

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

August 19, 2026

BIC Agenda Item 5b

PermitSF Shot Clocks

Building Inspection Commission, August 19, 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 8/1/2025 and 7/31/2026

Planning application approval

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

Median days to approve

118

Applications approved

733

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

145

Permits issued

1,783

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

20,485

Note: The number of days shown above are all based on calendar days.
City and County of San Francisco | Data up to 8/14/2026 (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 7/1/2026 and 7/31/2026

Planning application approval

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

Median days to approve

127

Applications approved

52

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

156

Permits issued

153

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

4

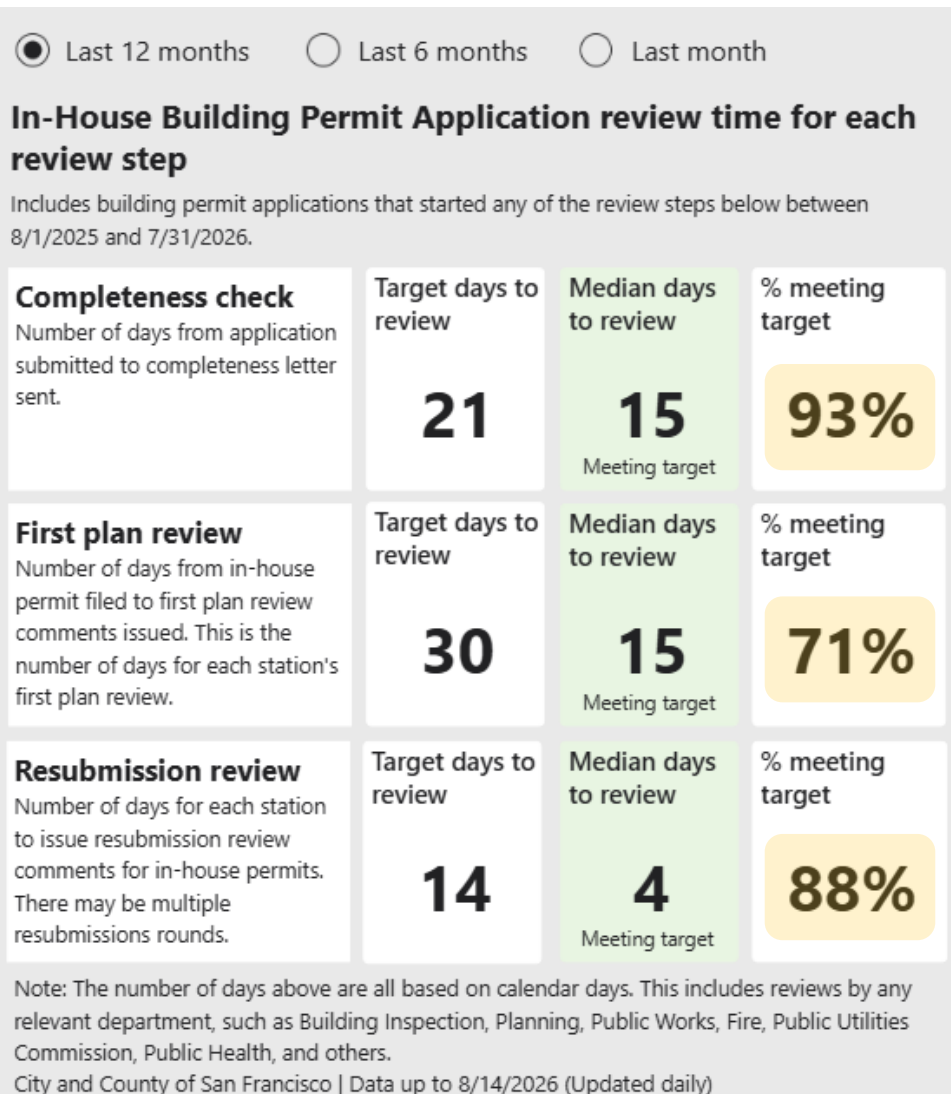
Permits issued

1,432

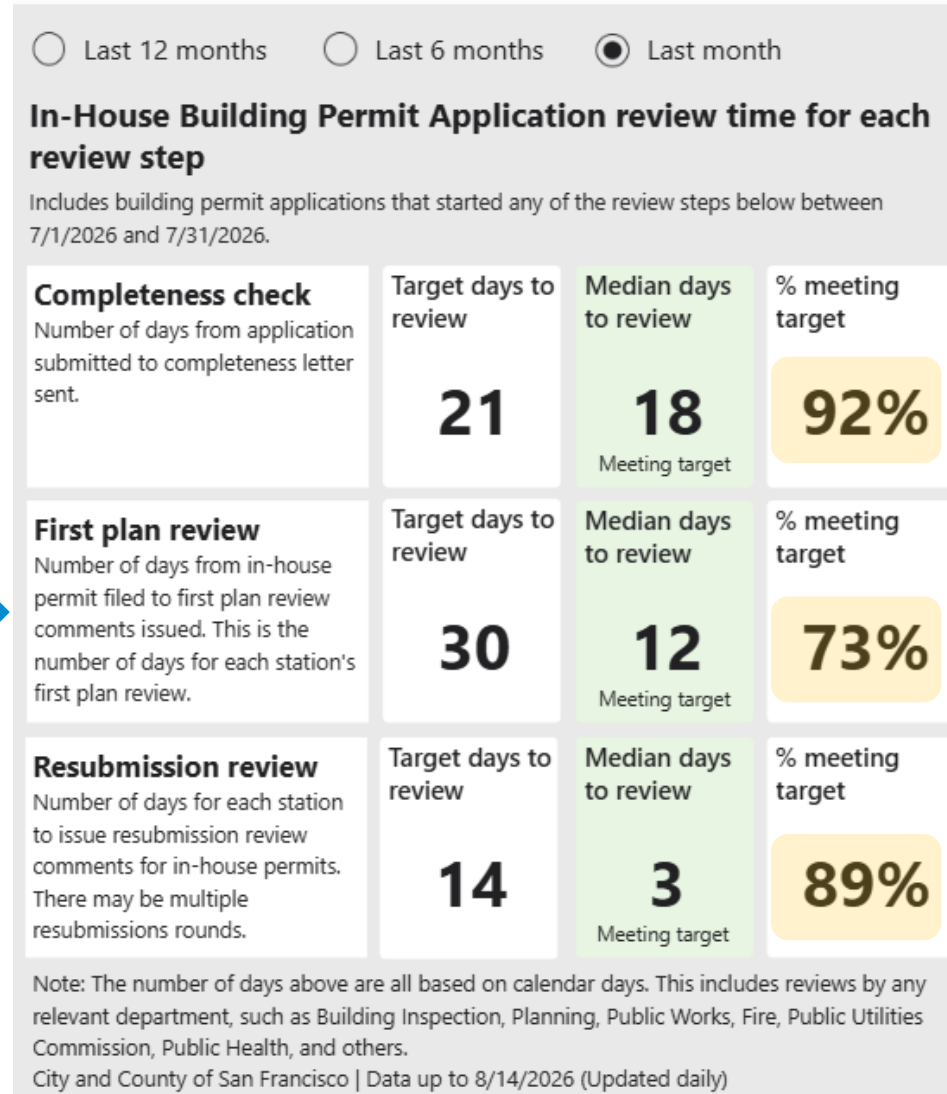
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Completeness Check & Plan Review

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, re-roofing, and signs and awnings; and special events intake submitted between 2/10/2026 and 8/14/2026.

	Fire Permits	Building Permits	Special Events
Total Submitted Total applications submitted on PermitSF portal	1532	2062	416
In-Progress Applications in "Active" status that are currently being processed, but no permit or checklist has been issued	244	226	0
Issued Permits or checklists in "Active" status that have been issued, but subsequent steps have not been completed	832	1074	241
Complete Permits that have passed final inspection or special events that have finished checklist items	382	617	83
Days to Issue Median business days from: -Submission to permit issuance for fire and building permits, or checklist issuance for special events	8	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 8/14/2026 2:09:39 AM (Updated 4 times per day)

☒ All time ☐ Last 6 months ☐ Last month ☐ Last week

PermitSF Portal Submission Status and Processing Times

Includes submissions for electrical and plumbing/mechanical permits submitted between 2/10/2026 and 8/14/2026.

	Electrical Permits	Plumbing Permits
Total Submitted Total applications submitted on PermitSF portal	2	3
In-Progress Applications in "Active" status that are currently being processed, but no permit or checklist has been issued	0	2
Issued Permits or checklists in "Active" status that have been issued, but subsequent steps have not been completed	1	1
Complete Permits that have passed final inspection or special events that have finished checklist items	1	0
Days to Issue Median business days from: -Submission to permit issuance for fire and building permits, or checklist issuance for special events	4	1

Note: The number of days to issue includes City review and customer response time. City and County of San Francisco | Data up to 8/14/2026 2:09:39 AM (Updated 4 times per day)

As of August 14, more than 2,000 building permit applications had been submitted through the OpenGov PermitSF Portal. This now includes permits for doors, windows, and siding; reroofing; and signs and awnings. Electrical and plumbing permits soft launched on 7/20. 82% of building permit applications have been issued, and the median days to issue the building permits has held steady at 3 business days.



THANK YOU