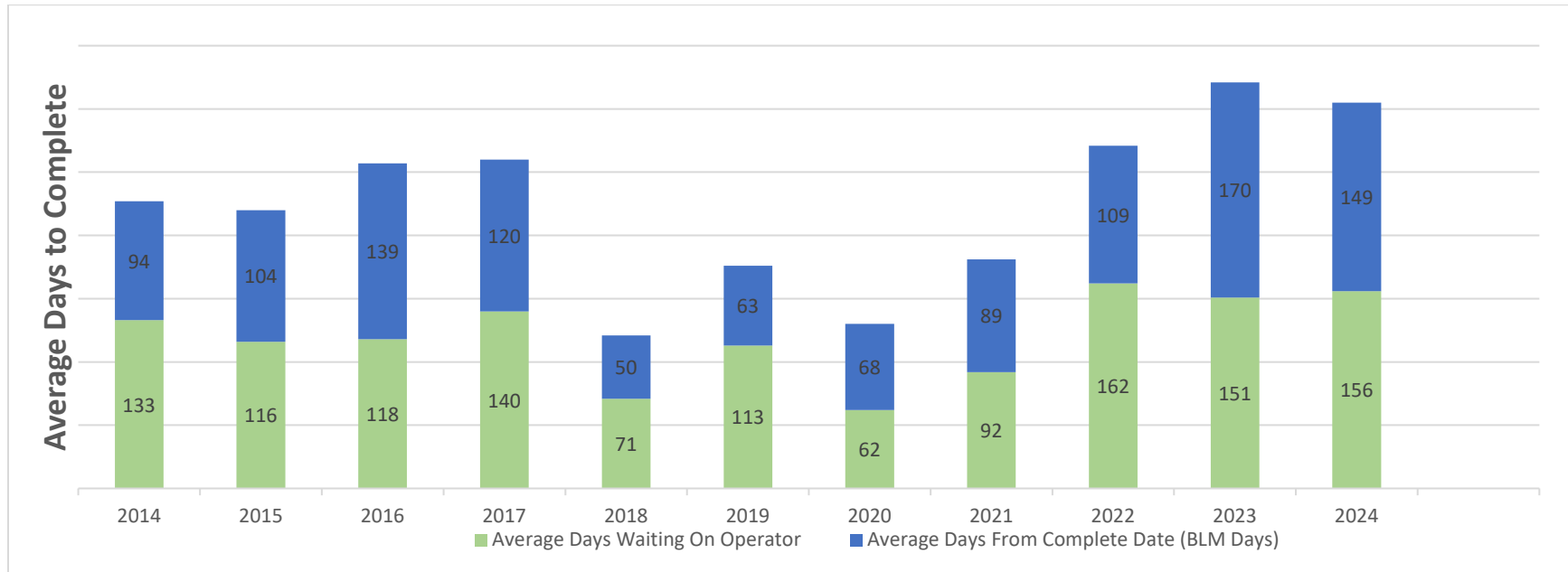


Table 12: Time to Complete an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) Federal and Indian

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Average Days waiting on Operator	133	116	118	140	71	113	62	92	162	151	156
Average Days from Complete Date (BLM Days)	94	104	139	120	50	63	68	89	109	170	149
Totals	227	220	257	260	121	176	130	181	271	321	305



1. When the BLM receives an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) from an operator, the AFMSS starts tracking the time the APD is in the system. This time includes non-business days and is broken up by whether or not the APD is complete. The time from submission until the APD is complete counts as operator's days. Once the APD is complete, the time counts as time spent by the BLM, even if an APD is deferred for other reasons. Recent causes that have extended the time for both the BLM and industry to complete preparation and processing of APDs:
 - a. Industry prioritization: Operators submit APDs on their projected drilling schedule. The drilling schedule can change resulting in different APDs being the priority. BLM offices will work with operators to accommodate their changes in priority resulting in APDs pending in a holding status increasing the overall processing timeframe.
 - b. Court decisions: Court decisions that require the BLM to reevaluate APDs or leases are ultimately counted as part of processing time.
 - c. BLM resources: The BLM continues to work to hire and maintain sufficient resources to address the volume of APDs submitted.