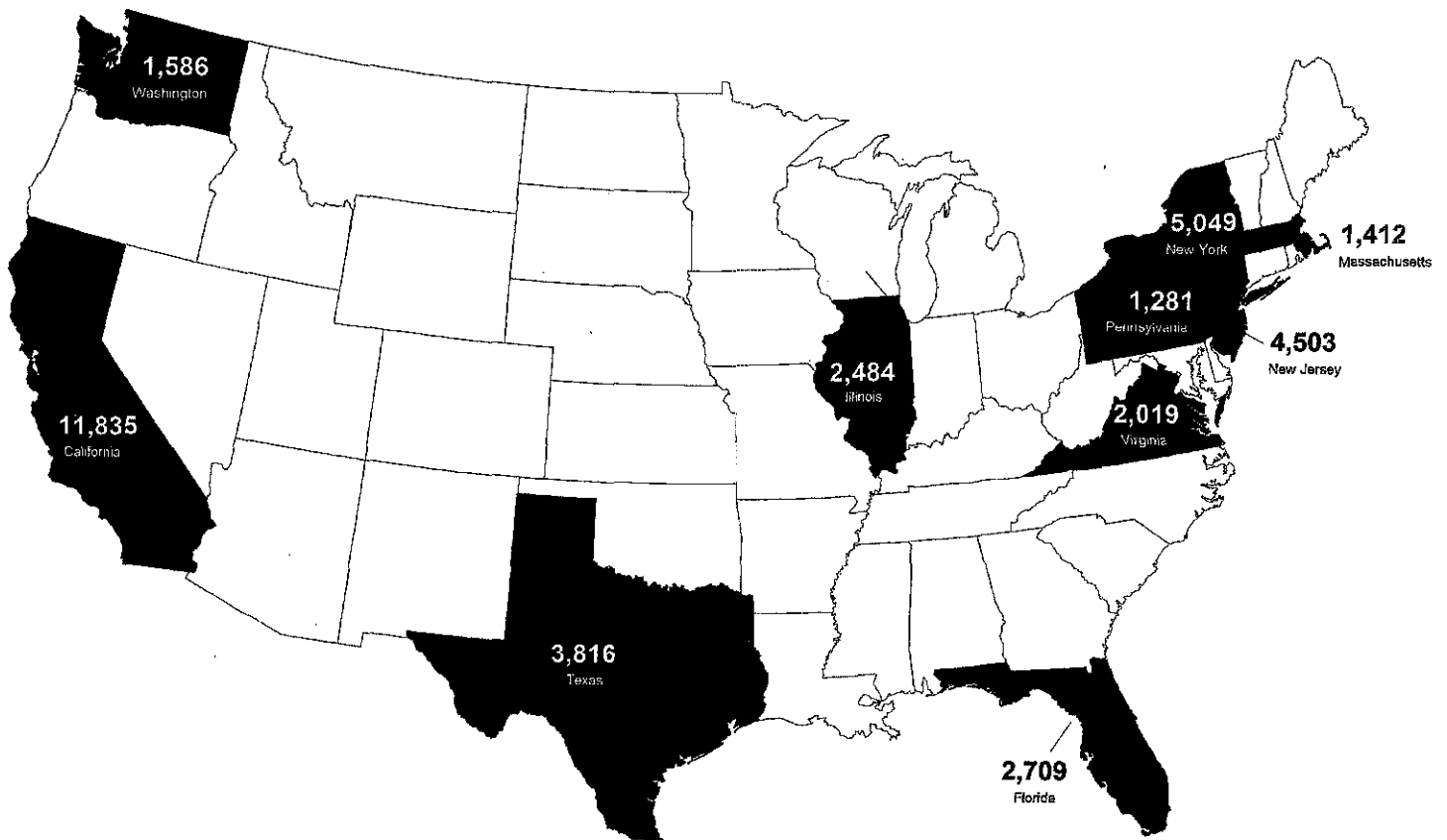


Highlights of Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 PERM Certifications*October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008**Statistical Estimates; Not Official for FY 2008*

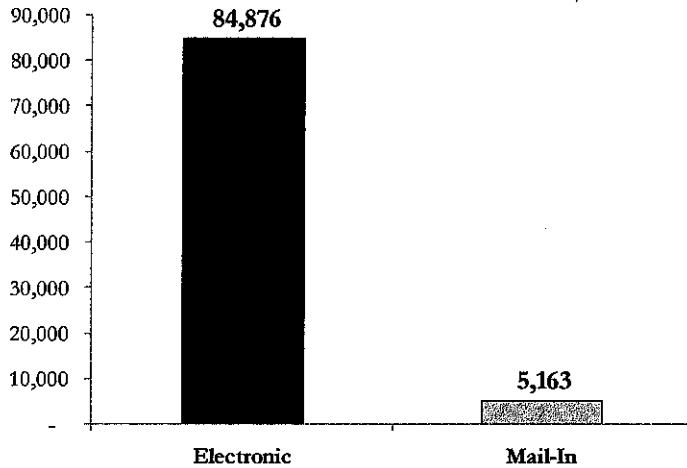
- Approximately 49,205 cases were certified during the first quarter of FY 2008; 63% of foreign workers on H-1B visas. The top 5 states of intended employment for these permanent labor certifications were California (11,835), New York (5,049), New Jersey (4,503), Texas (3,816), and Florida (2,709);
- Alien beneficiaries representing 179 different countries were certified for permanent employment in the U.S. The top 10 countries of citizenship of alien beneficiaries included India (16,569), Mexico (3,444), China (3,328), South Korea (3,119), Philippines (2,995), Canada (2,539), United Kingdom (913), Pakistan (887), Taiwan (821), and Ecuador (811); and
- Top job titles certified for permanent employment included *Computer Software Engineers* (8,861), *Computer Systems Analysts* (3,173), *Computer and Information System Managers* (648), *Restaurant Cooks* (1,120), *Electronics Engineers* (1,047), *Market Research Analysts* (970), *Computer Programmers* (902), *Financial Analysts* (707), *Mechanical Engineers* (702), *Chefs and Head Cooks* (700), and *Electrical Engineers* (651).

PERM Certifications by Top 10 U.S. States (Place of Intended Employment)
 FY 2008 Workers Certified = 49,205



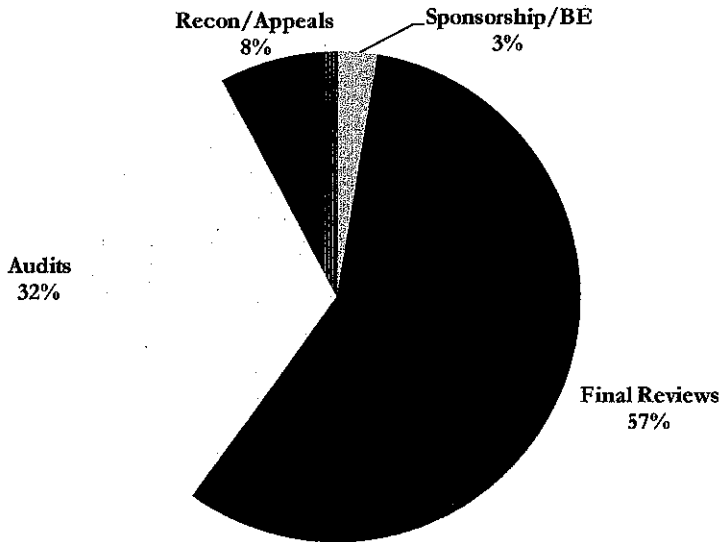
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Total Applications Received: 90,039
 (Oct 07 – Sep 08)



Breakdown in Completed Cases		
Category	FY 2008 (Oct 07– Sep 08)	Cumulative (since Mar 05)
Certified	49,205	220,883
Denied	10,729	60,221
Withdrawn	2,063	5,540
Total Completed	61,997	286,644

Distribution of Active PERM Cases
 40,200 cases (as of 9/30/08)



Major Program Highlights

PERM Processing Summary		
Processing Priority Dates	Month	Year
Final Reviews	March	2008
Audits	July	2007
Standard Appeals	Dec	2006
Gov't Error Appeals	Current	

- Atlanta NPC established email box to handle PERM Registration/Verifications at BE-RFI.Atlanta@dol.gov
- Anticipate final 30-day notice for public comments on LCA Form 9035 at end of Oct. – early Nov. 2008
- OFLC focusing January 2009 new system release on LCA Form 9035 and possible implementation of H-2A/2B NPRMs
- **Implementation of new PERM Form 9089 delayed until Spring 2009; existing form will be accepted**
- Current PERM System will shut down on Nov. 7th all day for maintenance – See ALERT posted at www.plc.doleta.gov