

Definitions of Petition Statistics

For the TAA program, this document provides the calculation corresponding to the below terms for major petition statistics provided on the DOL website. For information on specific data elements, please see the [field definitions](#) for the TAA petition and determinations data.

- Petitions Filed – the count of worker groups for which petitions were filed. One petition (TAW) may correspond to more than one worker group. The number of rows (TAW + Suffix combinations) where Institution Date is within the relevant period. NOTE: because the publicly available dataset does not include information on petition investigations in process, this calculation will systematically under count the real number of petitions filed when using the available dataset if looking at a period where investigations may still be in process. For accurate counts of petitions filed, we recommend you use the TAA [Petition Calculator](#) rather than the downloadable spreadsheet.
- Determinations – the count of worker groups for which determinations were rendered: the number of rows where Determination Date is within the relevant period.
- Certifications – the count of worker groups that were determined eligible for TAA: the number of rows where Determ Code is in the set {C, C1, C2, CU, CD, P} and Determination Date is within the relevant period.
- Denials – the count of worker groups that were determined ineligible for TAA: the number of rows where Determ Code is “D” and Determination Date is within the relevant period.
- Terminations – the count of worker groups where a TAA eligibility determination was not reached: the number of rows where Determ Code is “T” and Determination Date is within the relevant period.
- Estimated Certified Workers – the number of estimated affected workers in worker groups that were certified: the sum of Est# No# Workers where Determ Code is in the set {C, C1, C2, CU, CD, P} and Determination Date is within the relevant period.
- Estimated Denied Workers – the number of estimated affected workers in worker groups that were denied: the sum of Est# No# Workers where Determ Code is “D” and Determination Date is within the relevant period.

Note: The Department only estimates worker group sizes when rendering an eligibility determination, terminated investigations (Determ Code is “T”) will not have an estimated number of workers.

FAQs:

Q1: *Does the website data include all petitions and determinations?*

ANSWER: No. The publicly available dataset does not include information on petitions where a determination has not yet been rendered or petitions where the determination date is after the date specified on the website. Data is updated monthly with a one month delay and will not include pending cases until they are determined.

Q2: *The calculated petition filing number does not match what OTAA is reporting. Why?*

ANSWER: Because the publicly available dataset does not include information on petition investigations in process, this calculation will systematically under count the real number of petitions filed when using the available dataset if looking at a period where investigations may still be in process. For accurate counts of petitions filed, we recommend you use the TAA [Petition Calculator](#) rather than the downloadable spreadsheet. Numbers may also misalign due to data updates discussed in Q3.

Q3: *The calculated determination and workers numbers are not matching what OTAA is reporting. Why?*

ANSWER: While determination and worker numbers are generally relatively stable over time, there are some processes that may update counts. For example, a determination may be amended to adjust the number of estimated workers or add additional worker groups. Denials may be [challenged](#) and subsequently certified. OTAA reports the date of the data used when reporting official statistics.

Q4: *I have questions about these calculations or the data, who can I contact?*

ANSWER: For question on TAA petition and determination data, you can email Robert Hoekstra (hoekstra.robert@dol.gov).