

OFFICE OF FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION

Permanent Employment Program

Selected Statistics, Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Q3

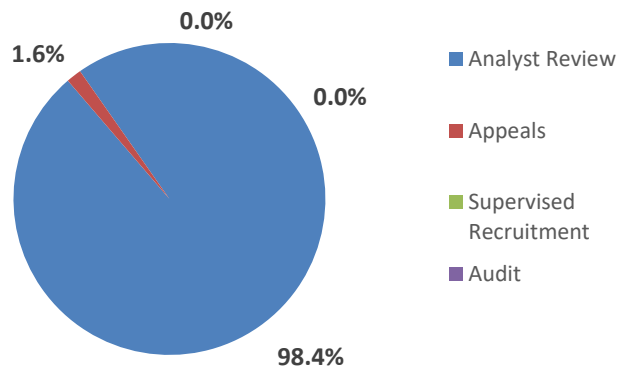
Applications Received¹

FY 26	Q1 (Oct-Dec)	Q2 (Jan-Mar)	Q3 (Apr-Jun)	Q4 (Jul-Sept)	% Change from FY 2025
82,234	30,757	24,604	26,873	--	-1.8%

Applications Processed

Action	FY 26	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Certified	104,028	16,199	39,018	48,811	--
Denied	3,879	533	1,246	2,100	--
Withdrawn	4,643	1,377	1,576	1,690	--
Total	112,550	18,109	41,840	52,601	--

Processing Status of Active PERM Applications



120,429 applications remaining as of 6/30/2026. There were zero (0) cases pending for audit and one (1) case pending for supervised recruitment.

¹Includes all applications submitted for processing during the reporting period.

Review of Applications Certified FY 2026
(% of total certified FY 2026)

Top 10 Occupations (based on SOC Group)	Software Developers	23,499	22.6%
	Computer Systems Analysts	4,594	4.4%
	Fast Food & Counter Workers	2,807	2.7%
	Project Management Specialists	2,586	2.5%
	Data Scientists	2,536	2.4%
	Meat, Poultry, & Fish Cutters & Trimmers	2,293	2.2%
	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	2,059	2.0%
	Software Quality Assurance Analysts & Testers	1,862	1.8%
	Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	1,575	1.5%
	Accountants & Auditors	1,527	1.5%
Top 10 States of Employment	California	17,821	17.1%
	Texas	10,604	10.2%
	New York	7,515	7.2%
	Georgia	5,406	5.2%
	New Jersey	5,271	5.1%
	Florida	5,072	4.9%
	Illinois	4,298	4.1%
	Washington	3,579	3.4%
	Massachusetts	3,361	3.2%
	Roving Worksites	4,146	4.0%
Top 10 Industries (NAICS Code by Industry)	Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	28,425	27.3%
	Manufacturing	16,930	16.3%
	Finance & Insurance	8,877	8.5%
	Information	8,194	7.9%
	Admin. & Support & Waste Management	6,828	6.6%
	Accommodation & Food Services	6,818	6.6%
	Health Care & Social Assistance	6,699	6.4%
	Retail Trade	4,073	3.9%
	Education Services	4,065	3.9%
	Construction	2,549	2.5%