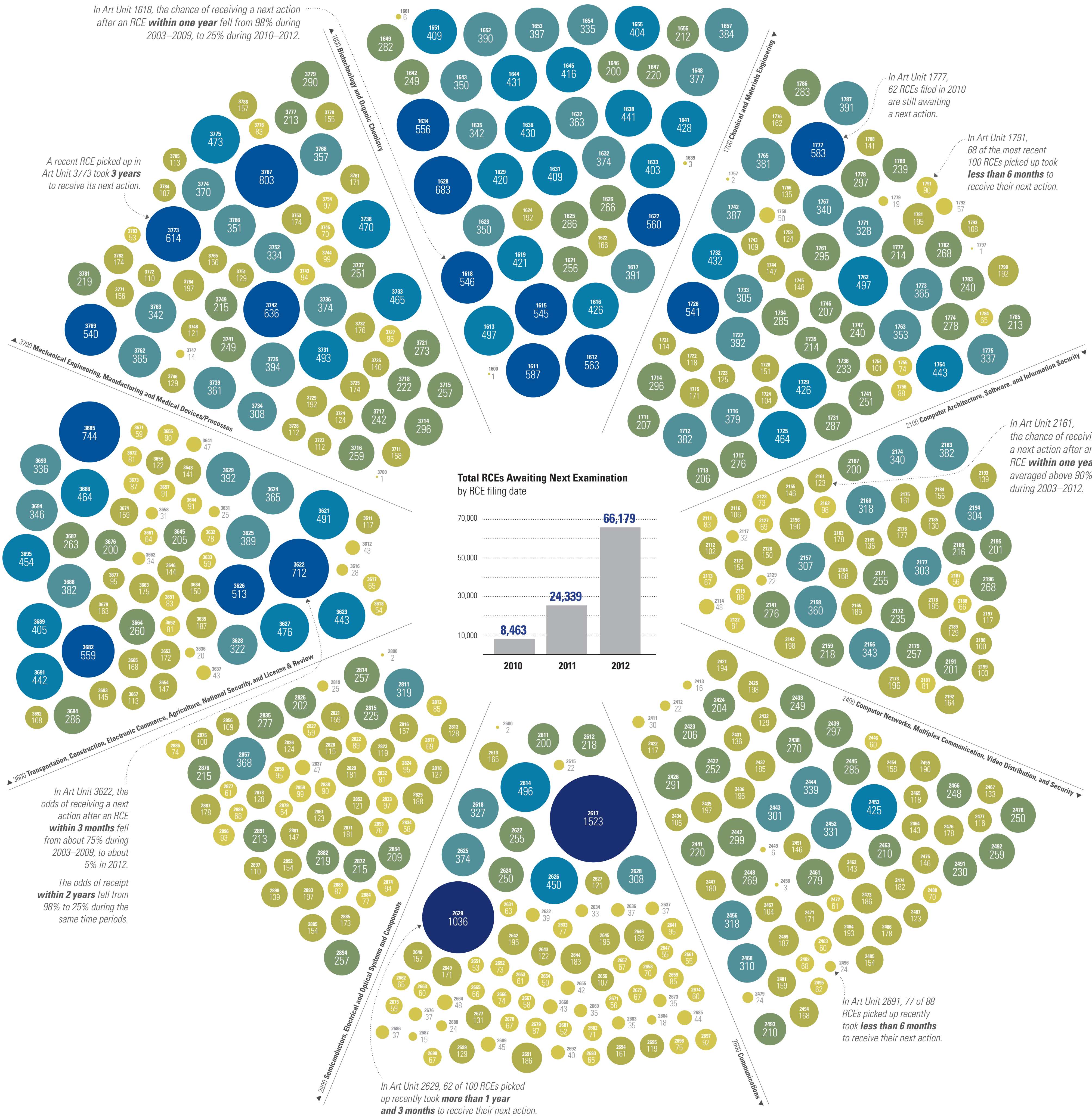


U.S. Patent and Trademark Office RCE Inventory by Art Unit

Each circle below represents one art unit within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The first number in the circle indicates the art unit; the second number indicates the number of RCEs pending response as of December 31, 2012.



In Art Unit 1618, the chance of receiving a next action after an RCE **within one year** fell from 98% during 2003–2009, to 25% during 2010–2012.

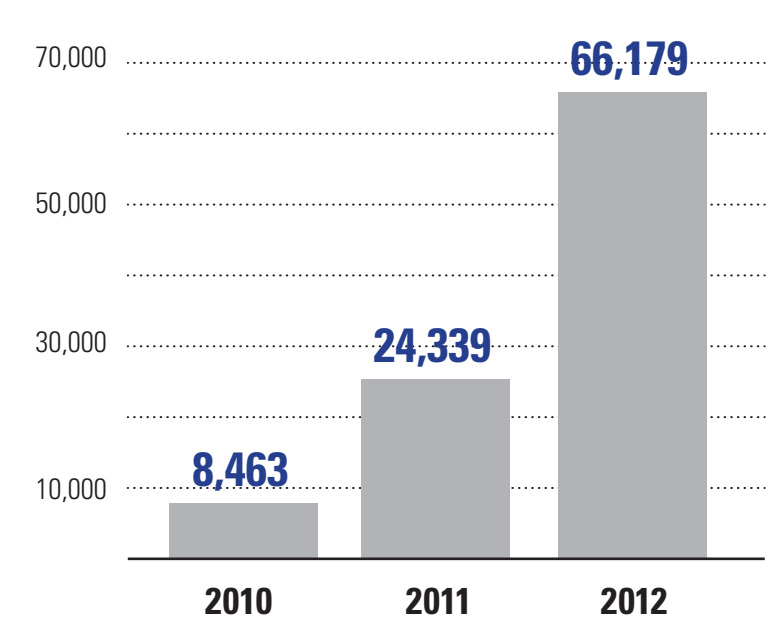
In Art Unit 1777, 62 RCEs filed in 2010 are still awaiting a next action.

In Art Unit 1791, 68 of the most recent 100 RCEs picked up took **less than 6 months** to receive their next action.

A recent RCE picked up in Art Unit 3773 took **3 years** to receive its next action.

In Art Unit 2161, the chance of receiving a next action after an RCE **within one year** averaged above 90% during 2003–2012.

Total RCEs Awaiting Next Examination
by RCE filing date



In Art Unit 3622, the odds of receiving a next action after an RCE **within 3 months** fell from about 75% during 2003–2009, to about 5% in 2012.

The odds of receipt **within 2 years** fell from 98% to 25% during the same time periods.

In Art Unit 2629, 62 of 100 RCEs picked up recently took **more than 1 year and 3 months** to receive their next action.

In Art Unit 2691, 77 of 88 RCEs picked up recently took **less than 6 months** to receive their next action.