



## Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**Employment Security Department**  
WASHINGTON STATE

### ASWS Advisory Committee Meeting

*Thursday, January 15, 2026*

*9:00 am – 12:00 pm*

# Housekeeping



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

### 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

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



**Discontinuation of Services – 20 CFR 658, Subpart F, initiated  
from 10/1/25-1/1/26**

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# Processing and adjudicating Foreign Labor Certification applications

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



# Application status report

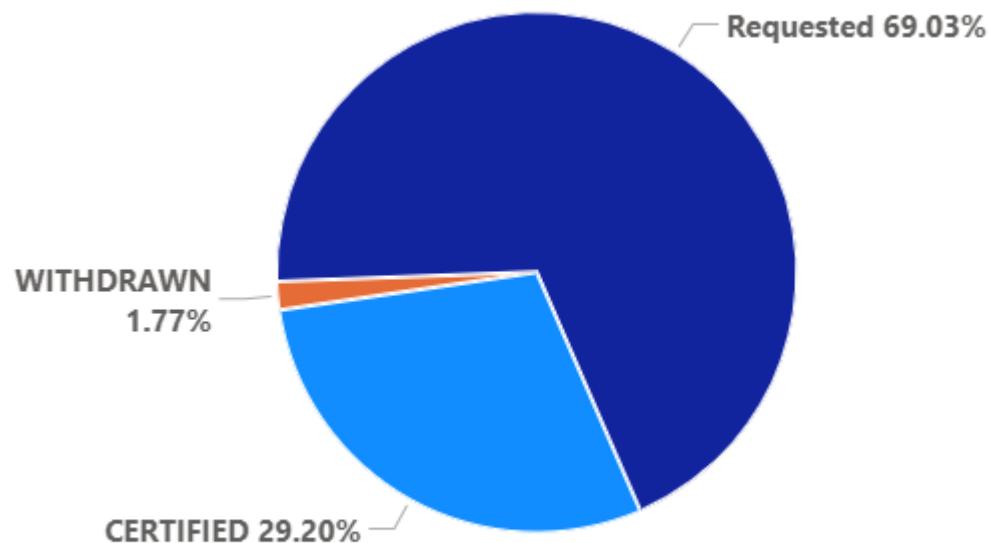
October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025



## Status of applications submitted

As of October 31, 2025

Status	Applications	Workers
Requested	66	11786
CERTIFIED	45	5350
WITHDRAWN	2	475
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>17611</b>

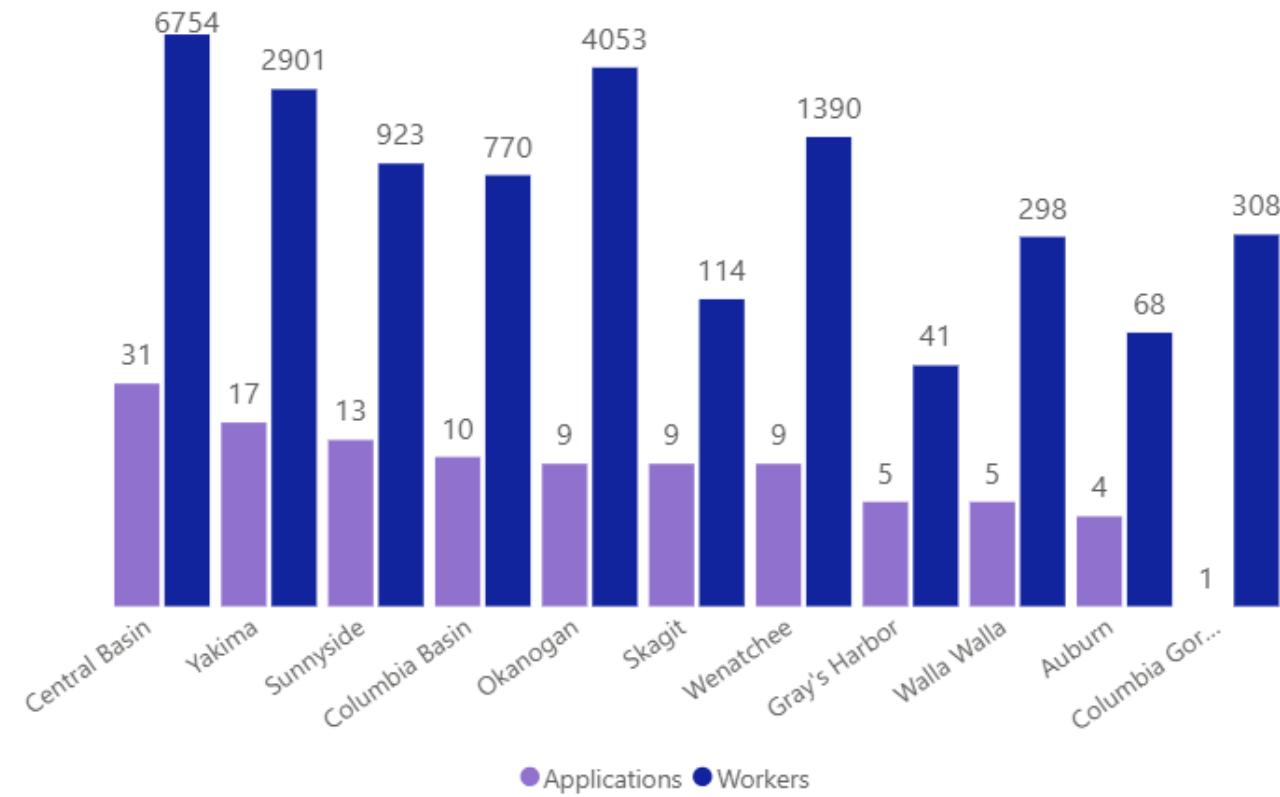


**Status** ● Requested ● CERTIFIED ● WITHDRAWN

# 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>17620</b>



# Number of active contracts & workers; by AHO

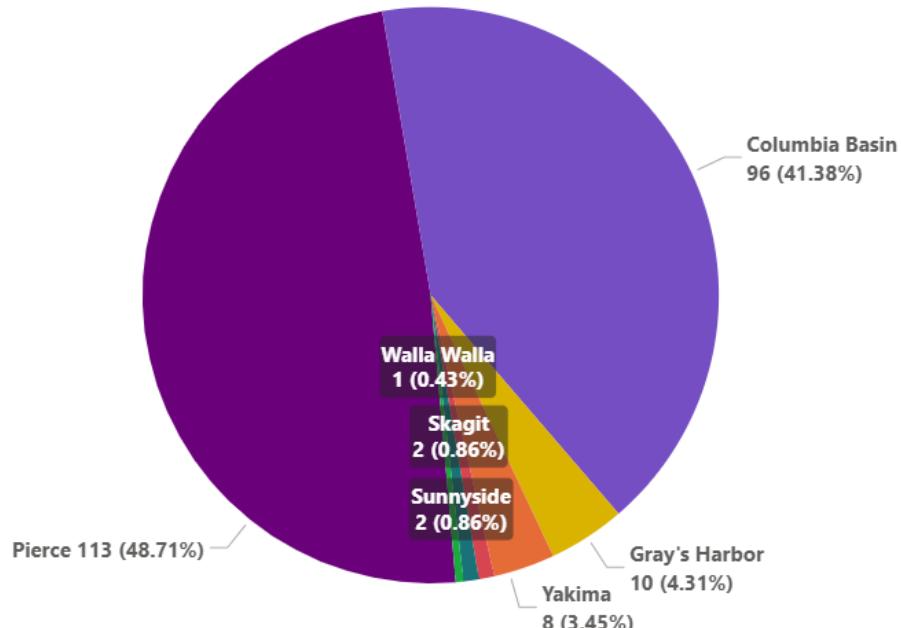
Started by and ended after December 31, 2025.



11  
Contracts

232  
Workers

PY 2026 Active Workers by AHO



PY 2026 Active Contracts by AHO



# Compliance Reporting: PY2025 Site visits (field visits), field checks & complaints

Susana Rodriguez, Compliance Unit Supervisor, ASWS, ESD



# ASWS Compliance Updates



## Site visits conducted

**30**

Site Visits

**1,926**

Workers Contacted

## Total field checks and workers

Completed

**Field Checks  
2**

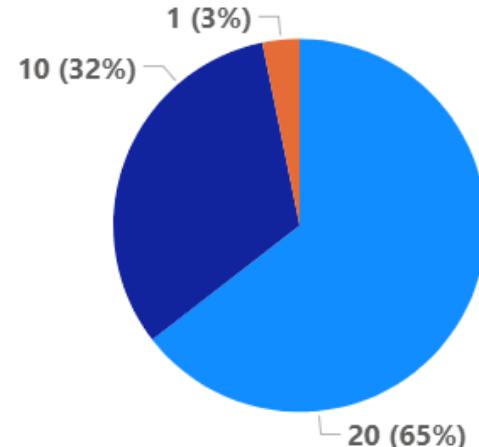
**Workers  
2**

## Number of workers per field check

**1 1**

## Complaint status

● Informally Resolved (AS... ● Referred to other agency ● Failure to Respond



## Total complaints

**31**

Status

**In process**

**0**

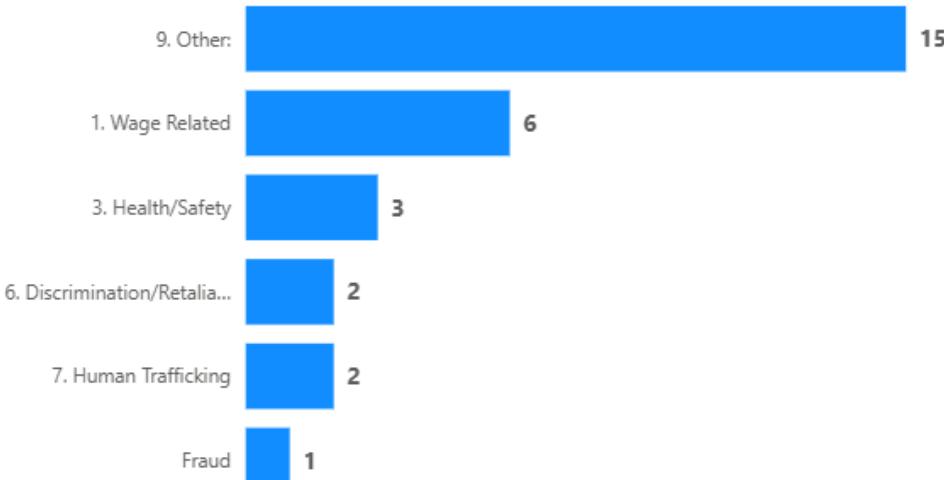
Informally resolved

**20**

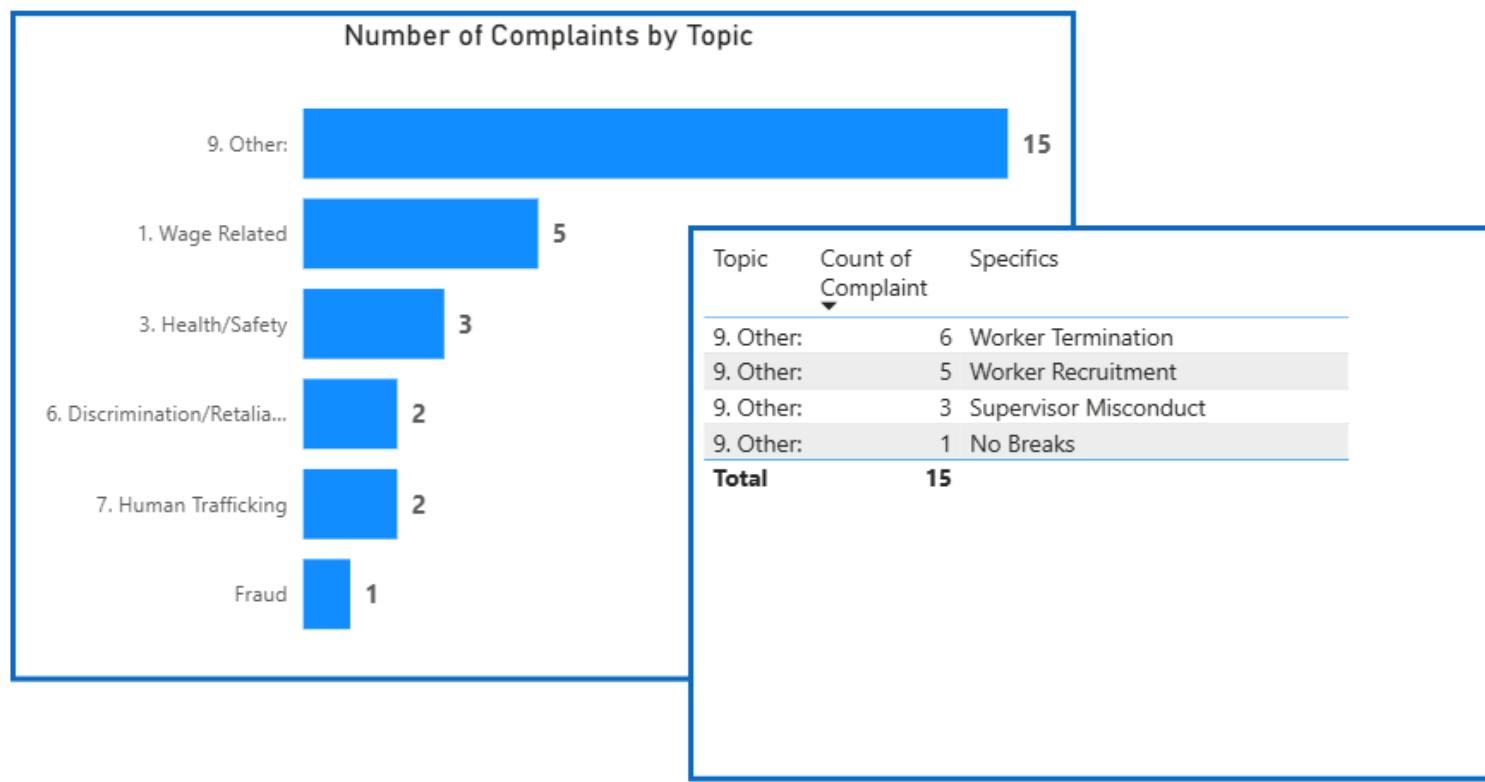
Referred to other agency

**10**

## Number of Complaints by Topic



# Other allegations subcategories



# ASWS quarterly report – 1st Qtr. PY2026

October 1 – December 31, 2025



## 2. Total Workers Requested

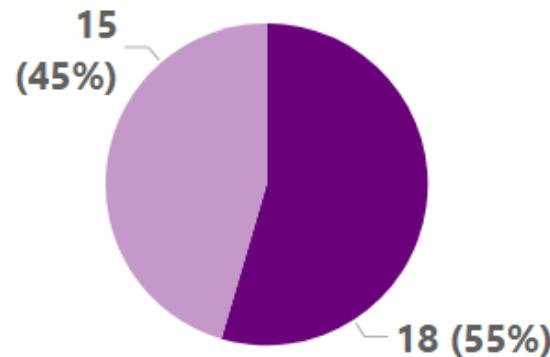
**2,558**

## 3. Total Workers Received

**2,304**

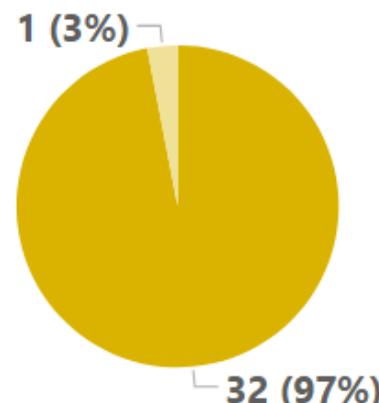
### 1. Number workers requested match?

● Yes ● No



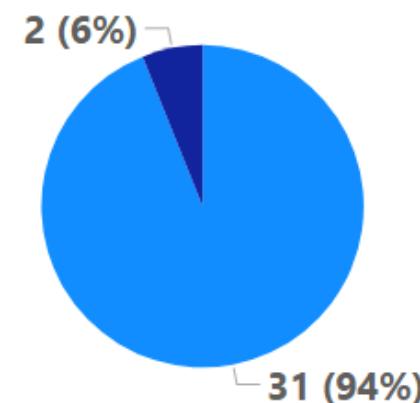
### 4. Housing Locations Match?

● Yes ● No



### 5. Worksite Locations Match?

● Yes ● No



# Workforce Services Division



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

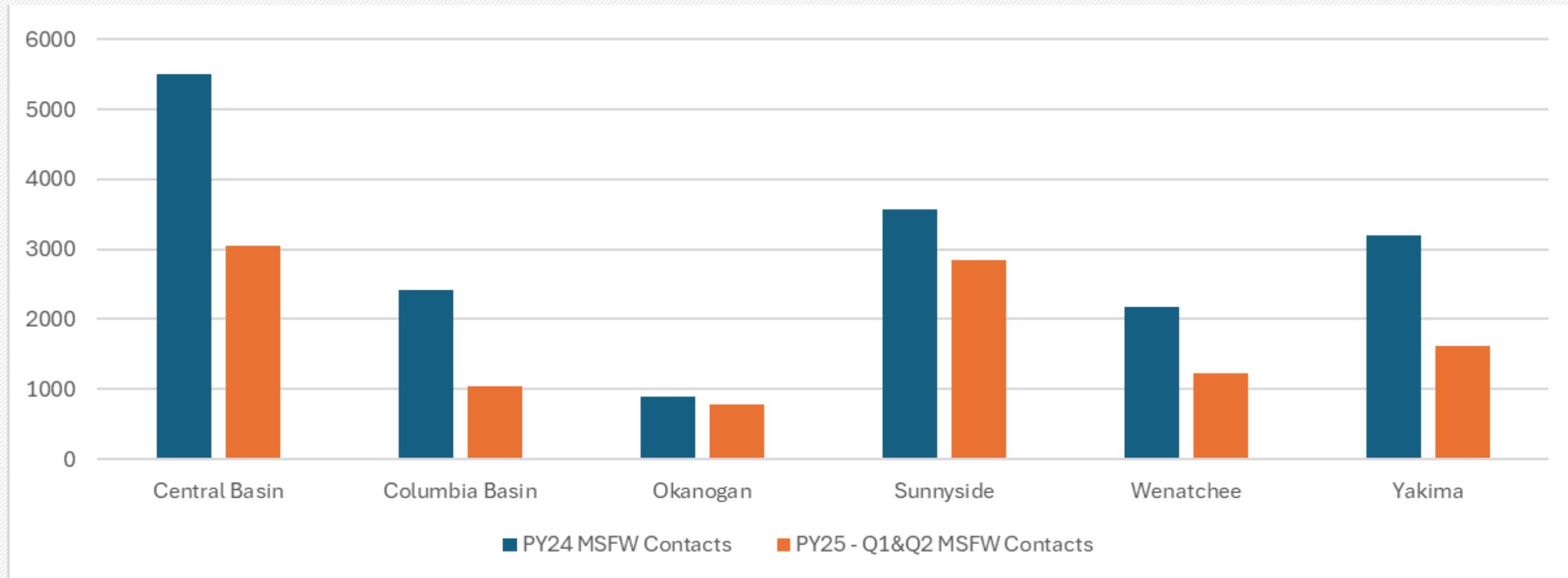
Program Year	PY24 (July 24 – June 25)	PY25 (July 25 – Dec 25)
Total Outreach Days	1400	638
Total Number of MSFWs Contacted	25,855	11,165

\* 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

Bertha J. Clayton, ASWS Director, ESD



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# Legislative, Policy and Disaster Recovery Updates

Joy Adams, Director, Employment System Policy & Integrity Division, ESD



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# Good of the Order



- Future Agenda Items
- Adjournment



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