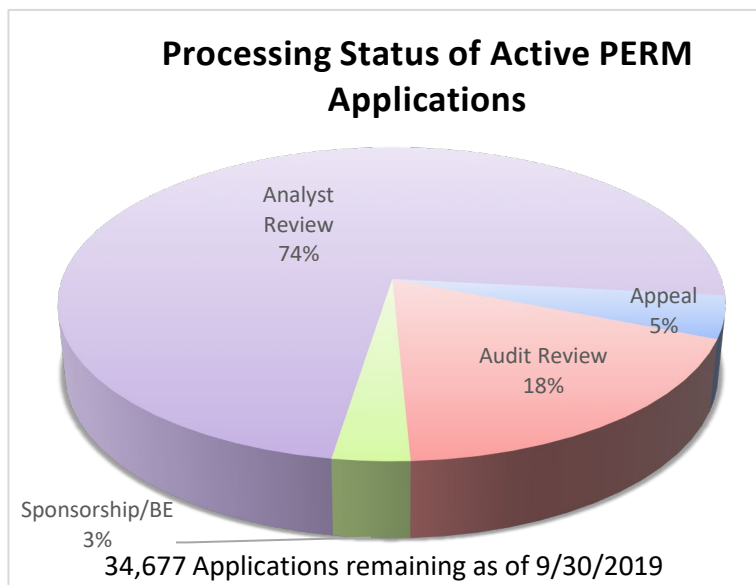# OFFICE OF FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION
Permanent Labor Certification Program – Selected Statistics, FY 2019

Applications Received[1]

FYTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% FY Change from FY18
113,014	27,948	23,923	29,594	31,549	8.3%

Processing Status of Active PERM Applications

Analyst Review 74%
Appeal 5%
Audit Review 18%
Sponsorship/BE 3%

34,677 Applications remaining as of 9/30/2019

Applications Processed[2]

Determination	FYTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Certified	93,865	15,730	21,254	34,123	22,758
Denied	5,535	1,104	1,502	1,515	1,414
Withdrawn	3,255	875	917	732	731

PERM Processing Times can be found online at https://icert.doleta.gov.

Review of Applications Certified FY 2019

(% of total certified FY 2019)			
Top 5 Occupations (O*Net Job Family)	Computer and Mathematical	54,634	58.2%
	Architecture and Engineering	8,025	8.5%
	Business and Financial Operations	6,141	6.5%
	Management	5,540	5.9%
	Education, Training, and Library	2,749	2.9%
Top 5 Work Site States	California	22,838	24.3%
	Texas	12,227	13.0%
	New York	8,366	8.9%
	Washington	5,952	6.3%
	New Jersey	5,811	6.2%
Top 5 Industries (NAICS Code by Industry)	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	39,876	42.5%
	Manufacturing	14,164	15.1%
	Information	8,015	8.5%
	Finance and Insurance	6,227	6.6%
	Retail Trade	5,937	6.3%
Top 5 Visa Classifications	H-1B	63,976	68.2%
	L-1	6,780	7.2%
	Blank	6,237	6.6%
	F-1	5,881	6.3%
	Not in USA	3,604	3.8%
Top 5 Countries of Citizenship	India	49,895	53.2%
	China	10,506	11.2%
	Mexico	3,217	3.4%
	Canada	3,202	3.4%
	South Korea	3,114	3.3%
Minimum Education Requirements	Advanced Degree[3]	40,773	43.4%
	Bachelor's	38,542	41.1%
	Less than Bachelor's	2,365	2.5%
	Other	2,797	3.0%

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[1] Applications received will not match posted disclosure data as this data set only includes adjudicated applications.
[2] Cumulative numbers may not match the numbers on previous reports due to changes in case processing status.
[3] Advanced Degree is defined as Master's and/or Doctorate Degree.
Data as of September 30, 2019. All figures are rounded and not audited.