



DATA REPORT

EB-5 PROCESSING TIMES MONTHLY UPDATES:

Trends and Data Insights of Form I-526, I-829, and I-924 Processing Times at the Immigrant Investor Program Office

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I-526 PROCESSING TIMES (NON-BACKLOGGED COUNTRIES)

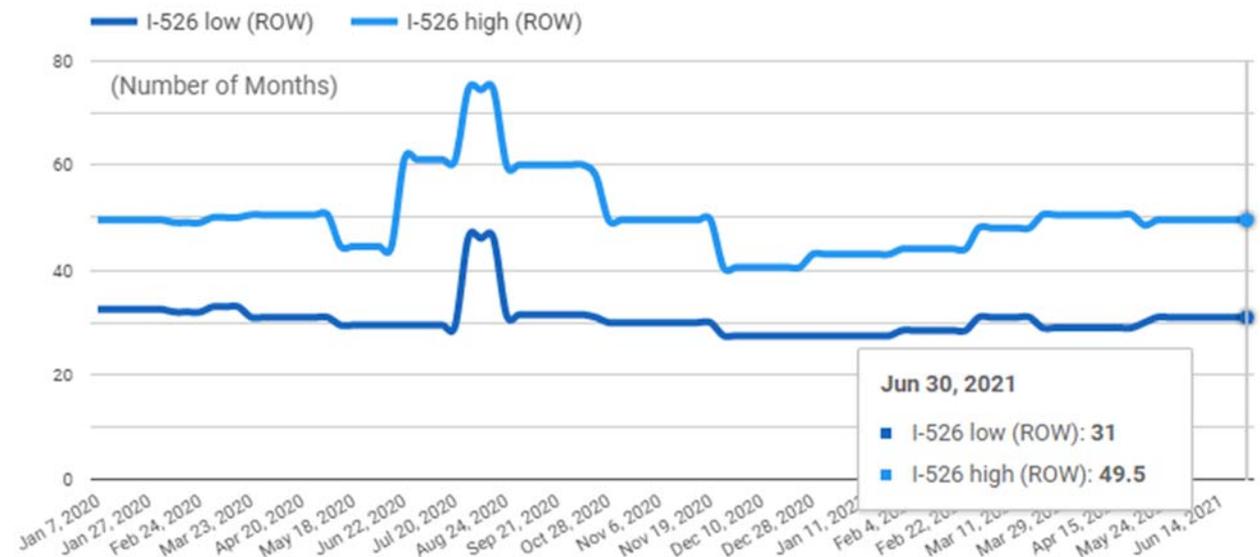
DATA INSIGHTS:

As of the end of June 2021, the processing time range for an I-526 petition (*Immigrant Petition by Alien Investor*) filed by a **non-Chinese EB-5 investor** was **between 31 and 49.5 months**,¹ indicating that 50% of the I-526 cases associated with investors from non-backlogged countries were processed within 31 months; while 93% of these I-526 adjudications were completed within 49.5 months.

The I-526 processing time for petitioners from a non-backlogged country **did not change at all during June 2021**.

With the expiration of the EB-5 Regional Center Program (the Program) starting July 1st, it is unclear how the I-526 processing times will be updated after June 30th. According to [USCIS' guidance](#), USCIS will reject regional center affiliated I-526 petitions that are filed on or after July 1st and put the adjudication of regional center affiliated I-526 petitions on hold for an undetermined length of time.

USCIS I-526 Processing Time Trends (2020 - Present)



1. Note: Starting on March 31, 2020, USCIS adopted a new processing approach for I-526 petitions that is based on EB-5 visa availability. I-526 petitioners from non-backlogged countries (all countries except for mainland China) now enjoy a faster adjudication for their I-526 cases. Learn more about USCIS's new visa availability processing approach [here](#).

I-526 PROCESSING TIMES (MAINLAND CHINA)

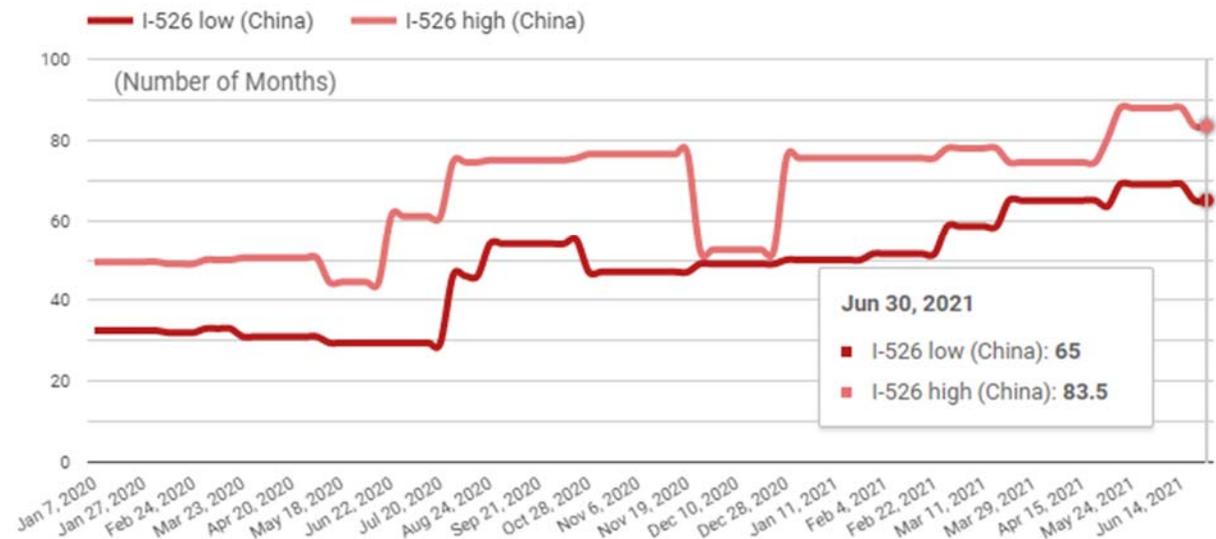
DATA INSIGHTS:

For I-526 cases filed by investors from mainland **China**, USCIS estimated that the processing time range was **between 65 and 83.5 months** as of the end of June 2021. The processing time range means that 50% of the I-526 petitions that were filed by a Chinese investor were completed within 65 months while 93% of the cases were adjudicated within 83.5 months.

With the opening of the U.S. Consulate Office in Guangzhou, China, the I-526 processing times for Chinese petitioners **started to decline in June**. The low end of the processing time was down from 69 months to 65 months in June while the high end also decreased from 88 months to 83.5 months.

It is unclear how I-526 processing times will be updated for Chinese petitioners after the expiration of the EB-5 Regional Center Program after June 30.

USCIS I-526 Processing Time Trends (2020 - Present)



I-829 PROCESSING TIMES

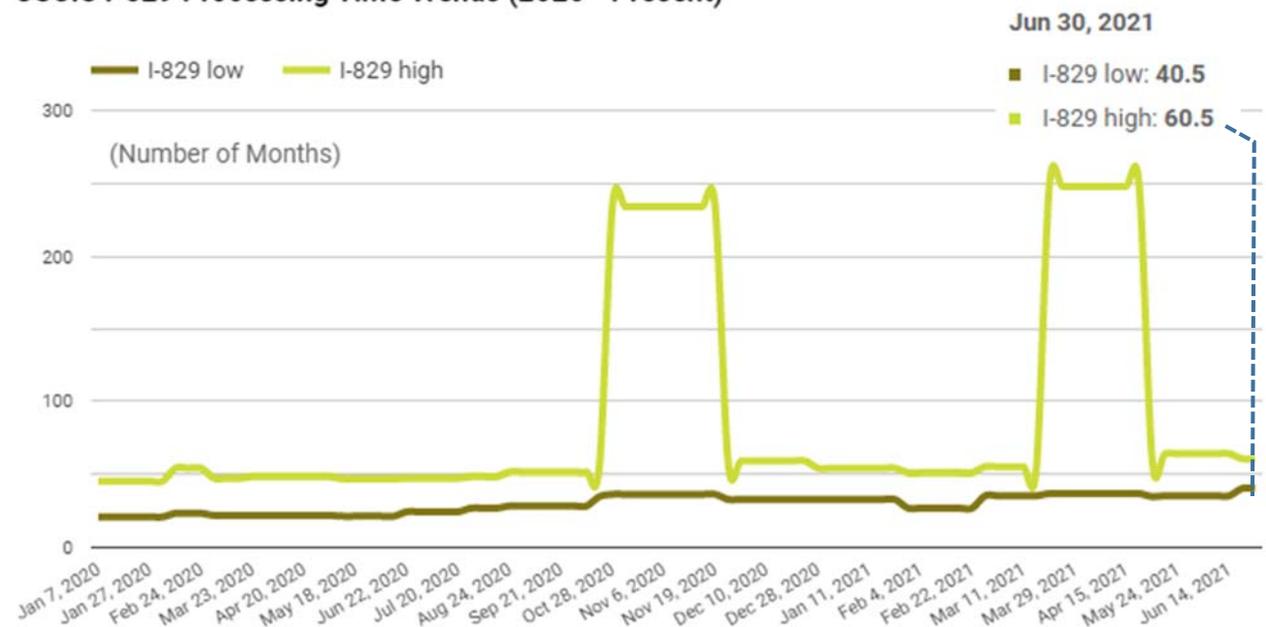
DATA INSIGHTS:

As of the end of June 2021, USCIS's processing time for Form I-829 (*Petition by Investor to Remove Conditions on Permanent Resident Status*) was **between 40.5 and 60.5 months**. The current processing time range indicates that 50% of the I-829 cases were processed within 40.5 months while 97% of the I-829 petitions were adjudicated within 60.5 months.

After experiencing an abnormal surge in March and April 2021, the I-829 processing times **presented little change in June**. While the low end of the processing time of I-829 petitions increased from 35.5 months to 40.5 months, the high end declined from 65.5 months to 60.5 months.

With the EB-5 Regional Center Program (the Program) expiring on June 30th, it's unclear how I-829 processing time will change moving forward. However, USCIS will continue accepting and adjudicating I-829 petitions after June 30th based on [the agency's guidance](#) that was just published.

USCIS I-829 Processing Time Trends (2020 - Present)



I-924 PROCESSING TIMES

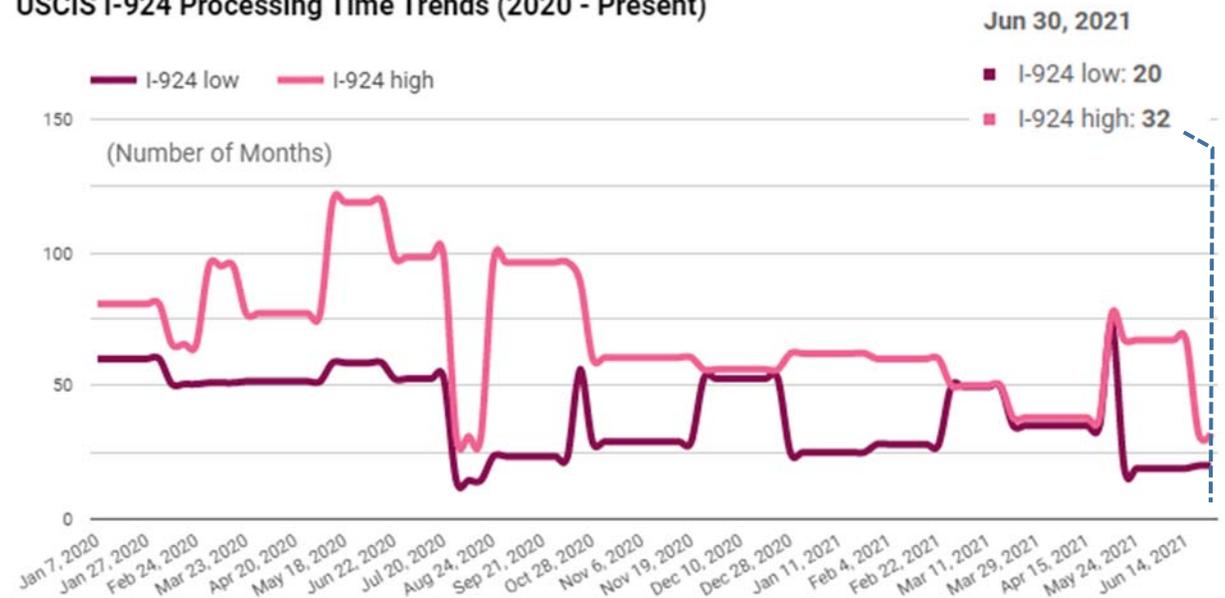
DATA INSIGHTS:

USCIS estimated the regular processing time for Form I-924 (*Application for Regional Center Designation Under the Immigrant Investor Program*), including an initial designation or an amendment to a Regional Center, was **between 20 and 32 months** as of the end of June 2021.

The average processing time for I-924 adjudications has been experiencing rapid fluctuation since 2020. During June 2021, the low end of the I-924 processing time remained around 20 months while the **high end dropped significantly** from 67 months to 32 months.

It's unclear how I-924 processing time will be updated after June 30th when the EB-5 Regional Center Program is set to expire. Based on [USCIS' guidance](#), the agency will reject any I-924 applications that are filed during the expiration of the Program and put all of the pending I-924 cases on hold for an undetermined length of time.

USCIS I-924 Processing Time Trends (2020 - Present)



INTRODUCING IIUSA'S EB-5 PROCESSING TIMES DATA DASHBOARD

All EB-5 processing times information at one place

IIUSA is excited to launch this interactive data dashboard featuring the latest processing time ranges and historical processing time trends for I-526 petitions, I-829 petitions and I-924 applications.

This free resource, available on IIUSA's website https://iiusa.org/eb5_processing_times/, saves your time by aggregating pertinent processing time statistics across the USCIS website and displaying them all at one place.

Add this new interactive EB-5 Processing Times Data Dashboard to your bookmark and stay up-to-date with the key statistics that are the most relevant to EB-5 investors and regional center operators.



EB-5 PROCESSING TIMES DATA DASHBOARD

Using data from USCIS, this dashboard presents the historical and current estimated EB-5 processing times for Form I-526, Form I-829, and Form I-924 cases. You can hover the charts below to view detailed processing times data.

Processing times data are updated every Monday and Thursday.

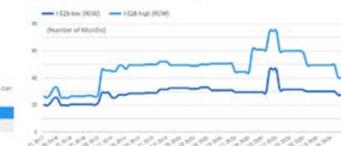
Form I-526 Processing Times for Applicants from Non-Backlogged Countries

Starting on March 21, 2020, USCIS adopted a new processing approach for I-526 petitions that is based on US-E visa availability. I-526 petitions from non-backlogged countries (all countries except for mainland China) now enjoy a faster application for their I-526 cases. Learn more about USCIS's new visa availability processing approach [here](#).

As of: Nov 30, 2020

27.5 - 40.5 Months

USCIS I-526 Processing Time Trends (2017 - Present)



Current I-526 Case Inquiry Date

If the I-526 petitioner's receipt date is before the dates below, he/she can submit an "outside normal processing time" service request [here](#).

As of: Nov 30, 2020

I-526 Case Inquiry Date (Low) Nov 30, 2020

I-526 Case Inquiry Date (High) 10/17/2018

* Data Movement: Number of apps submitted or reorganized from the last case inquiry date.

Form I-526 Processing Times for Applicants from China

As of: Nov 30, 2020

49.0 - 52.5 Months

USCIS I-526 Processing Time Trends (2017 - Present)



Current I-526 Case Inquiry Date

If the I-526 petitioner's receipt date is before the dates below, he/she can submit an "outside normal processing time" service request [here](#).

As of: Nov 30, 2020

I-526 Case Inquiry Date (China) Nov 30, 2020

I-526 Case Inquiry Date (China) Jul 21, 2019

* Data Movement: Number of apps submitted or reorganized from the last case inquiry date.

Form I-829 Processing Times

USCIS I-829 Processing Time Trends (2017 - Present)

As of: Nov 30, 2020

I-829 low

I-829 high

(Number of Months)



33.0 - 59 Months

Current I-829 Case Inquiry Date

If the I-829 petitioner's receipt date is before the dates below, he/she can submit an "outside normal processing time" service request [here](#).

As of: Nov 30, 2020

I-829 Case Inquiry Date Nov 30, 2020

I-829 Case Inquiry Date Jan 11, 2019

* Data Movement: Number of apps submitted or reorganized from the last case inquiry date.

Form I-924 Processing Times

As of: Nov 30, 2020

52.5 - 56 Months

USCIS I-924 Processing Time Trends (2017 - Present)



Current I-924 Application Inquiry Date

If the receipt date of your I-924 application is before the dates below, you can submit an "outside normal processing time" service request [here](#).

As of: Nov 30, 2020

I-924 Case Inquiry Date Nov 30, 2020

I-924 Case Inquiry Date Apr 16, 2016

* Data Movement: Number of apps submitted or reorganized from the last case inquiry date.

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