OFFICE OF FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION

Permanent Employment Program –
Selected Statistics, Fiscal Year (FY) 2026

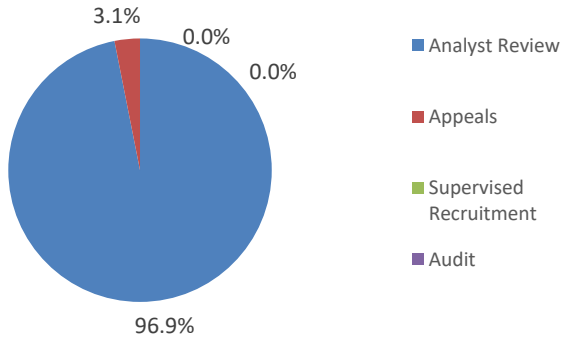
Applications Received[1]

FY 26	Q1 *(Oct-Dec)*	Q2 *(Jan-Mar)*	Q3 *(Apr-Jun)*	Q4 *(Jul-Sept)*	% Change from FY 2025
110,809	30,757	24,604	26,872	28,576	-6.0%

Applications Processed

Determinations	FY 26	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Certified	159,277	16,199	39,017	48,801	55,260
Denied	5,615	537	1,258	1,795	2,025
Withdrawn	6,187	1,376	1,576	1,689	1,546
Total	171,079	18,112	41,851	52,285	58,831

Processing Status of Active PERM Applications



90,121 applications remaining as of 9/30/2026. There were zero (0) cases pending for audit and supervised recruitment.

[1]Includes 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	36,471	22.9%
	Computer Systems Analysts	7,046	4.4%
	Fast Food & Counter Workers	4,200	2.6%
	Data Scientists	3,968	2.5%
	Project Management Specialists	3,896	2.4%
	Meat, Poultry, & Fish Cutters & Trimmers	3,180	2.0%
	Software Quality Assurance Analysts & Testers	2,891	1.8%
	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	2,837	1.8%
	Accountants & Auditors	2,578	1.6%
	Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	2,323	1.5%
Top 10 States of Employment	California	27,324	17.2%
	Texas	16,934	10.6%
	New York	11,788	7.4%
	Georgia	8,337	5.2%
	Florida	8,255	5.2%
	New Jersey	8,204	5.2%
	Illinois	6,776	4.3%
	Washington	5,474	3.4%
	Massachusetts	5,324	3.3%
	Roving Worksites	5,536	3.5%
Top 10 Industries (NAICS Code by Industry)	Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	44,757	28.1%
	Manufacturing	26,168	16.4%
	Finance & Insurance	13,458	8.4%
	Information	11,506	7.2%
	Accommodation & Food Services	10,194	6.4%
	Health Care & Social Assistance	9,910	6.2%
	Admin. & Support & Waste Management	9,444	5.9%
	Retail Trade	7,018	4.4%
	Education Services	6,442	4.0%
	Construction	3,977	2.5%

Data as of September 30, 2026. All figures are rounded and calculated based on data submitted by employers for processing.