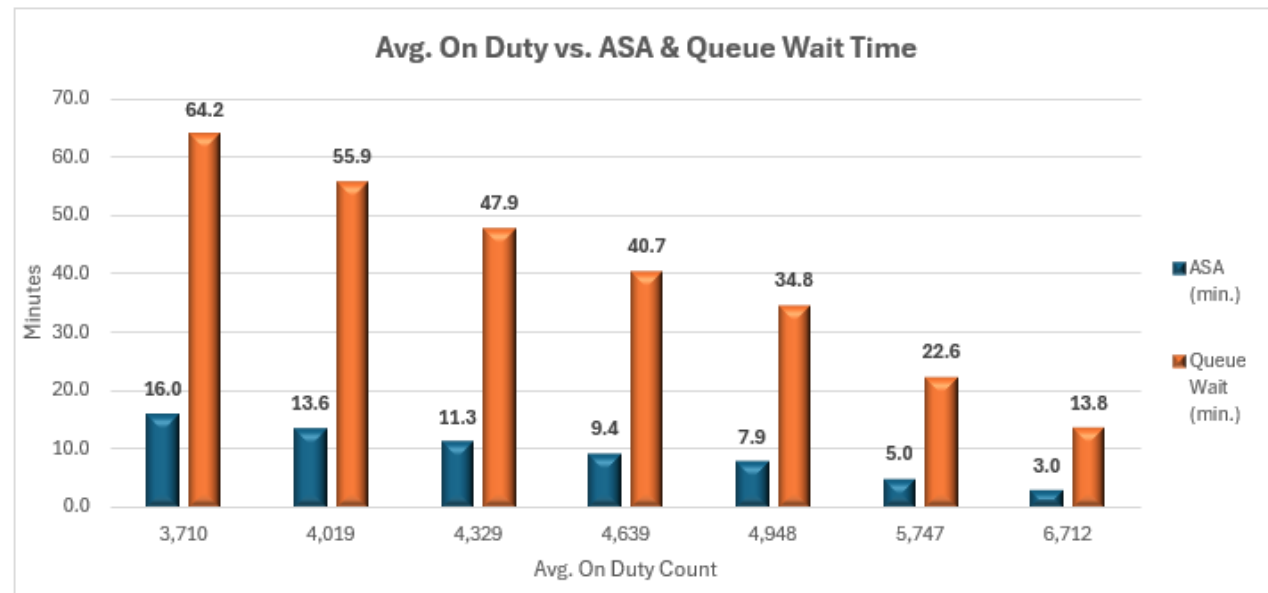


Forecast with Additional Staff

Staff Impact

| Network Calls Received | Agent Calls Handled | Avg. On Duty Count | ASA (min.) | Queue Wait (min.) |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------|
| 81,000,000 | 31,000,000 | 3,710 | 16.0 | 64.2 |
| 81,000,000 | 33,500,000 | 4,019 | 13.6 | 55.9 |
| 81,000,000 | 36,000,000 | 4,329 | 11.3 | 47.9 |
| 81,000,000 | 38,400,000 | 4,639 | 9.4 | 40.7 |
| 81,000,000 | 40,800,000 | 4,948 | 7.9 | 34.8 |
| 81,000,000 | 46,047,456 | 5,747 | 5.0 | 22.6 |
| 81,000,000 | 48,728,755 | 6,712 | 3.0 | 13.8 |

* Avg. On Duty Count assumes all journeyman staff



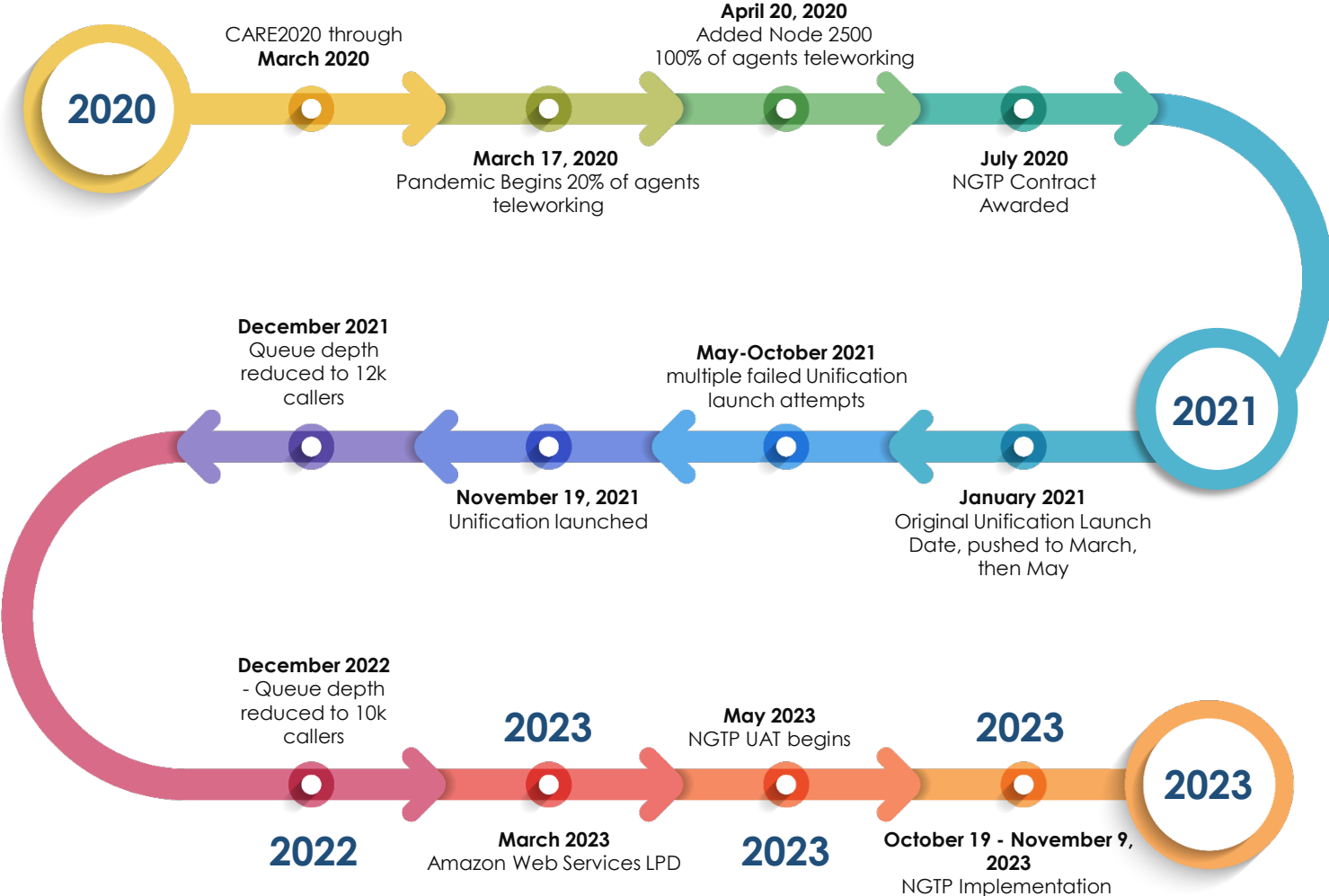
Forecast with More Staff Hours Dedicated to N8NN

Staff Impact

| Network Calls Received | Agent Calls Handled | Avg. On Duty Count | RSF | ASA (min.) | Queue Wait (min.) |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------|------------|-------------------|
| 81,000,000 | 29,730,823 | 3,710 | 55.0% | 17.3 | 68.4 |
| 81,000,000 | 31,000,000 | 3,710 | 57.0% | 16.0 | 64.2 |
| 81,000,000 | 32,235,930 | 3,710 | 59.0% | 14.6 | 59.5 |
| 81,000,000 | 33,487,407 | 3,710 | 61.0% | 13.4 | 55.4 |
| 81,000,000 | 34,740,970 | 3,710 | 63.0% | 12.3 | 51.4 |
| 81,000,000 | 35,995,230 | 3,710 | 65.0% | 11.2 | 47.4 |



Appendix



From **March 2020 - October 2023**, the 800-Number operated without the following tools, typical of call centers:

- *Limited Workforce Management Feature*
- *Estimated Wait Time*
- *Post Call Survey for Customer Satisfaction Data*
- *Limited MI*
- *Scorecards*
- *Call Back Feature (deployed 12/19/23)*

Appendix

Next Generation Telephony Project (NGTP)

- Cutovers began on 10/19/2023 at 25% intervals with final cutover on 11/9
- Queue capacity: 18k callers
- Call Back Feature to be deployed 12/19/2023
- Agents: 4000+
- NON-508 Compliant
- Automated Transactions Available
- Workforce Management Available

Appointment-Focused Service

Appointment-Focused Service

AFS Progression



Appointment-Focused Service

AFS Business Process



Appointment-Focused Service

Communication



Internal Guidance



Field Office Signage



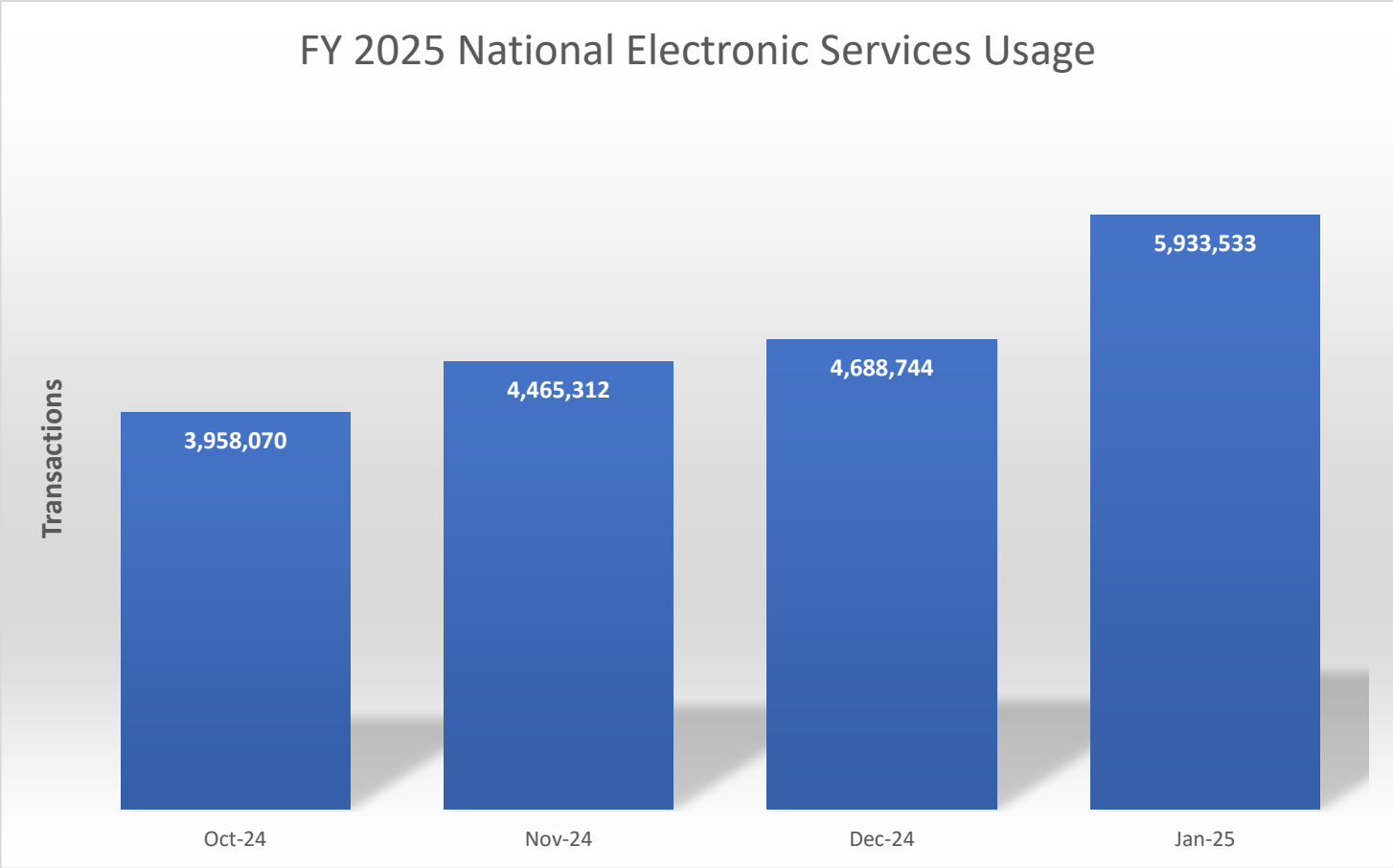
Online Information



Outreach

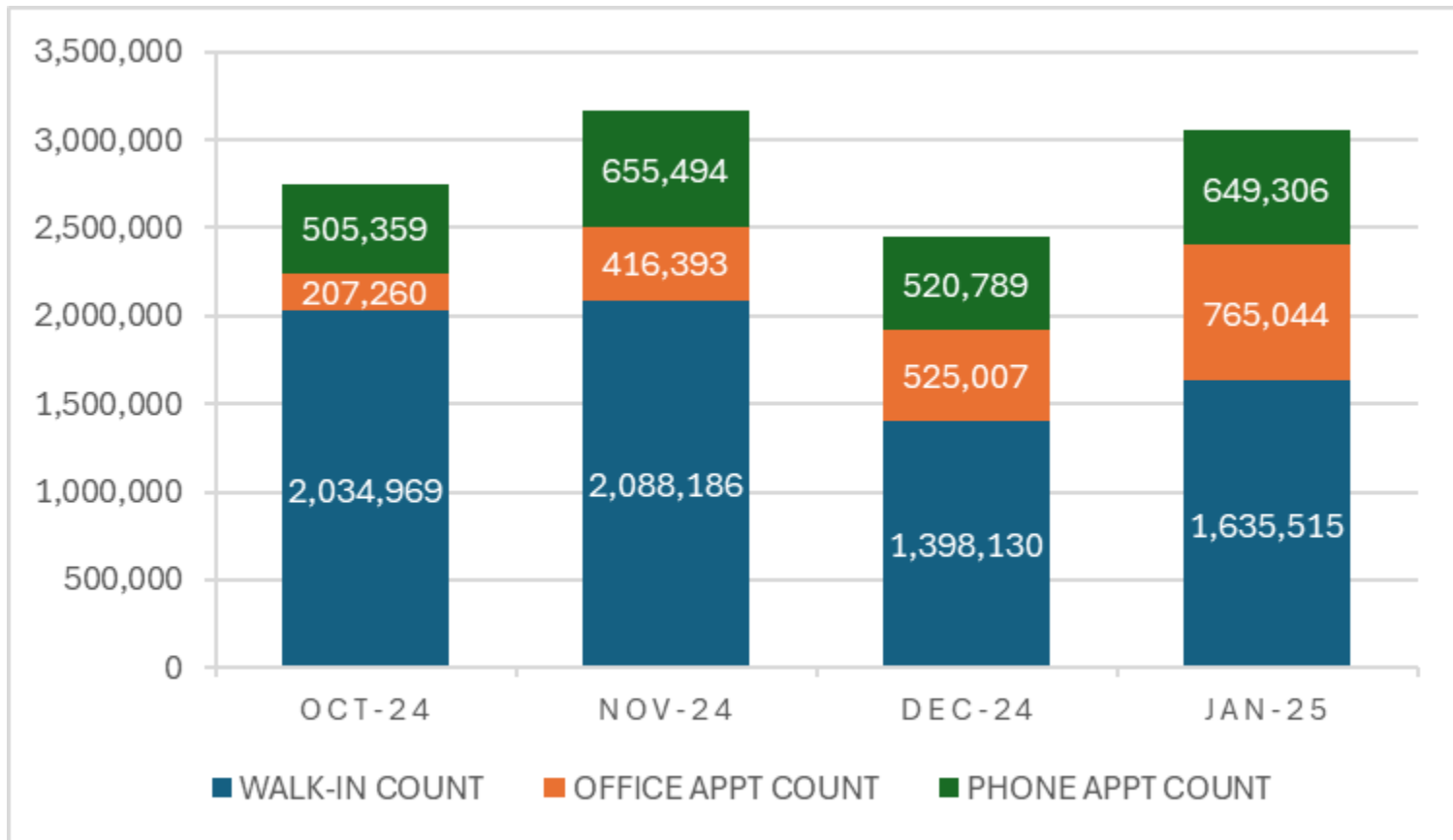
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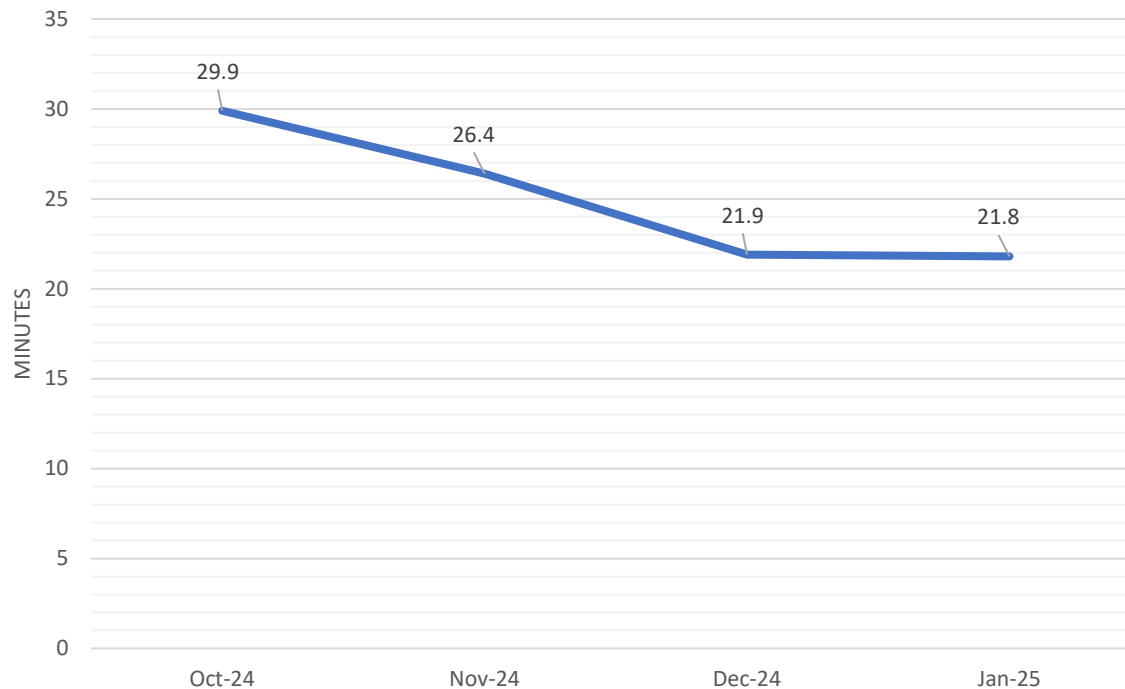
Appointment-Focused Service

Field Office Walk-Ins & Appointments



Appointment-Focused Service

Overall Wait Time



October 2024 through January 2025
8.1-minute (27 percent) decrease

Appointment-Focused Service

Customer Feedback for January 2025

- **84 percent** satisfaction rate from Field Office visitors.
- **89 percent** satisfaction rate from Social Security Card Center visitors.

Social Security Fairness Act

Social Security Fairness Act

- Signed into law January 5, 2025.
- Eliminates the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) for benefits payable for months after December 2023.
 - The last month that WEP or GPO will apply is December 2023.
 - WEP or GPO no longer apply to benefits starting in January 2024.
 - Benefits are paid the month after they are due; therefore, the January 2024 benefit was received by beneficiaries in February 2024.

Social Security Fairness Act

- Overview of Key Actions Needed to Fully Implement:
 - Process new, initial claims for people who receive a pension based on work that was not covered by Social Security and not apply WEP or GPO.
 - Adjust the benefits for the 3.2 million beneficiaries currently impacted by WEP and/or GPO to remove the offsets retroactively and prospectively.
 - Revise, remove, or update language related to the WEP and GPO agencywide on webpages, publications, notices, forms, the *Social Security Statement*, and application screens.
 - Publish conforming regulations to repeal the WEP and GPO effective January 2024.

Social Security Fairness Act

- Implementation Steps Completed To Date:
 - Added upfront messaging on National 800 Number
 - Released and continue to update [Social Security Fairness Act Webpage](#)
 - Released and continue to update Emergency Message with technician instructions on processing initial claims
 - Specialized Workload Support Units (WSUs) began taking claims through the National 800 Number on January 24
 - Significant progress made to support the automation of SSFA for the 3.2 million Title II records that have existing WEP/GPO involvement
 - Briefed OMB and Congressional Staff
 - Three Congressional Priority Correspondence (CPC)

Social Security Fairness Act

- Implementation Next Steps:
 - Begin processing cases with WEP/GPO involvement that are pending in the Processing Centers (PCs)
 - Release notice software
 - Release automation software
 - Conduct negotiations with the Government Publishing Office (GPO) for the notice volume increases from automation
 - Internal and external communications leading to the automation run start date
 - Automation Rollout Schedule will adjust benefits for many of the 3.2M beneficiaries impacted by WEP and/or GPO
 - Manually process the automation fallout and cases that could not be run through automation

| Office | Questions/Actions |
|---|---|
| Operations* Please also see questions/actions at the end related to phone services | Q: How many customers do we serve in the field offices every year? |
| | Q: What is the status of the Enterprise Contact Center? |
| | Action: Provide plan for outreach to other agencies to collaborate on digitizing the mail. |
| | Action: Provide plan for reducing burden to customers related to SSN cards. |
| OHO | Action: Provide timeline for hearing transcript real-time speech-to-text. |
| | Action: Provide decision memo on terminating leases for permanent remote sites, including strategic messaging |
| | Action: Provide timeline to revisit MOU for efficiencies in ALJ scheduling |
| OGC | Action: Provide ACOSS and DOGE Team with a full ethics briefing, including disclosure of financial interest. |
| | Action: Provide legal analysis of the inherently governmental work with respect to the 800 Number agents. |
| | Action: Provide legal analysis of agency's obligation to conduct non-core workloads (e.g., processing Medicare applications). |
| OBFM | Q: How much are we owed in debts? |
| OHR | Action: Provide plan and timeline for moving OHR IT-related staff to OCIO. |
| | Action: Provide outcomes of EEO complaint dispositions, including number of allegations, wins and losses. |
| ORDP | Action: Provide one-pager status on eVerify. |
| | Action: Provide updated plan for 21st century Policy Net, including commercial-off-the-shelf options. |
| OLCA | Action: Provide plan and timeline to increase our outreach on the Hill. |
| Telephone Strategy | Action: Provide detailed plan and timeline for fixing our telephone systems. |
| | Q: What are the total costs of the AWS model, including pay per minute? |
| | Action: Provide data benchmarking our teleservices to that of private industry. |