Regular Meeting of the Building Inspection Commission

November 18, 2026

BIC Agenda Item 5b



PermitSF Shot Clocks

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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 11/1/2025 and 10/31/2026

	Median days to approve	Applications approved
Planning application approval Number of days from application accepted to final approval. This includes days with the applicant.	116	690

	Median days to issue	Permits issued
In-house Building permit issuance Number of days from permit application filed to permit issued. This includes days with the applicant.	145	1,749
Over-the-Counter Building permit issuance Number of days from permit application filed to permit issued. This includes days with the applicant.	1	18,235

Note: The number of days shown above are all based on calendar days.
City and County of San Francisco | Data up to 11/13/2026 (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 10/1/2026 and 10/31/2026

	Median days to approve	Applications approved
Planning application approval Number of days from application accepted to final approval. This includes days with the applicant.	110	55

	Median days to issue	Permits issued
In-house Building permit issuance Number of days from permit application filed to permit issued. This includes days with the applicant.	162	94
Over-the-Counter Building permit issuance Number of days from permit application filed to permit issued. This includes days with the applicant.	4	1,125

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Completeness Check & Plan Review

Last 12 Months

◉ Last 12 months ○ Last 6 months ○ Last month

In-House Building Permit Application review time for each review step

Includes building permit applications that started any of the review steps below between 11/3/2025 and 10/31/2026.

	Target days to review	Median days to review	% meeting target
Completeness check Number of days from application submitted to completeness letter sent.	21	16 Meeting target	93%
First plan review Number of days from in-house permit filed to first plan review comments issued. This is the number of days for each station's first plan review.	30	17 Meeting target	67%
Resubmission review Number of days for each station to issue resubmission review comments for in-house permits. There may be multiple resubmissions rounds.	14	4 Meeting target	87%

Note: The number of days above are all based on calendar days. This includes reviews by any relevant department, such as Building Inspection, Planning, Public Works, Fire, Public Utilities Commission, Public Health, and others.
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Last Month

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In-House Building Permit Application review time for each review step

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	Target days to review	Median days to review	% meeting target
Completeness check Number of days from application submitted to completeness letter sent.	21	15 Meeting target	97%
First plan review Number of days from in-house permit filed to first plan review comments issued. This is the number of days for each station's first plan review.	30	10 Meeting target	78%
Resubmission review Number of days for each station to issue resubmission review comments for in-house permits. There may be multiple resubmissions rounds.	14	4 Meeting target	85%

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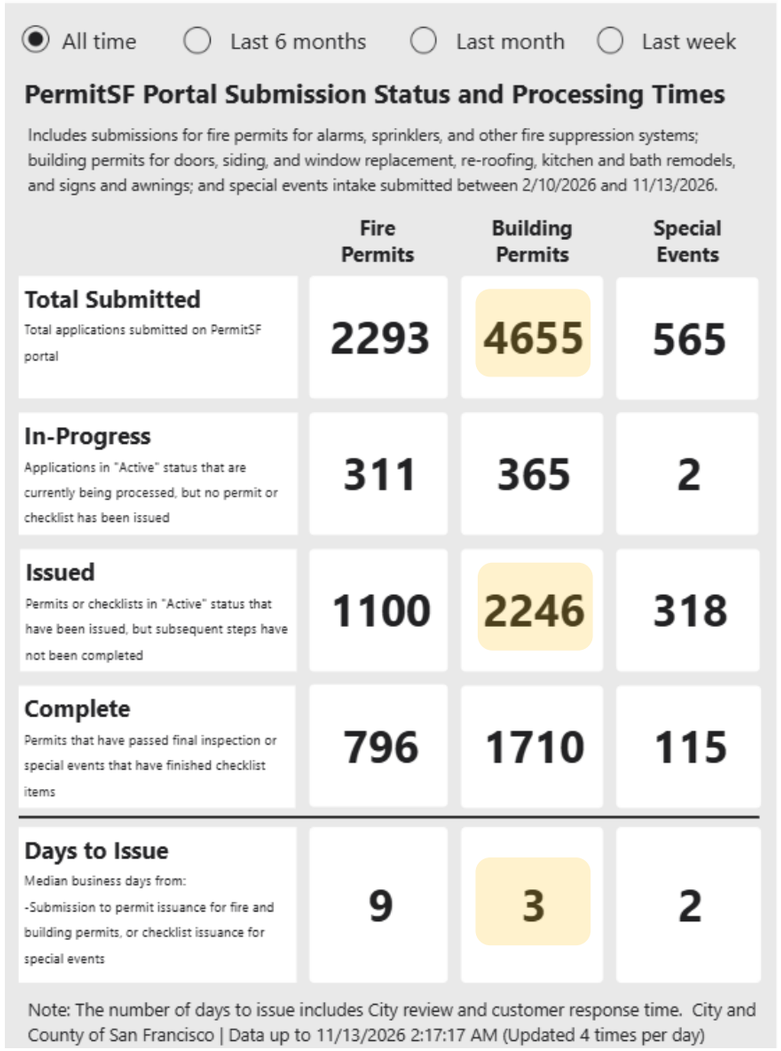
PermitSF Portal



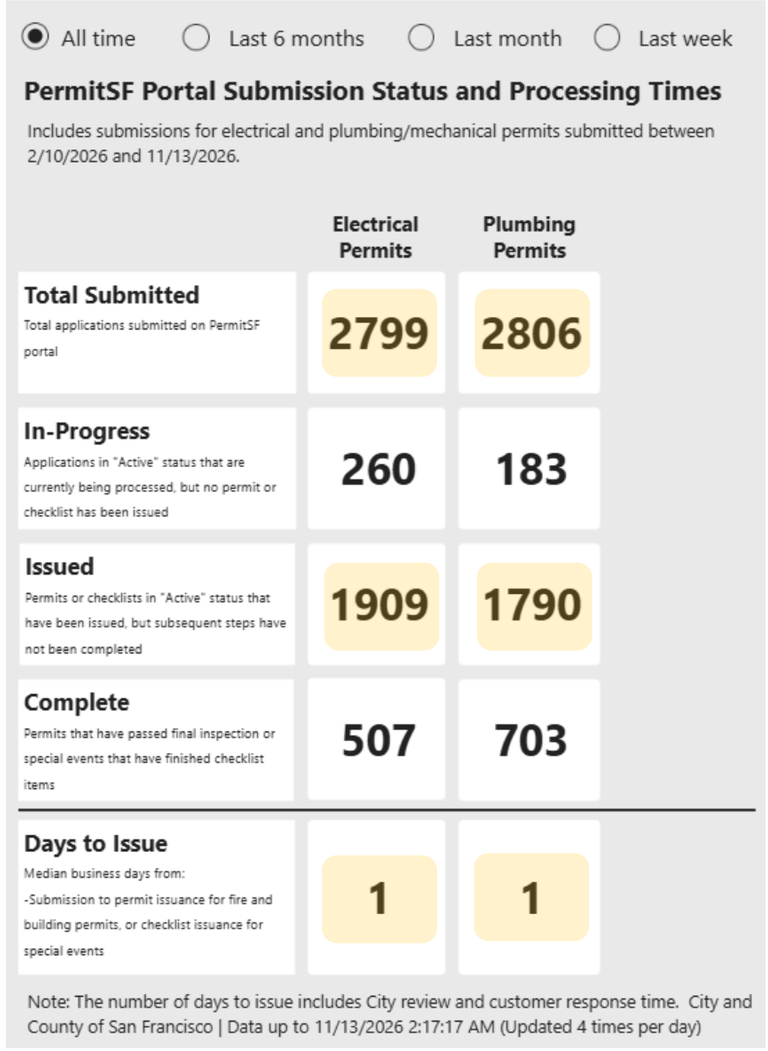
All time | Last 6 months | Last month | Last week

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, kitchen and bath remodels, and signs and awnings; and special events intake submitted between 2/10/2026 and 11/13/2026.

	Fire Permits	Building Permits	Special Events
Total Submitted Total applications submitted on PermitSF portal	2293	4655	565
In-Progress Applications in "Active" status that are currently being processed, but no permit or checklist has been issued	311	365	2
Issued Permits or checklists in "Active" status that have been issued, but subsequent steps have not been completed	1100	2246	318
Complete Permits that have passed final inspection or special events that have finished checklist items	796	1710	115
Days to Issue Median business days from: -Submission to permit issuance for fire and building permits, or checklist issuance for special events	9	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 11/13/2026 2:17:17 AM (Updated 4 times per day)



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PermitSF Portal Submission Status and Processing Times

Includes submissions for electrical and plumbing/mechanical permits submitted between 2/10/2026 and 11/13/2026.

	Electrical Permits	Plumbing Permits
Total Submitted Total applications submitted on PermitSF portal	2799	2806
In-Progress Applications in "Active" status that are currently being processed, but no permit or checklist has been issued	260	183
Issued Permits or checklists in "Active" status that have been issued, but subsequent steps have not been completed	1909	1790
Complete Permits that have passed final inspection or special events that have finished checklist items	507	703
Days to Issue Median business days from: -Submission to permit issuance for fire and building permits, or checklist issuance for special events	1	1

Note: The number of days to issue includes City review and customer response time. City and County of San Francisco | Data up to 11/13/2026 2:17:17 AM (Updated 4 times per day)

- As of November 13, more than over 4,600 building permit applications had been submitted through the OpenGov PermitSF Portal. This now includes permits for doors, windows, and siding; reroofing; signs and awnings; and in-kind kitchen and bath remodels. 85% of building permit applications have been issued, and the median days to issue the building permits has held steady at 3 business days.

- Almost 6,000 electrical and plumbing permits have been submitted, and 88% have been issued. The median time to issue is 1 business day.

THANK YOU