

***Regular Meeting of the Building  
Inspection Commission***

***May 20, 2026***

***BIC Agenda Item 5b***



# PermitSF Shot Clocks

Building Inspection Commission, May 20, 2026

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There are five PermitSF building permit performance measures

Performance Measure	Target
In-house building permit issuance time	Steady improvement
Over-the-counter building permit issuance time	Hold at median of 1 calendar day
Completeness letters issued in 21 calendar days or less	75%
First comments issued in 30 calendar days or less	75%
Responses to revisions issued in 14 calendar days or less	75%

Public dashboards are available at: <https://www.sf.gov/permit-performance-metrics>

# Building Permit Issuance

## Last 12 Months

Last 12 months  Last 6 months  Last month

### Total time to issuance or approval

Includes planning applications approved or building permits issued between 5/1/2025 and 4/30/2026

#### Planning application approval

Number of days from application accepted to final approval. This includes days with the applicant.

Median days to approve

119

Applications approved

770

#### In-house Building permit issuance

Number of days from permit application filed to permit issued. This includes days with the applicant.

Median days to issue

146

Permits issued

1,741

#### Over-the-Counter Building permit issuance

Number of days from permit application filed to permit issued. This includes days with the applicant.

Median days to issue

1

Permits issued

21,465

Note: The number of days shown above are all based on calendar days.  
City and County of San Francisco | Data up to 5/15/2026 (Updated daily)

## Last Month

Last 12 months  Last 6 months  Last month

### Total time to issuance or approval

Includes planning applications approved or building permits issued between 4/1/2026 and 4/30/2026

#### Planning application approval

Number of days from application accepted to final approval. This includes days with the applicant.

Median days to approve

154

Applications approved

63

#### In-house Building permit issuance

Number of days from permit application filed to permit issued. This includes days with the applicant.

Median days to issue

94

Permits issued

171

#### Over-the-Counter Building permit issuance

Number of days from permit application filed to permit issued. This includes days with the applicant.

Median days to issue

2

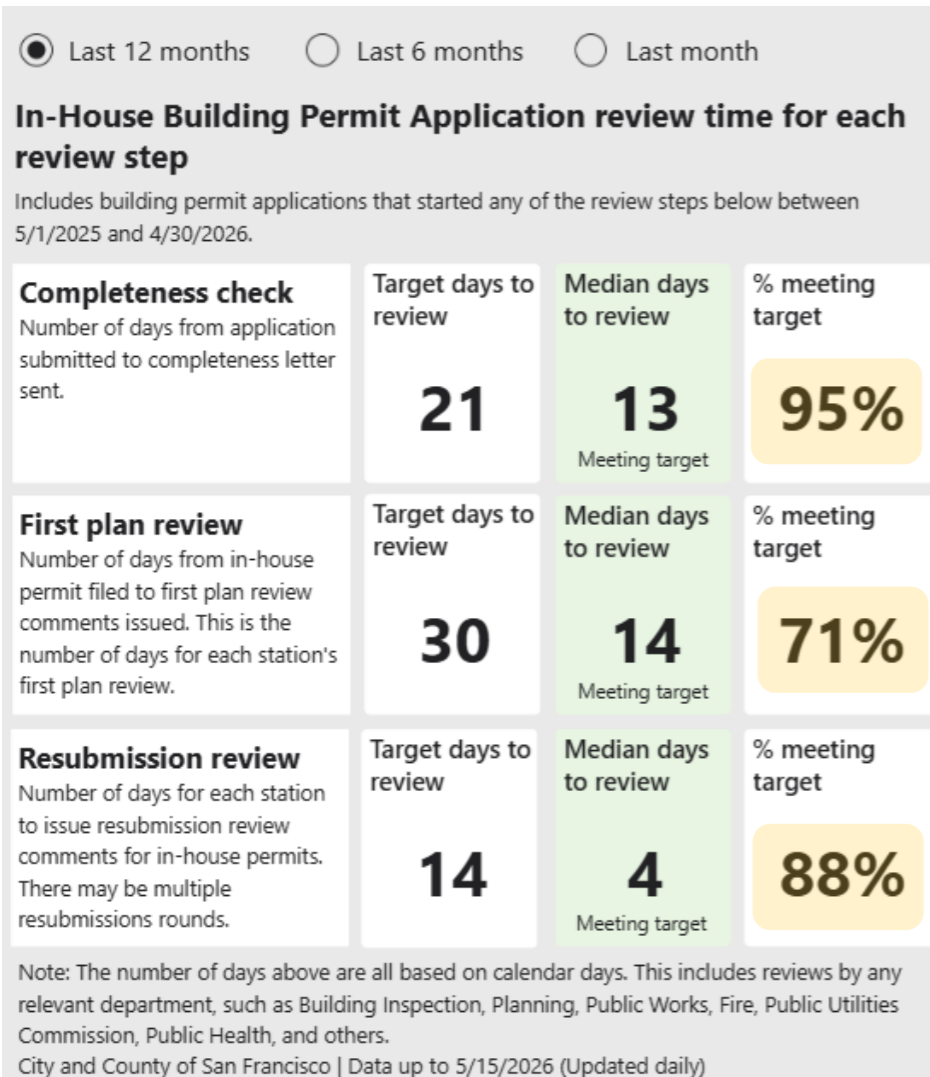
Permits issued

1,689

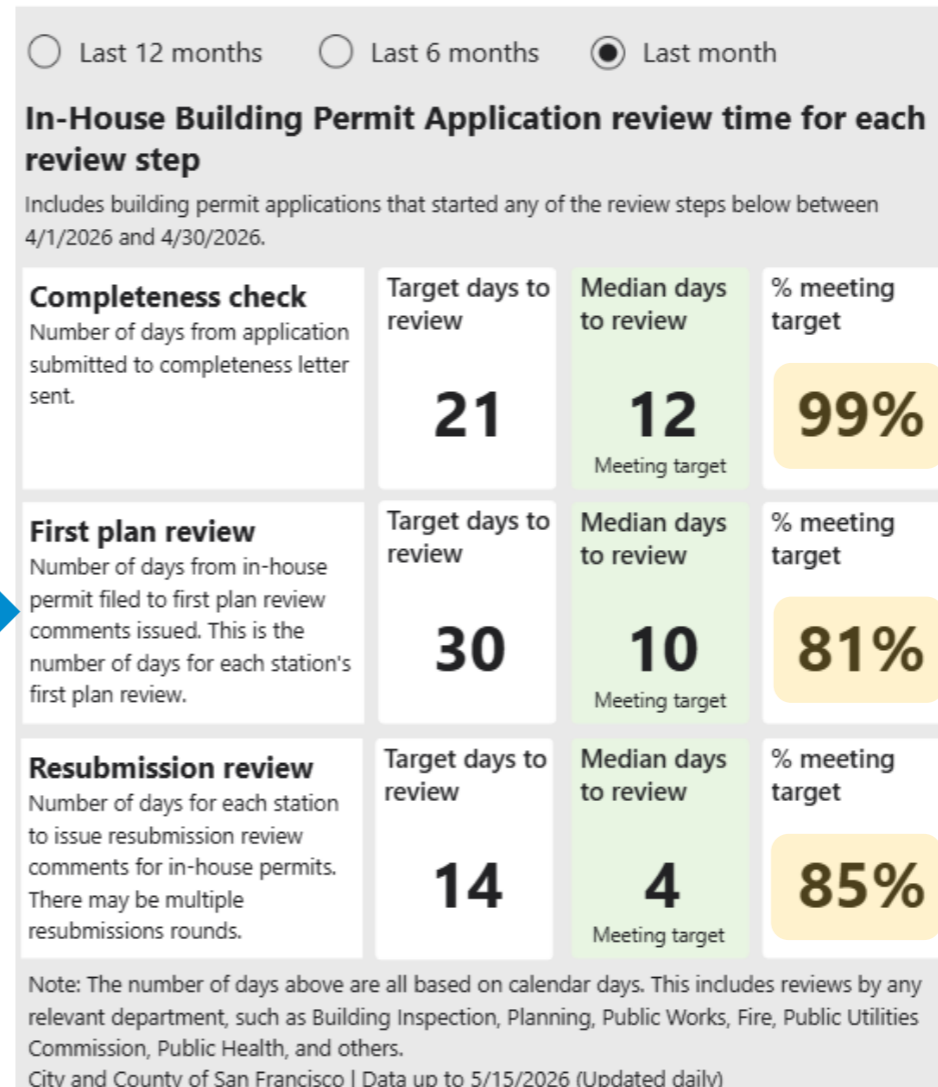
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# Completeness Check & Plan Review

## Last 12 Months



## Last Month



# PermitSF Portal

All time  Last 6 months  Last month  Last week

## PermitSF Portal Submission Status and Processing Times

Includes submissions for fire permits for alarms, sprinklers, and other fire suppression systems; building permits for doors, siding, and window replacement; and special events intake submitted between 2/10/2026 and 5/15/2026.

	Fire Permits	Building Permits	Special Events
<b>Total Submitted</b> <small>Total applications submitted on PermitSF portal</small>	828	723	196
<b>In-Progress</b> <small>Applications in "Active" status that are currently being processed, but no permit or checklist has been issued</small>	273	95	4
<b>Issued</b> <small>Permits or checklists in "Active" status that have been issued, but subsequent steps have not been completed</small>	428	443	127
<b>Complete</b> <small>Permits that have passed final inspection or special events that have finished checklist items</small>	76	130	27
<b>Days to Issue</b> <small>Median business days from: -Submission to permit issuance for fire and building permits, or checklist issuance for special events</small>	7	3	2

Note: The number of days to issue includes City review and customer response time. City and County of San Francisco | Data up to 5/15/2026 12:10:47 PM (Updated 4 times per day)

As of 5/15/26, over 723 building permit applications had been submitted through the OpenGov PermitSF Portal. 61% had received their permit, and the median days to issue the permit had increased slightly to 3 business days.



**THANK YOU**