



Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Employment Security Department
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ASWS Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2026

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Agenda

AGENDA

Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services (ASWS) Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 15, 2026 | 9 am – 12:00 pm | 212 Maple Park Ave SE Olympia, WA 98501 | Zoom

| TIME | TOPIC | SPEAKER |
|----------|---|--|
| 9:00 am | Call to Order; Welcome | Joy Adams , Director, Employment System Policy & Integrity Division, ESD |
| 9:10 am | Roll call of committee members | Vickie Carlson , Management Analyst, ASWS Office, ESD |
| 9:15 am | Agenda review, meeting minute approval | Joy Adams , Director, Employment System Policy & Integrity Division, ESD |
| 9:20 am | ASWS Office update | Bertha J. Clayton , Director, ASWS Office, ESD Petra Meraz , Supervisor, Foreign Labor Certification Program, ASWS Office, ESD Susana Rodriguez , Supervisor, Compliance Team, ASWS Office, ESD |
| 9:40 am | Workforce Services Division: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Staff Introductions• Update | Alberto Isiordia , Assistant Director, WSD, ESD Wagner Peyser/MSFW Program Support, WSD, ESD |
| 10:00 am | <u>Committee Discussion/Feedback:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2026 Meeting Scheduling | Bertha J. Clayton , Director, ASWS Office, ESD |
| 10:45 am | Legislative, policy, disaster recovery updates | Joy Adams , Director, Employment System Policy & Integrity Division, ESD |
| 11:30 am | Discussion: PFML topics | Joy Adams , Director, Employment System Policy & Integrity Division, ESD |
| 11:45 am | Public Comment | Joy Adams , Director, Employment System Policy & Integrity Division, ESD |
| 11:50 am | Good of the Order Adjournment | Joy Adams , Director, Employment System Policy & Integrity Division, ESD |
| 12:00 pm | Next meeting: Virtually held on Zoom | |

GROUND RULES

No side conversations | Phones on silent | Let people speak without interruption | Respect the opinion of others | Strive for understanding | Speak your mind |
Strive for common ground | Assume good intent | Stay focused on task at hand and be willing to come back to the topic | Make sure everyone understands |
Look out for each other | Take care of your own comfort | Ask for what you need |

ASWS Office Update – January 2026



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Bertha J. Clayton, ASWS Director, ESD

ASWS 2026 Focus Areas



I. New AEWR Rule – new law to educate and monitor compliance



II. Changes to site visit assignments (to balance workload and provide coverage).



III. Housing inspections (Range, only)



IV. Improvements to HB 2226 data collection



V. Field check changes in authority and protocol



VI. ASWS Committee report writing year

Discontinuation of Services



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| Discontinuation of Services – 20 CFR 658, Subpart F, initiated from 10/1/25-1/1/26 | 0 |
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Processing and adjudicating Foreign Labor Certification applications

Petra Meraz, Supervisor, Foreign Labor Certification Program, ASWS, ESD



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Application status report

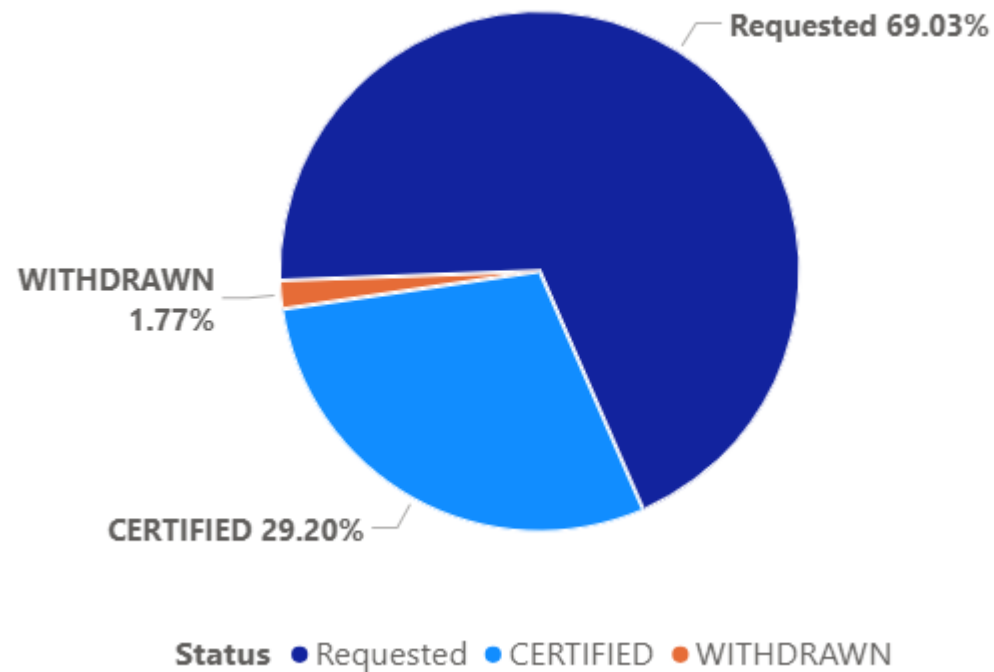
October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025



Status of applications submitted

As of October 31, 2025

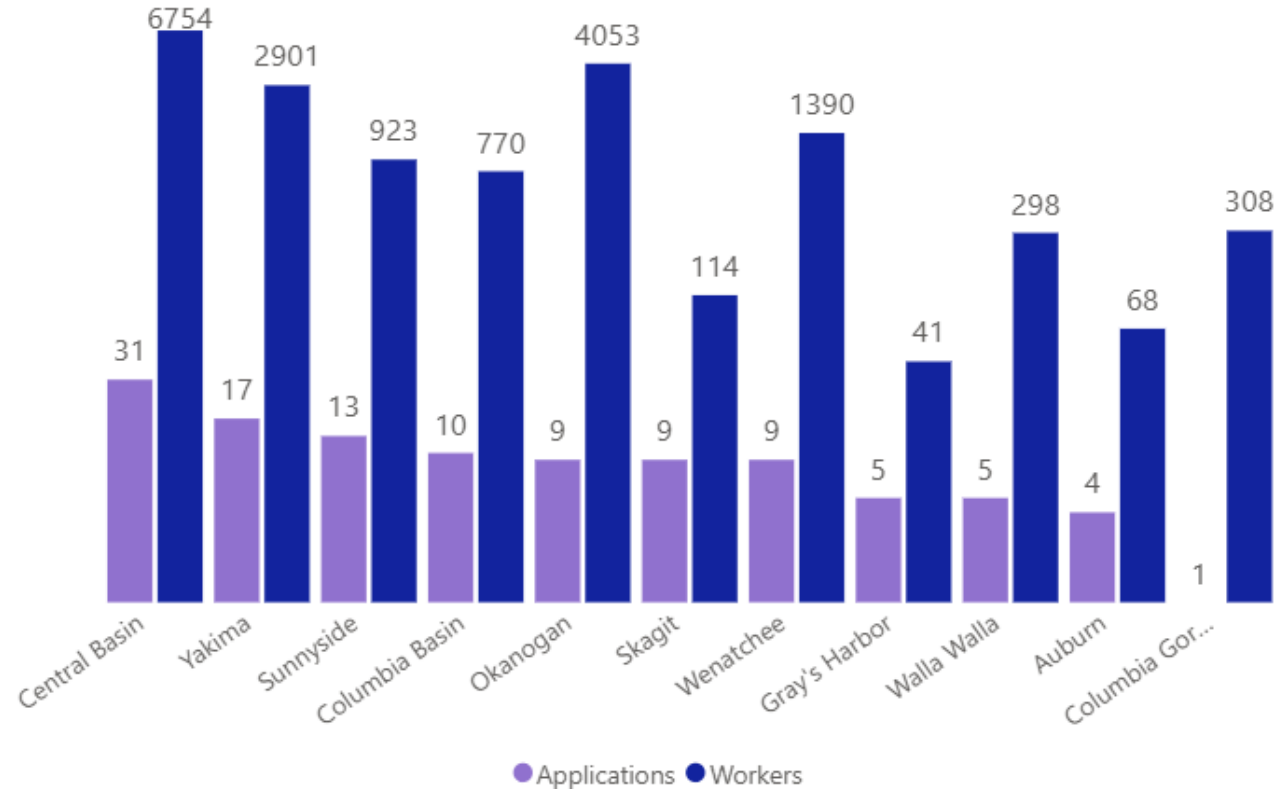
| Status | Applications | Workers |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Requested | 66 | 11786 |
| CERTIFIED | 45 | 5350 |
| WITHDRAWN | 2 | 475 |
| Total | 113 | 17611 |



Number of applications & workers requested by AHO



| AHO | Applications | Workers |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Central Basin | 31 | 6754 |
| Yakima | 17 | 2901 |
| Sunnyside | 13 | 923 |
| Columbia Basin | 10 | 770 |
| Okanogan | 9 | 4053 |
| Skagit | 9 | 114 |
| Wenatchee | 9 | 1390 |
| Gray's Harbor | 5 | 41 |
| Walla Walla | 5 | 298 |
| Auburn | 4 | 68 |
| Columbia Gorge | 1 | 308 |
| Total | 113 | 17620 |



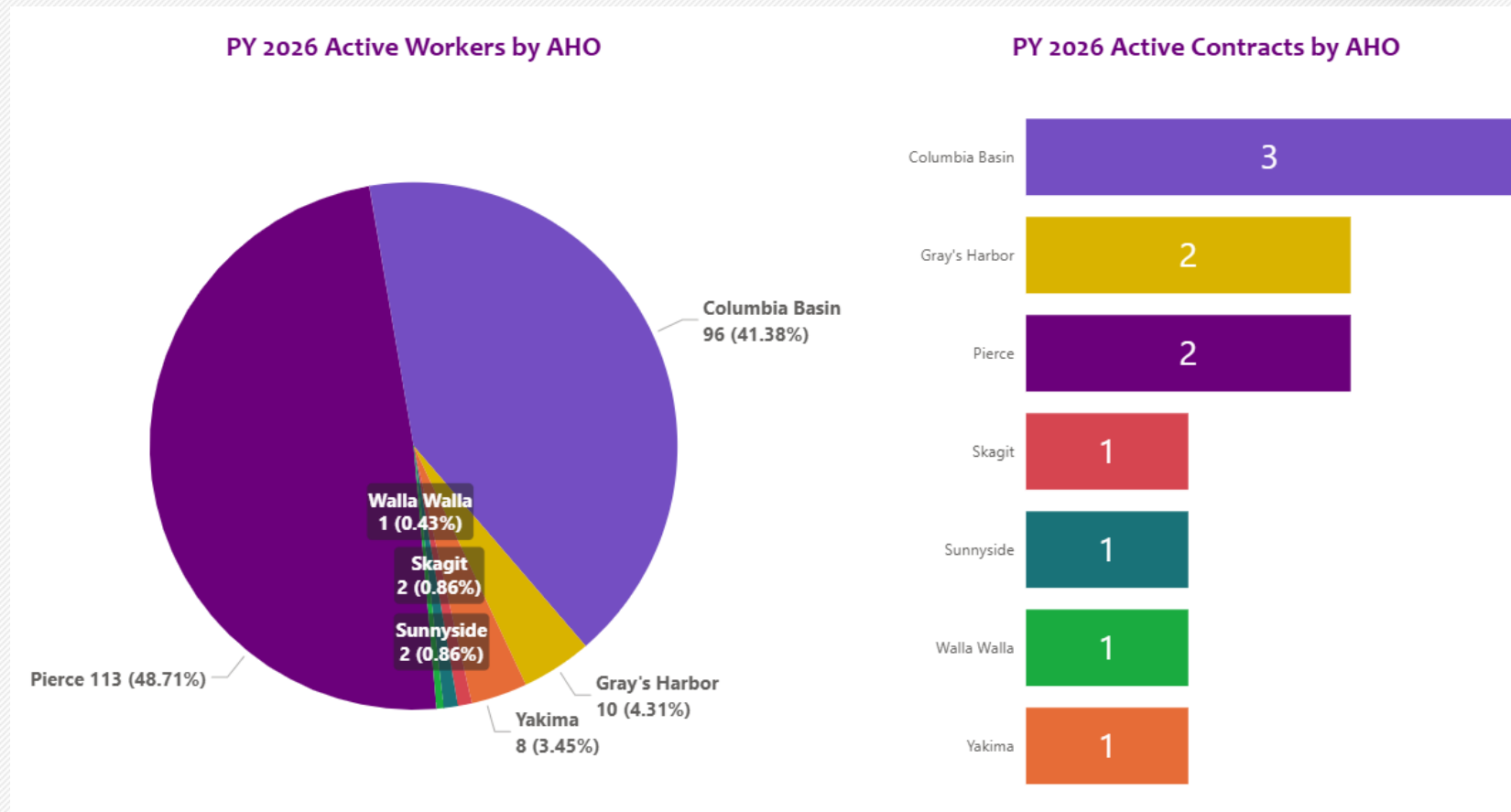
Number of active contracts & workers; by AHO

Started by and ended after December 31, 2025.



11
Contracts

232
Workers



Compliance Reporting: PY2025

Site visits (field visits), field checks & complaints

Susana Rodriguez, Compliance Unit Supervisor, ASWS, ESD



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ASWS Compliance Updates



Site visits conducted

30

Site Visits

1,926

Workers Contacted

Total field checks and workers Completed

Field Checks

2

Workers

2

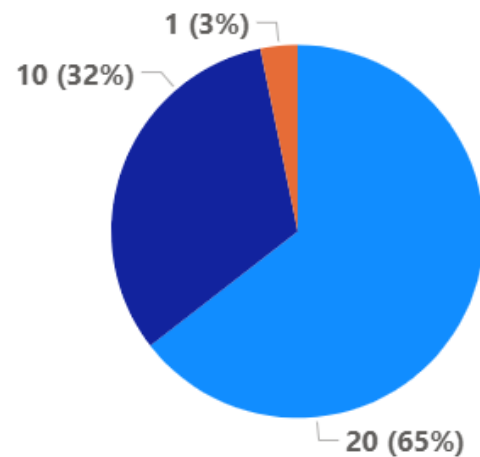
Number of workers per field check

1

1

Complaint status

● Informally Resolved (ASWS) ● Referred to other agency ● Failure to Respond



Total complaints

31

Status

In process

0

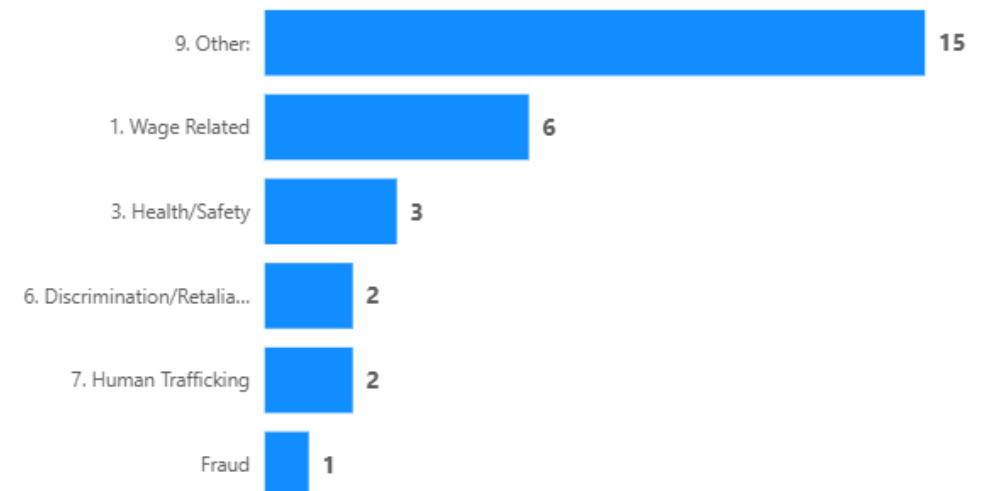
Informally resolved

20

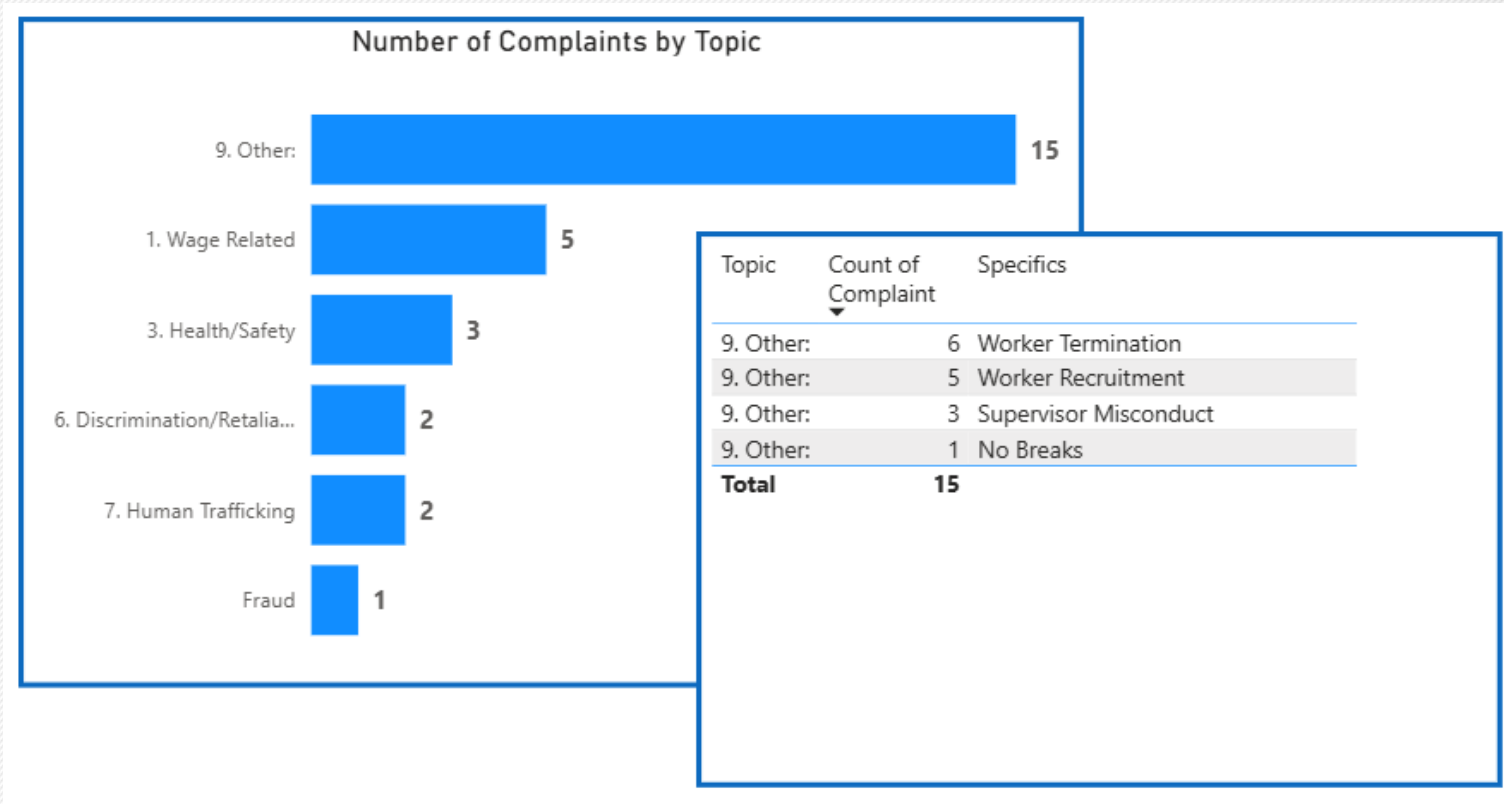
Referred to other agency

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Number of Complaints by Topic



Other allegations subcategories



ASWS quarterly report – 1st Qtr. PY2026

October 1 – December 31, 2025



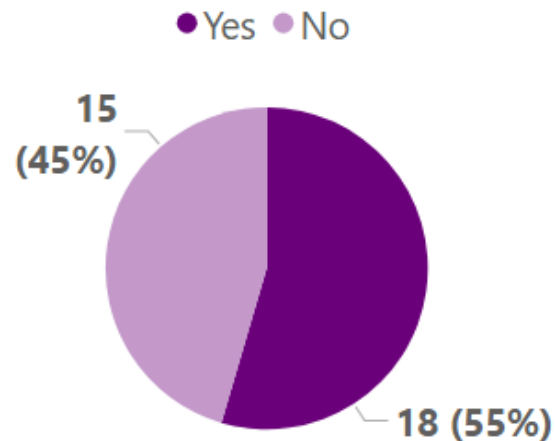
2. Total Workers Requested

2,558

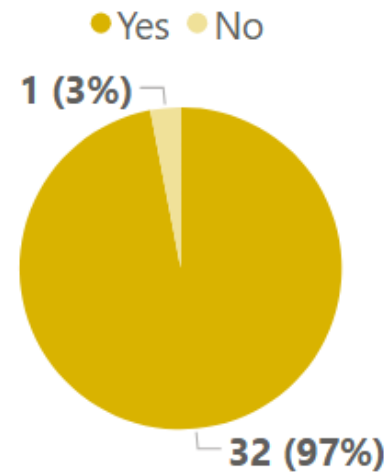
3. Total Workers Received

2,304

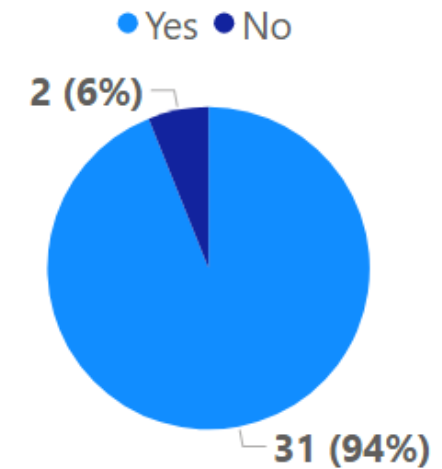
1. Number workers requested match?



4. Housing Locations Match?



5. Worksite Locations Match?



Workforce Services Division



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Alberto Isiordia, Assistant Director of Operations, WSD
Jenna Argot, Agricultural Services Coordinator

New Staff Introductions



- Tim Probst
Employment Service and Economic Inclusion Manager
- Jenna Argot
Agricultural Services Coordinator
- Chelsea Detweiler
Wagner-Peyser Program Support Specialist

MSFW Outreach Performance



Workforce Services Division (WSD)

July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025

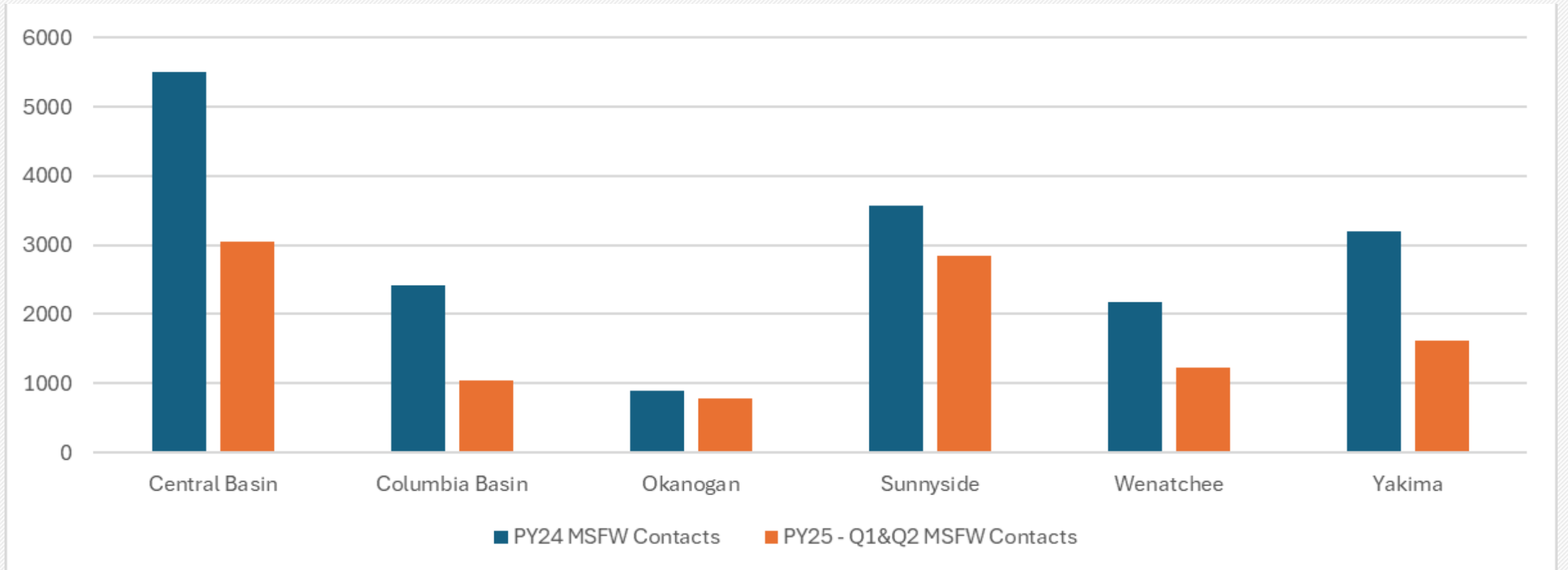
| Program Year | PY24 (July 24 – June 25) | PY25 (July 25 – Dec 25) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Total Outreach Days | 1 400 | 638 |
| Total Number of MSFWs Contacted | 25,855 | 11,165 |

* There are six full-time outreach offices: Central Basin, Columbia Basin, Okanogan, Sunnyside, Wenatchee, and Yakima. The remaining offices conduct part-time outreach to MSFWs as part of their routine Wagner-Peyser responsibilities.

MSFWs Served by Full-time Outreach Offices



July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025



Upcoming changes



► MSFW Monthly Summary Report

Request:

All offices will be begin submitting their MSFW monthly summary report to SMA following requirements in 20 CFR 653.107(c).

“Each ES Office Manager must file with the State Monitor Advocate a monthly summary report of outreach efforts.”

Change:

Form has been updated and all offices will be begin submitting their MSFW monthly summary report beginning with January 2026 data, due February 10.



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On Break until 10:30

Committee Discussion & Feedback



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Bertha J. Clayton, ASWS Director, ESD

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Legislative, Policy and Disaster Recovery Updates



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Public Comment



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Good of the Order



- Future Agenda Items
- Adjournment



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