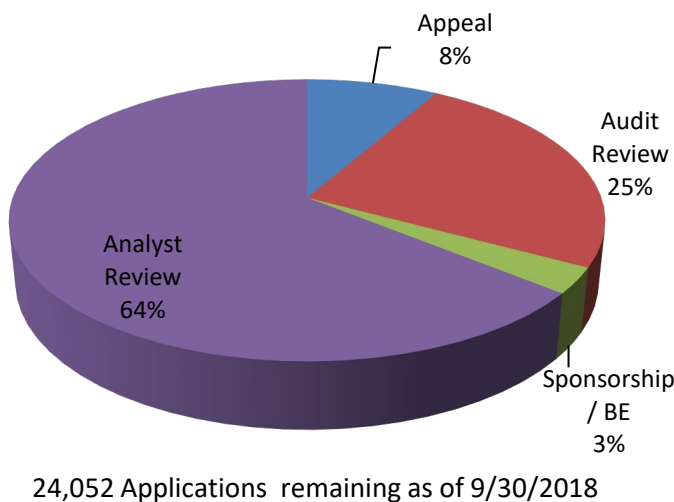# OFFICE OF FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION

Permanent Labor Certification Program – Selected Statistics, FY 2018

Applications Received[1]

FYTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% FY Change from FY17
104,360	27,088	24,716	29,153	23,403	-.6%

Processing Status of Active PERM Applications

Appeal 8%
Audit Review 25%
Analyst Review 64%
Sponsorship / BE 3%

24,052 Applications remaining as of 9/30/2018

Applications Processed

Determination	FYTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Certified	109,550	15,912	20,410	37,356	35,872
Denied	6,255	1,292	1,276	1,649	2,038
Withdrawn	3,971	923	963	1,031	1,054

Processing Times: http://icert.doleta.gov/

Review of Applications Certified FY 2018

(% of total certified FY 2018)			
Top 5 Occupations (O*Net Job Family)	Computer and Mathematical	62,466	57%
	Architecture and Engineering	9,894	9%
	Management	7,932	7%
	Business and Financial Operations	7,045	6%
	Education, Training, and Library	3,589	3%
Top 5 Work Site States	California	27,228	25%
	Texas	10,501	10%
	New York	9,726	9%
	Washington	8,261	8%
	New Jersey	7,008	6%
Top 5 Industries (NAICS Code by Industry)	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	44,152	40%
	Manufacturing	16,375	15%
	Information	10,374	9%
	Retail Trade	8,094	7%
	Finance and Insurance	7,423	7%
Top 5 Visa Classifications	H-1B	74,454	68%
	L-1	8,185	7%
	F-1	7,274	7%
	Blank	6,661	6%
	Not in USA	3,386	3%
Top 5 Countries of Citizenship	India	56,537	52%
	China	11,925	11%
	South Korea	4,796	4%
	Canada	4,137	4%
	Mexico	3,569	3%
Minimum Education Requirements	Advanced Degree	50,276	46%
	Bachelor's	43,570	40%
	Less than Bachelor's	12,592	11%
	Other	3,107	3%

- Cumulative numbers may not match the numbers on previous reports due to changes in case processing status.

- Advanced Degree is defined as Master's and/or Doctorate Degree

[1] Please note that applications received will not match posted disclosure data as this data set only includes adjudicated applications.