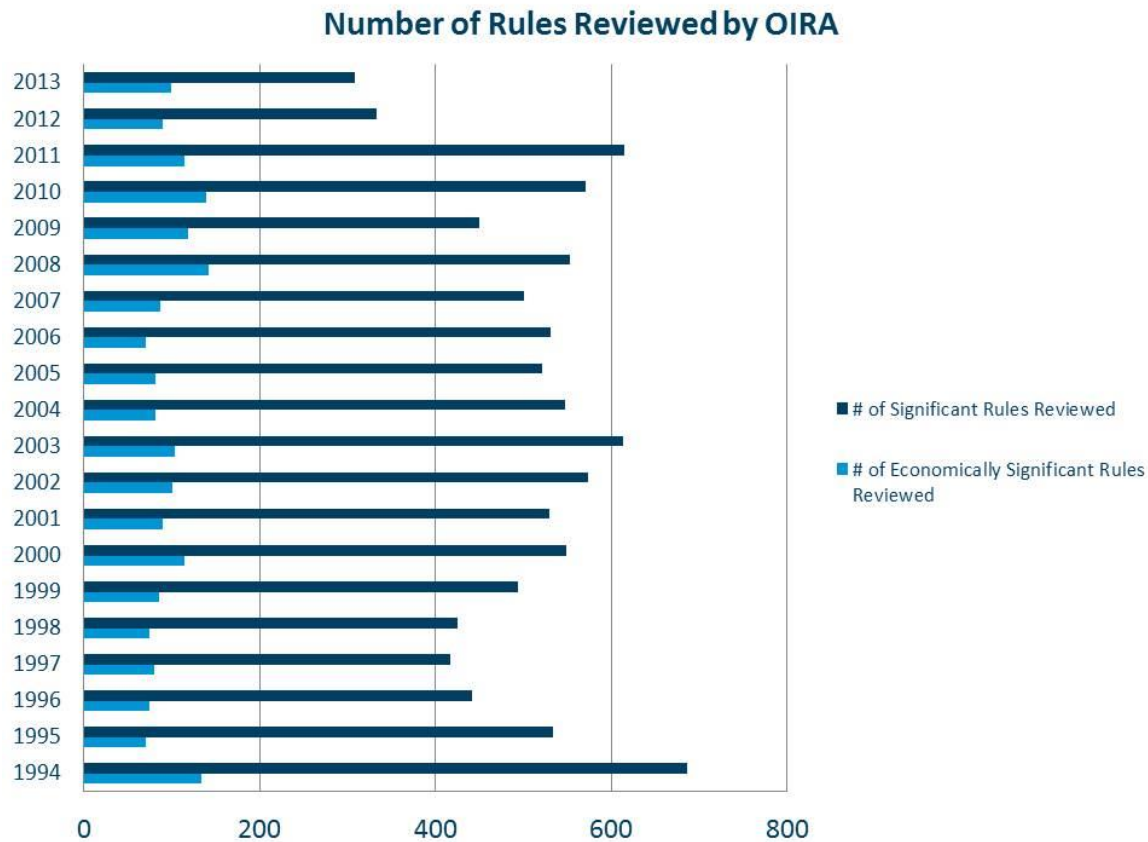


Average Length of OIRA Review

[The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs \(OIRA\)](#) reviews draft proposed and final regulations to ensure they comply with the regulatory principles stated in [Presidential Executive Orders](#) and reflect the President’s policies and priorities. [E.O. 12866](#) established a 90 day period for review, but authorized the rulemaking agency head to request, or the [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\)](#) director to approve, extensions of review beyond 90 days (E.O. 12866 Section 6(b)(2)(c).) The table below shows the average length of review for regulations concluded in each year. These data are available on the government website, www.RegInfo.gov. At the request of the Assembly of the [Administrative Conference of the United States at its 58th Plenary Session](#) on December 6, 2013, the GW Regulatory Studies Center offered to make them available annually here.



Average Length of OIRA Review Time

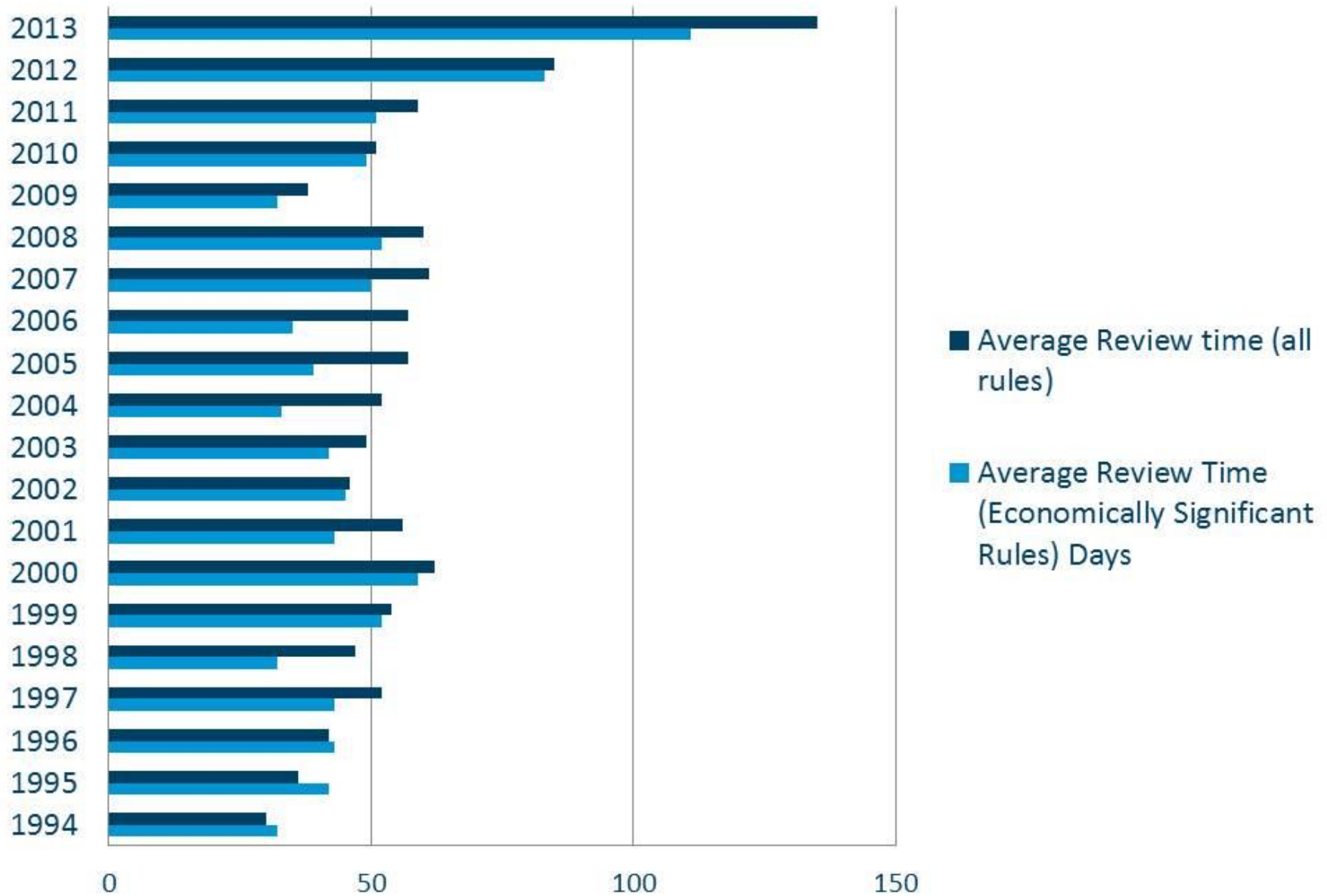
Year ¹	# of Economically Significant Rules Reviews	# of Significant Rules Reviews	Total # of Completed Reviews	Average Review Time (Economically Significant Rules) Days	Average Review Time (Significant Rules)	Average Review time (all rules)
1994	133	686	819	32	30	30
1995	70	534	604	42	35	36
1996	75	441	516	43	42	42
1997	80	417	497	43	54	52
1998	75	425	500	32	50	47
1999	85	494	579	52	54	54
2000	115	548	663	59	63	62
2001	89	530	619	43	58	56
2002	101	574	675	45	46	46
2003	103	613	716	42	50	49
2004	82	547	629	33	55	52
2005	81	521	602	39	60	57
2006	70	531	601	35	60	57
2007	87	500	587	50	63	61
2008	142	553	695	52	62	60
2009	119	450	569	32	40	38
2010	139	570	709	49	52	51
2011	114	615	729	51	61	59
2012	90	333	423	83	85	85
2013	99	308	407	111	143	135

Source: reginfo.gov

¹When making comparisons across years, it is important to note that the length of review is not recorded until review is concluded, so a lengthy average review time during a particular period may reflect the conclusion of reviews that had begun in an earlier period, rather than longer-than-average ongoing reviews.



OIRA Review Time (days)



Review Counts by Conclusion Action

Upon conclusion of OIRA interagency review of proposed and final regulations, [E.O. 12866](#) allows agencies to publish their regulation in the Federal Register. At that time, upon request, [OMB](#) will make available for public inspection a copy of the draft rule as it was submitted for review, as well as the final draft. Pursuant to E.O. 12866, when OIRA concludes review of an agency regulation it publicly notes whether the regulation is consistent with the executive order's requirements. OIRA review concludes by identifying the rule as:

Consistent without change: indicating the draft rule did not change during OIRA interagency review,

Consistent with change: indicating that, during the course of interagency review, the originating agency made changes to the preamble or rule,

Emergency: a rarely used classification indicating an emergency need for the regulation,

Statutory or Judicial Deadline: indicating OIRA concluded review in order to meet a deadline set by another branch of government, without determining whether it was consistent with executive order requirements.

Withdrawn: when the agency withdraws the rule from OIRA review

Sent improperly: if there are technical problems with the submission (e.g., supporting materials were not included)

Return: when OIRA returns a rule to the agency for reconsideration accompanied by a public letter explaining the reasons for the return.



Review Counts by Conclusion Action

Year	Consistent without Change	Consistent with Change	Withdrawn	Sent Improperly	Returned	Emergency	Statutory or Judicial Deadline
1994	442	300	35	8	0	1	33
1995	316	240	34	1	3	0	10
1996	210	270	26	1	0	0	9
1997	193	272	25	1	4	1	1
1998	175	301	14	4	0	0	6
1999	183	360	19	5	0	1	11
2000	213	419	23	1	0	0	7
2001	182	254	154	2	18	5	4
2002	216	366	50	1	5	1	36
2003	210	434	53	6	2	1	10
2004	190	390	43	5	1	0	0
2005	163	400	34	4	1	0	0
2006	158	416	23	4	0	0	0
2007	124	423	38	1	1	0	0
2008	159	485	41	3	5	0	2
2009	101	406	60	0	0	0	2
2010	98	560	39	1	0	0	11
2011	82	562	46	5	3	0	31
2012	57	324	24	1	0	0	17
2013	37	343	23	1	0	0	3

Source: reginfo.gov



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