



# Office of Administrative Law Judges

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Quarterly Report on Case Inventory for 1st Quarter FY 2026

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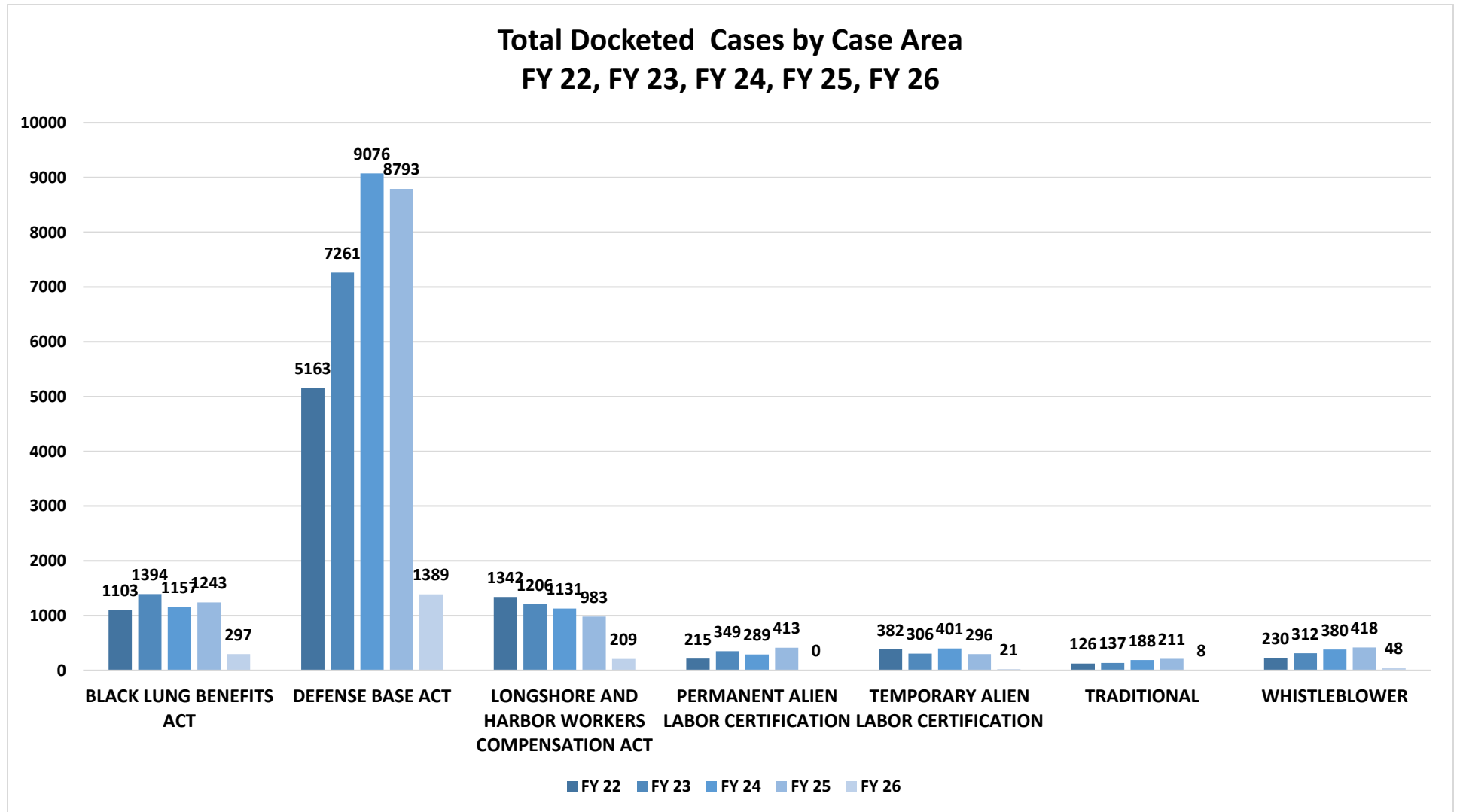
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Figure 1. Total Docketed Cases by Case Area by FY (As of 31 December 2025)



*Figure 2. Total Cases Docketed FY 26 by Case Area (As of 31 December 2025)*

Case Area	Total Docketed Cases FY 22	Total Docketed Cases FY 23	Total Docketed Cases FY 24	Total Docketed Cases FY 25	Total Docketed Cases FY 26 (As of 31 December 2025)
<b>BLACK LUNG BENEFITS ACT</b>	<b>1103</b>	<b>1394</b>	<b>1157</b>	<b>1243</b>	<b>297</b>
<b>DEFENSE BASE ACT</b>	<b>5163</b>	<b>7261</b>	<b>9076</b>	<b>8793</b>	<b>1389</b>
<b>LONGSHORE AND HARBOR WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT</b>	<b>1342</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>1131</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>209</b>
<b>PERMANENT ALIEN LABOR CERTIFICATION</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TEMPORARY ALIEN LABOR CERTIFICATION</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>TRADITIONAL</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>WHISTLEBLOWER</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>OALJ TOTAL</b>	<b>8561</b>	<b>10964</b>	<b>12621</b>	<b>12357</b>	<b>1972</b>

Figure 3. Total Disposed Cases by Case Area by FY (As of 31 December 2025)

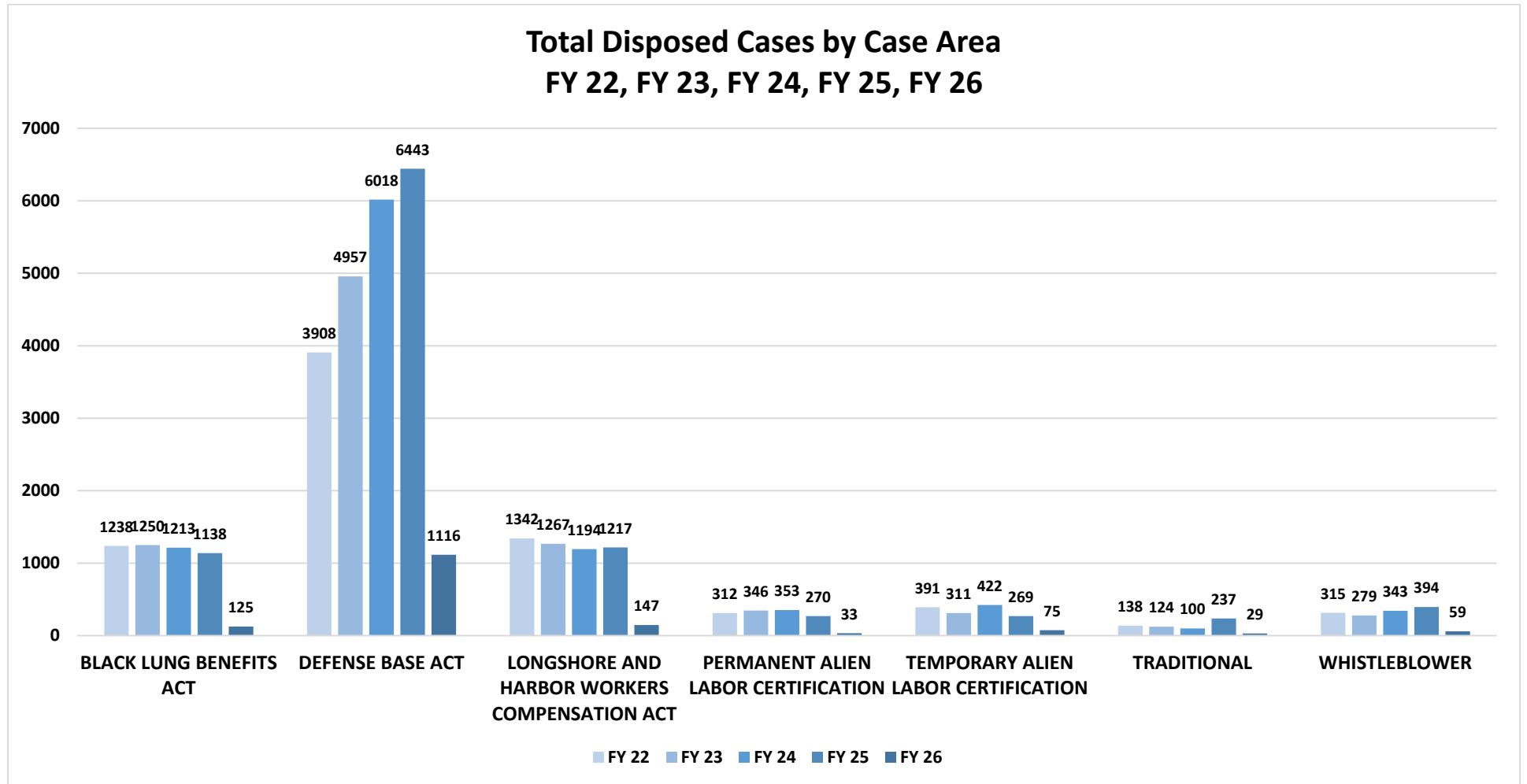


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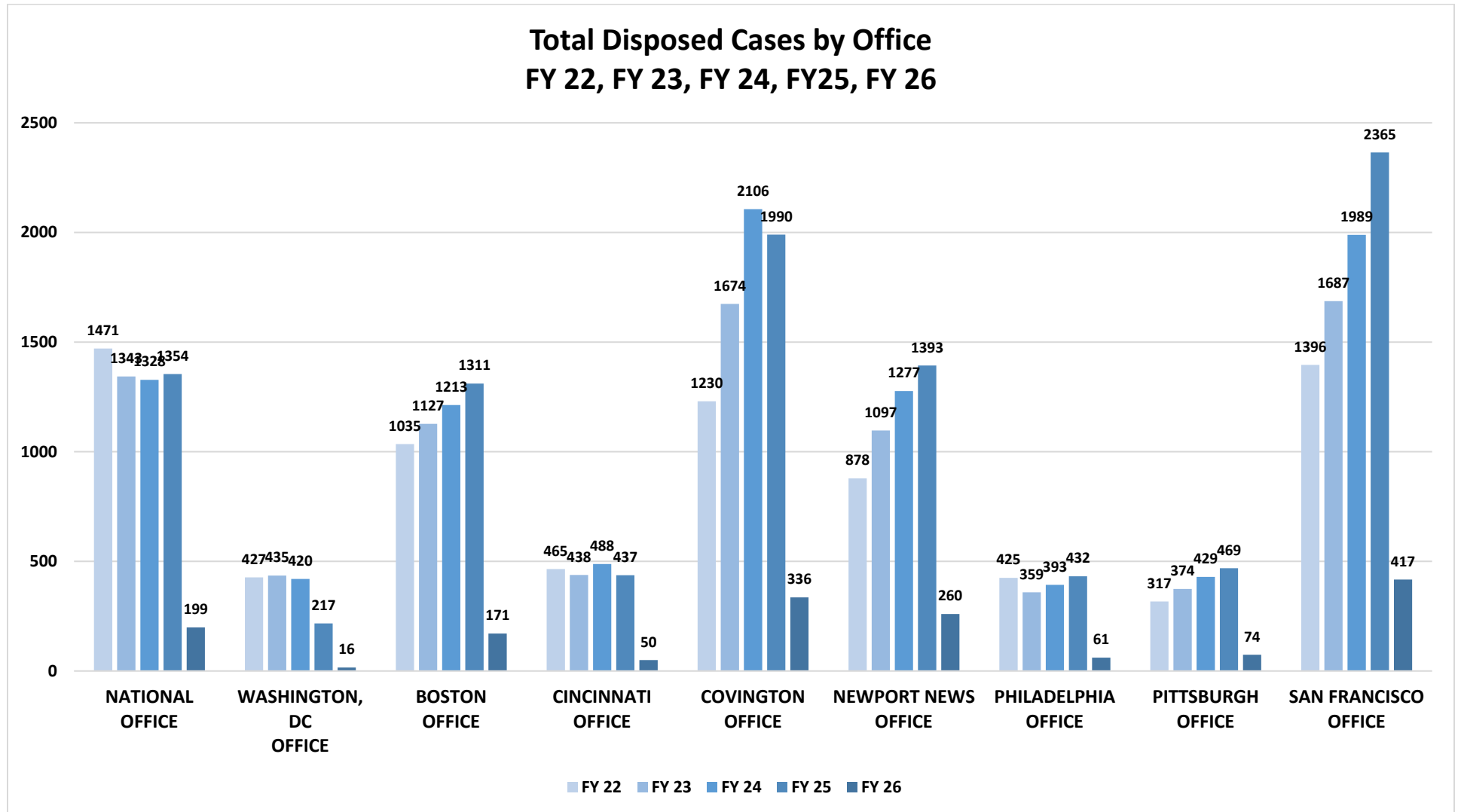


Figure 5. Total Disposed Cases by Decision Types FY 26 (1 October 2025 – 31 December 2025)

		By Case Area							
		BLACK LUNG BENEFITS ACT	DEFENSE BASE ACT	LHWCA	PERM	TEMP IMMAGRATION	TRADITIONAL	WHISTLEBLOWER	
Total Disposed Cases by Decision Types FY 26 (1 October 2025 - 31 Dec 2025)	By Decision Type								
	ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSE	8	0	2	1	0	0	5	0
	AWARD OF BENEFITS	63	51	6	6	0	0	0	0
	CONSENT ORDER	4	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
	DECISION AND ORDER ON THE MERITS (OTHER THAN BENEFITS CASES)	92	1	0	0	27	62	0	2
	DENIAL OF BENEFITS	43	30	12	1	0	0	0	0
	DISMISSAL	77	3	33	1	5	3	22	10
	KICK-OUT TO FEDERAL COURT	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	RECOMMENDED DECISION & ORDER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	REMAND	1127	31	1008	80	0	7	0	1
	SETTLEMENT	134	1	44	57	0	0	1	31
	SUMMARY/DEFAULT JUDGEMENT	11	1	8	0	0	0	0	2
WITHDRAWAL	20	7	3	1	1	0	0	8	
DALJ Totals		1584	125	1116	147	33	75	29	59

**\* Note:**

**Traditional:** includes cases involving grants administration, federal contract disputes, child labor violations, workplace discrimination by government contractors, mine safety variances, minimum wage disputes, and recordkeeping required by ERISA.

**Whistleblower:** includes complaints involving corporate fraud and violations of transportation, environmental, and food safety statutes.

Figure 6. Total Pending Cases by Case Area by FY (As of 31 December 2025)

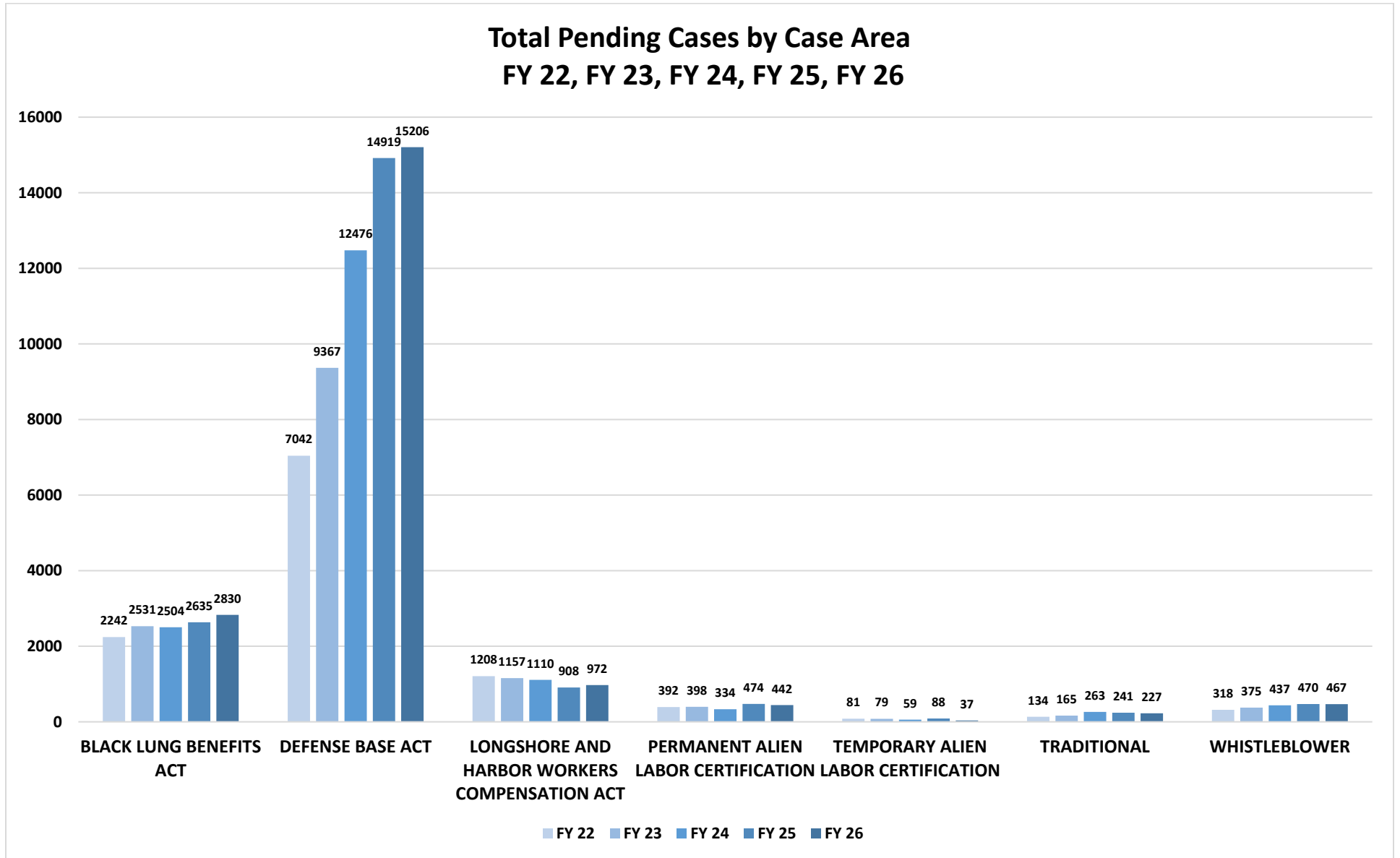


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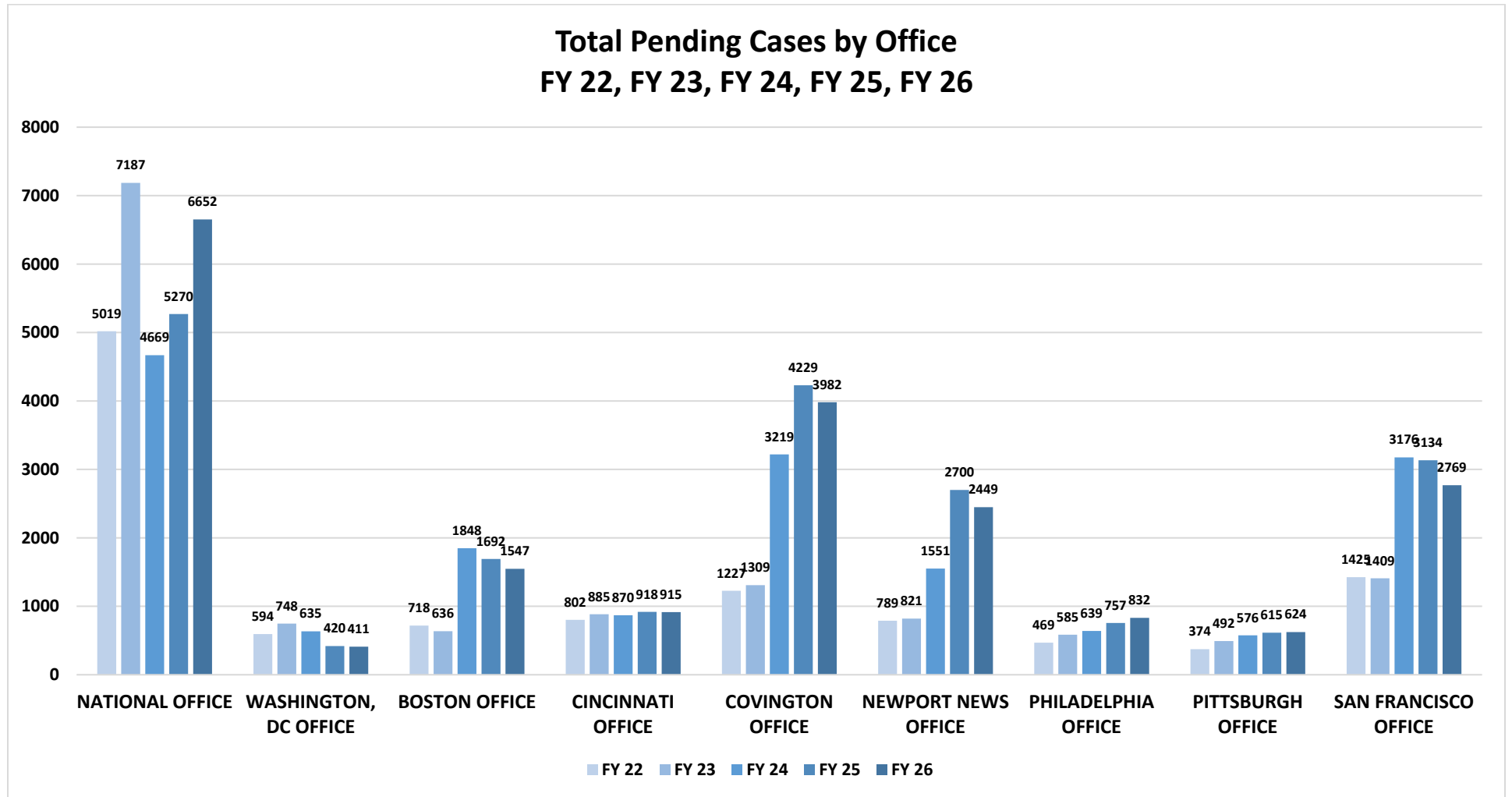


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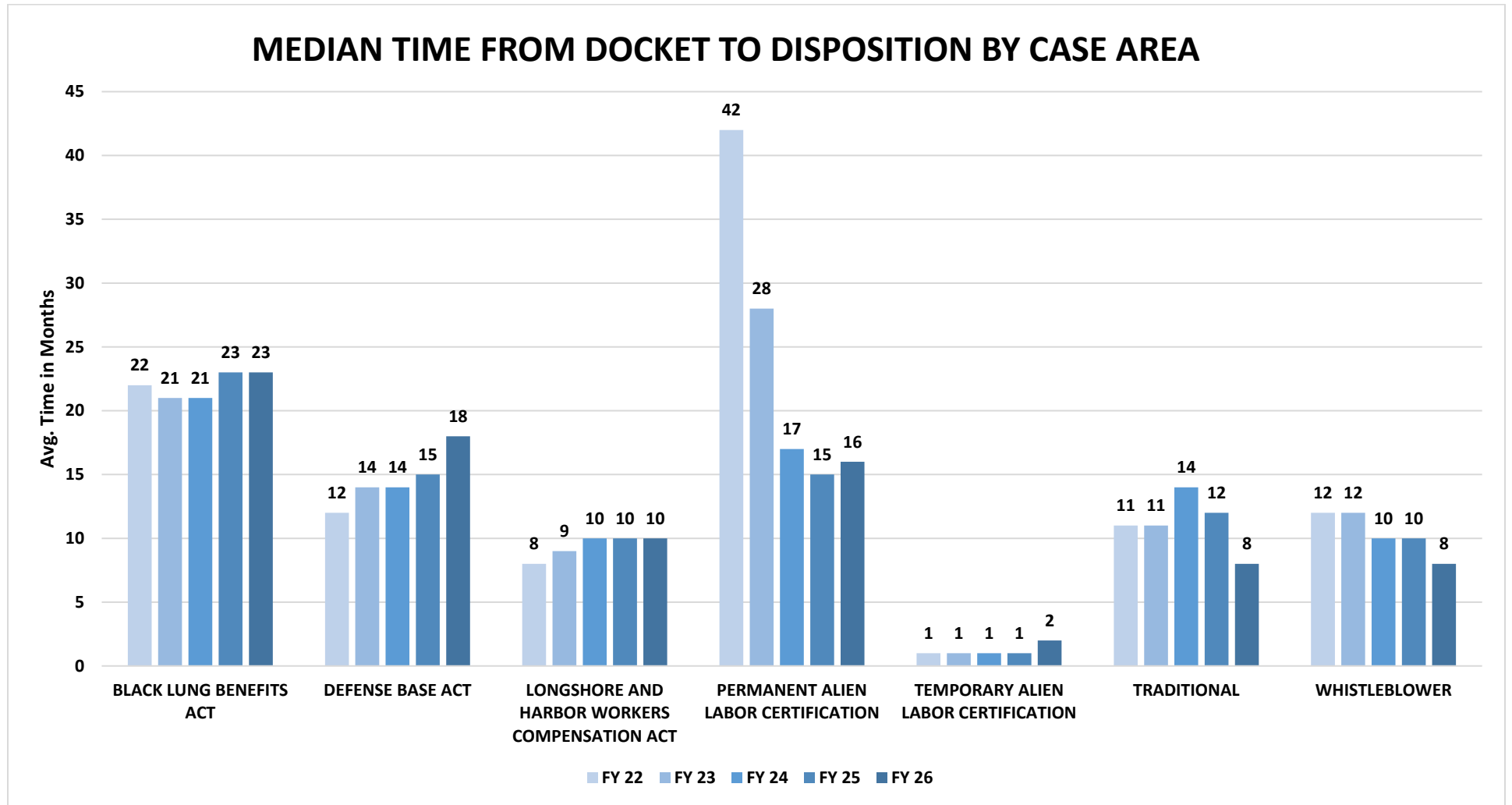
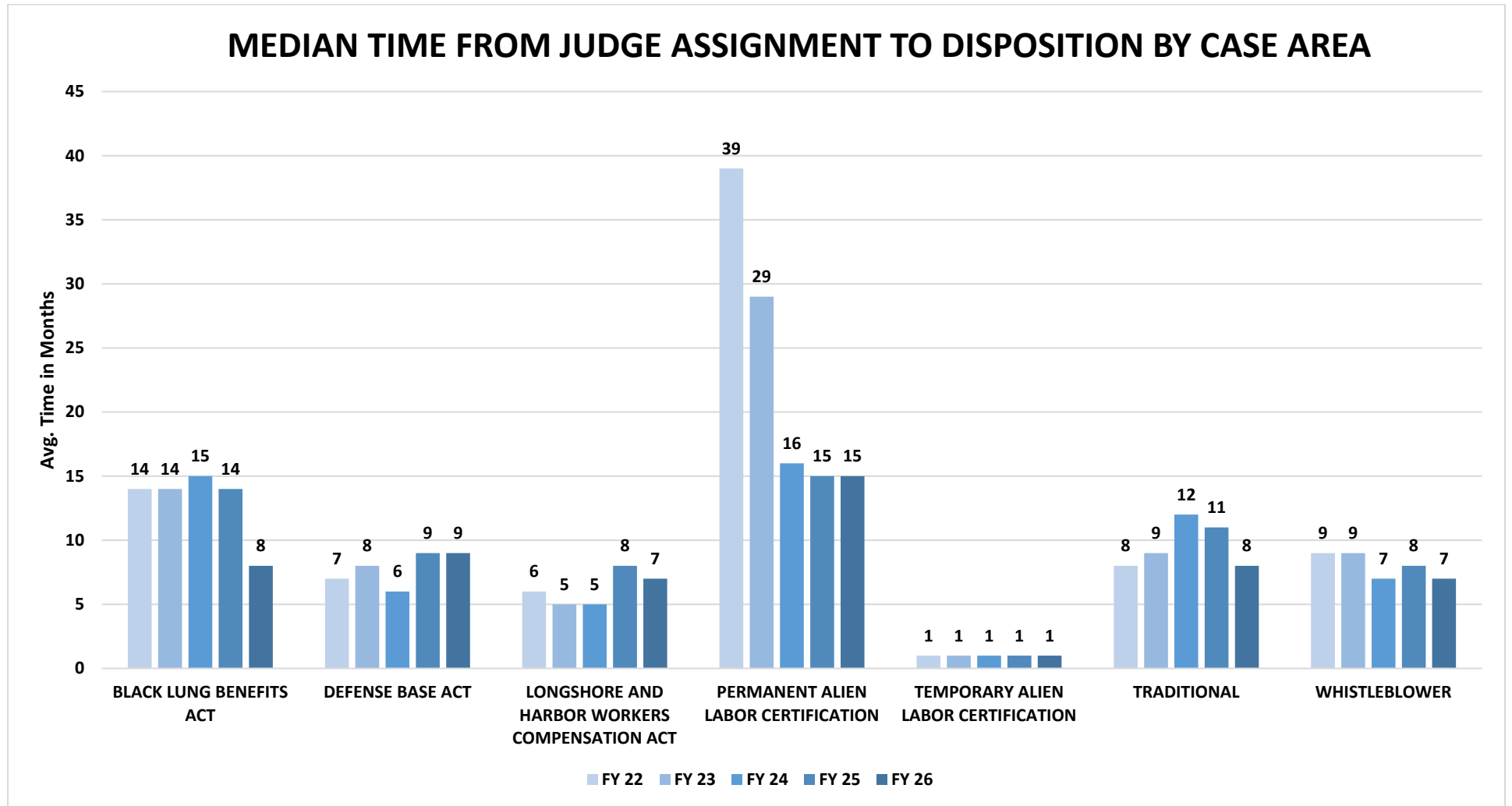


Figure 9. Median Time from Date of Judge Assignment to Disposition by Case Area FY 22 – FY 26 (As of 31 December 2025)



**Figure 10.** Total Record Closed More Than 12 Months without a Decision by Case Area (As of 31 December 2025)

	Total Record Closed As of 31 December 2024	Total Record Closed As of 31 December 2025
<b>BLACK LUNG BENEFITS ACT</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>510</b>
<b>DEFENSE BASE ACT</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>LONGSHORE and HARBOR WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>PERMANENT ALIEN LABOR CERTIFICATION</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>TEMPORARY ALIEN LABOR CERTIFICATION</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TRADITIONAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>WHISTLEBLOWER</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>OALJ TOTAL</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>803</b>

**\* Note:**

*For purposes of this reporting requirement, a record closes on the later of the date the hearing was concluded, the transcript was received, post-hearing evidence was due, closing briefs were to be filed, or the date the presiding ALJ issues an order formally closing the record. If a party waives a hearing, the record closes on the date the presiding judge sets for filing of all submissions. In other words, a record is closed when the case is "ready to write."*

**Figure 11.** Total Record Closed More Than 12 Months without a Decision by Office (As of 31 December 2025)

	Total Record Closed As of 31 December 2024	Total Record Closed As of 31 December 2025
<b>BOSTON OFFICE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>CINCINNATI OFFICE</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>COVINGTON OFFICE</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>NATIONAL OFFICE</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>NEWPORT NEWS OFFICE</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>PHILADELPHIA OFFICE</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>286</b>
<b>PITTSBURGH OFFICE</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>WASHINGTON, DC OFFICE</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>OALJ TOTAL</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>803</b>

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