

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Updates

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Presentation Overview

- Community Health Worker (CHW) Program General Updates
 - CHW Core Competency Enhancement Project Updates
- Certification Quarterly Updates

Community Health Worker (CHW) Program General Updates



CHW Core Competencies Enhancements

DSHS approved changes to the CHW and CHW instructor core competencies.

- These updates will take effect on **February 1, 2026**.
- All training centers are required to implement an initial training curriculum that aligns with these new competencies by **August 1, 2026**.

Implementation in progress:

- The [DSHS CHW Core Competency Update webpage](#) has been updated.
- The [DSHS templates and curriculum submissions forms](#) have been updated and posted.
- A [Frequently Asked Questions webpage](#) is now available with additional guidance and resources for training centers.
- Reach out to the CHW Program if you have additional questions or need technical assistance.

CHW Core Competencies Enhancements

What you must know:

Curriculum Structure

- The curriculum must have at least nine modules, with one module dedicated to each of the nine CHW core competencies.

Course Duration

- The initial certification course will now consist of 180 hours. This includes 20 hours for each of the nine CHW core competencies.

Learning Objectives

- Each module must include lessons and activities that align with the learning objectives listed under [Core Competency Detailed Changes](#).

Program updates

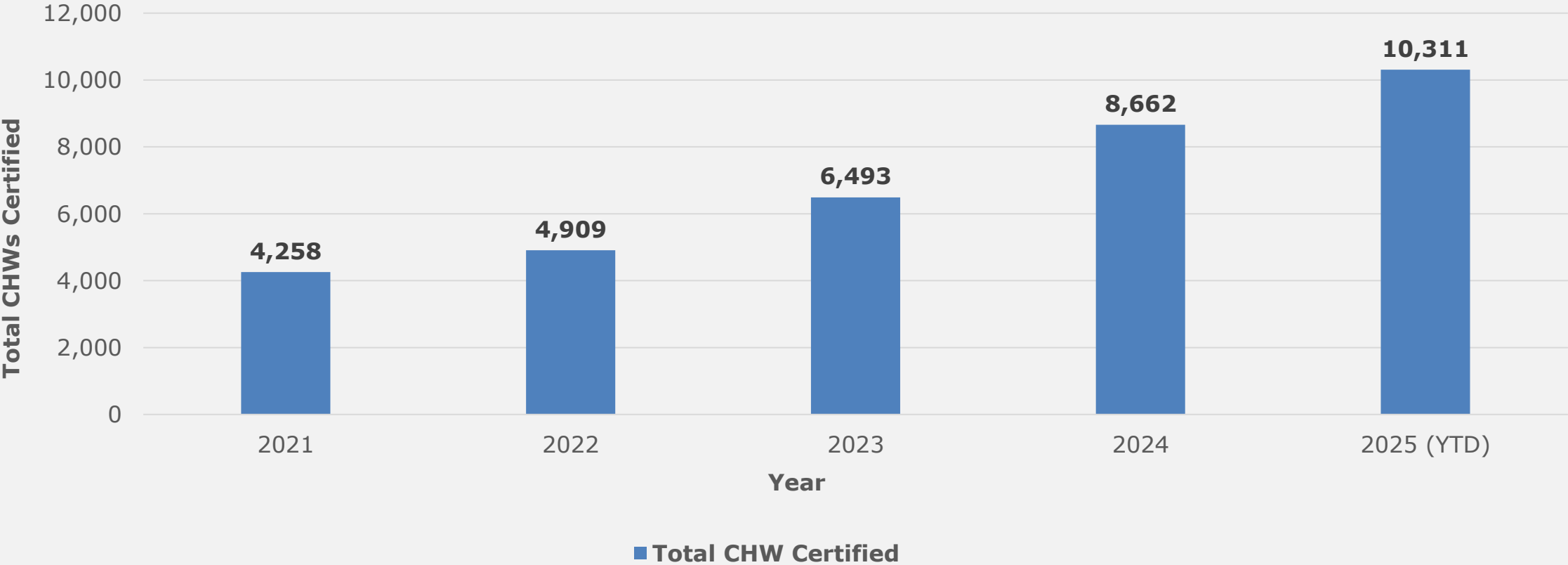
- Spanish version of CHW Program webpages is in progress
- CEU opportunities for CHW and CHWI certification renewals
 - DSHS-certified training programs offer a variety of CEUs approved by the DSHS CHW Program.
 - Visit the [Training Program List](#) on the CHW Program website to find training.

Certification Quarterly Updates



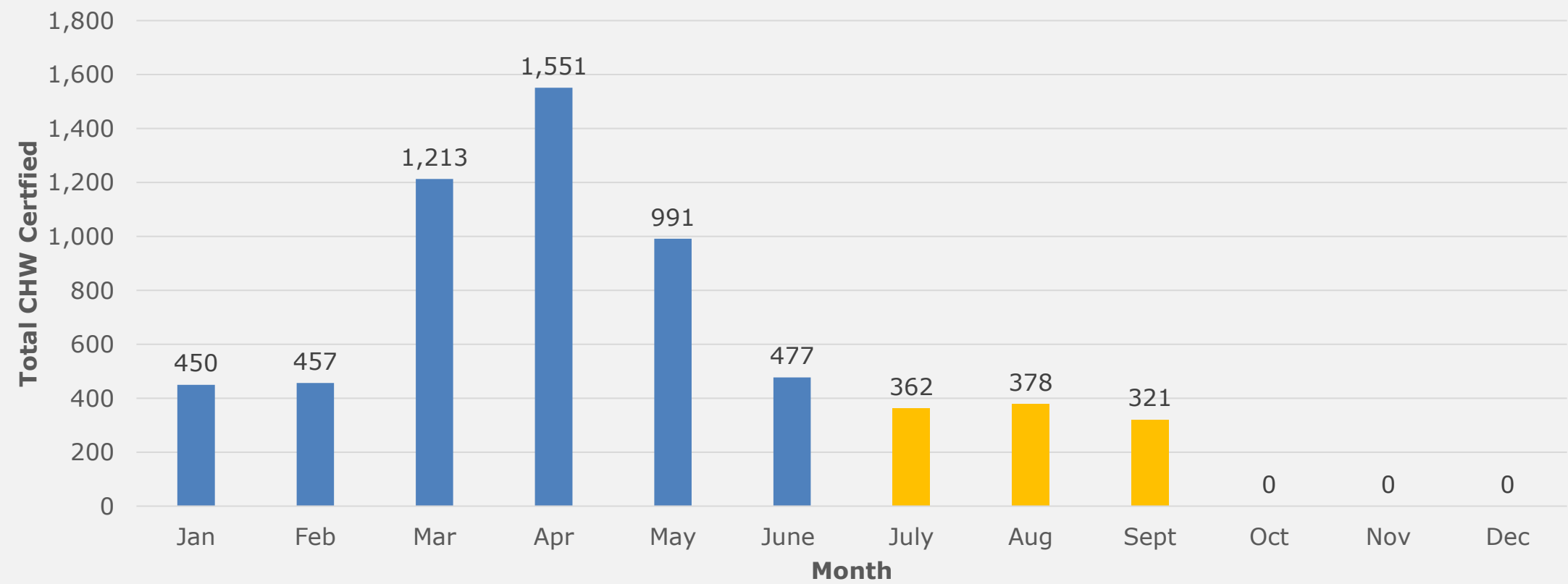
CHW Certification

Total CHWs Certified by Year

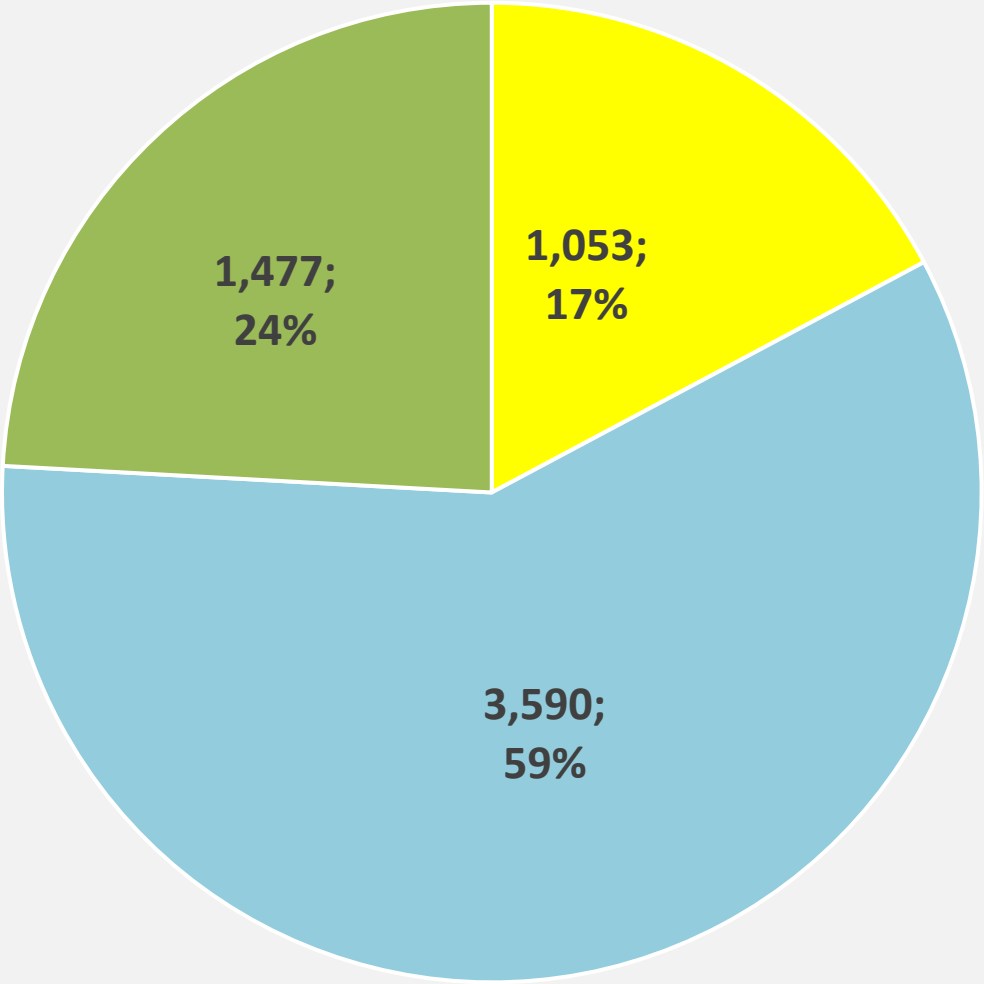


CHW Applications Received

2025 CHW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED



Applications Received by Type

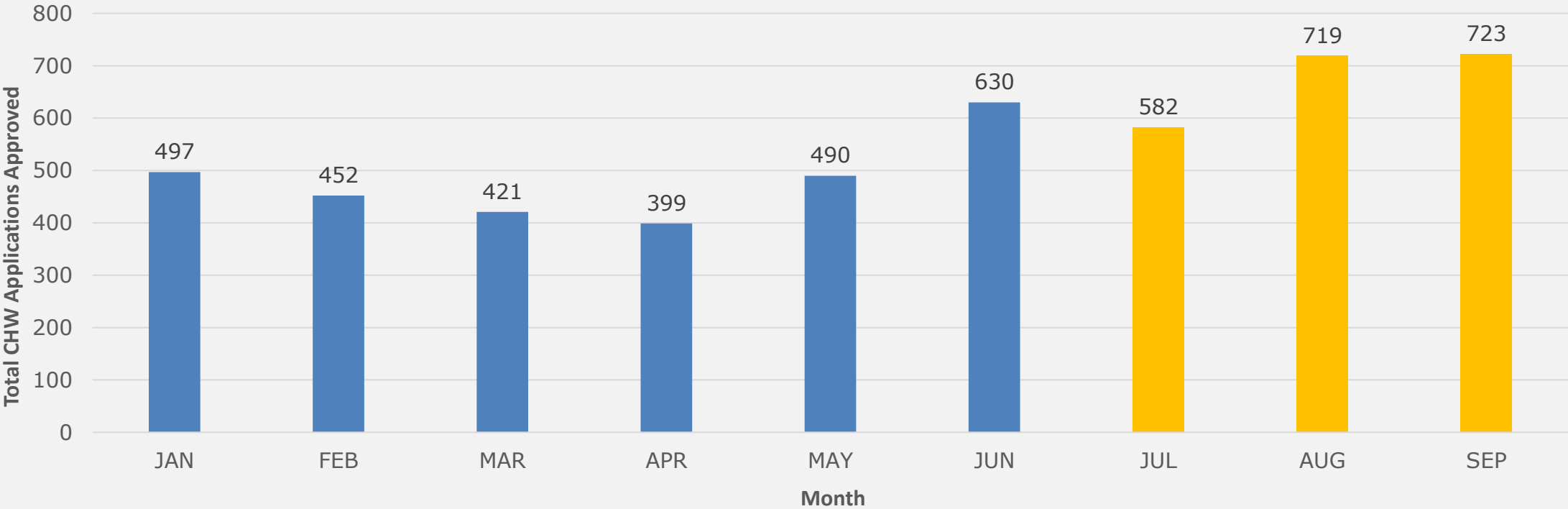


**CHW APPLICATIONS
RECEIVED BY TYPE
JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER
2025**

- CHW applications received - Experience
- CHW applications received - Training
- CHW applications received - Renewal

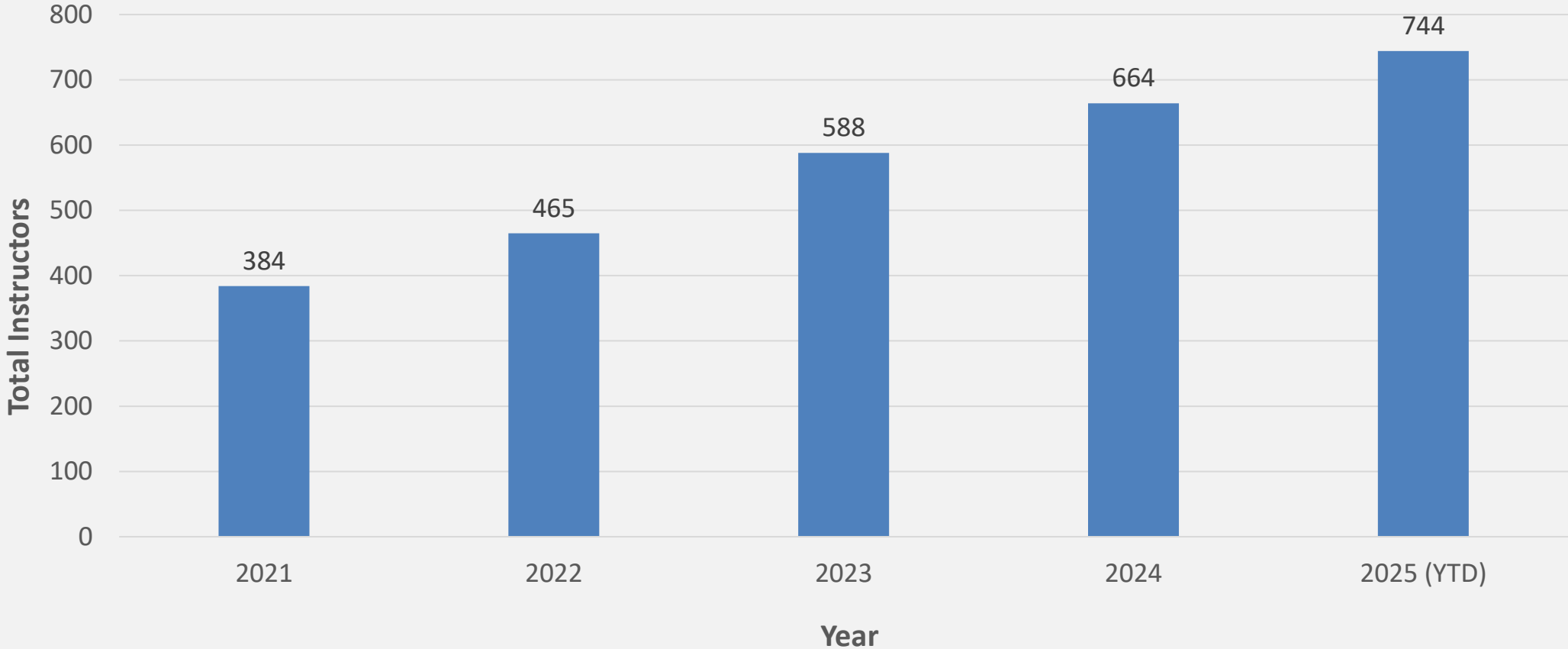
CHW Certifications Approved

2025 CHW APPLICATIONS APPROVED



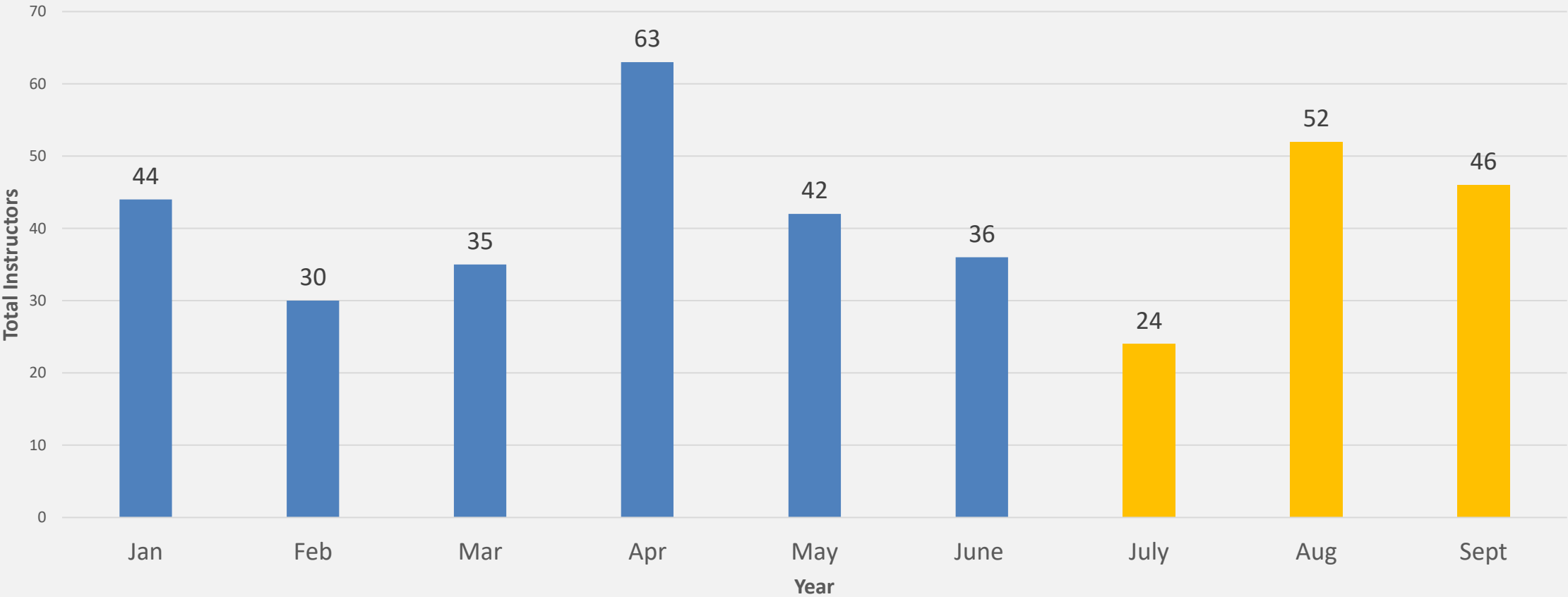
CHW Instructor (CHWI) Certification

Total Instructors Certified by Year

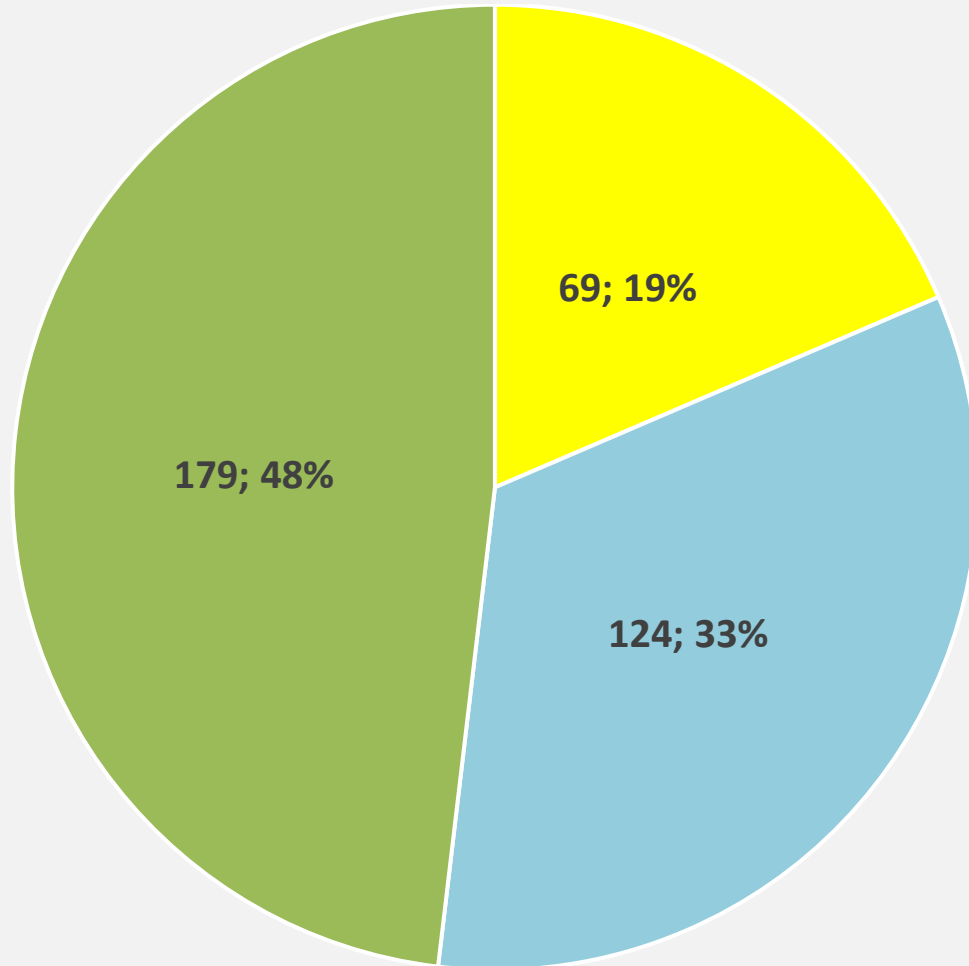


CHWI Applications Received

2025 CHW Instructor Applications Received



CHWI Applications Received by Type

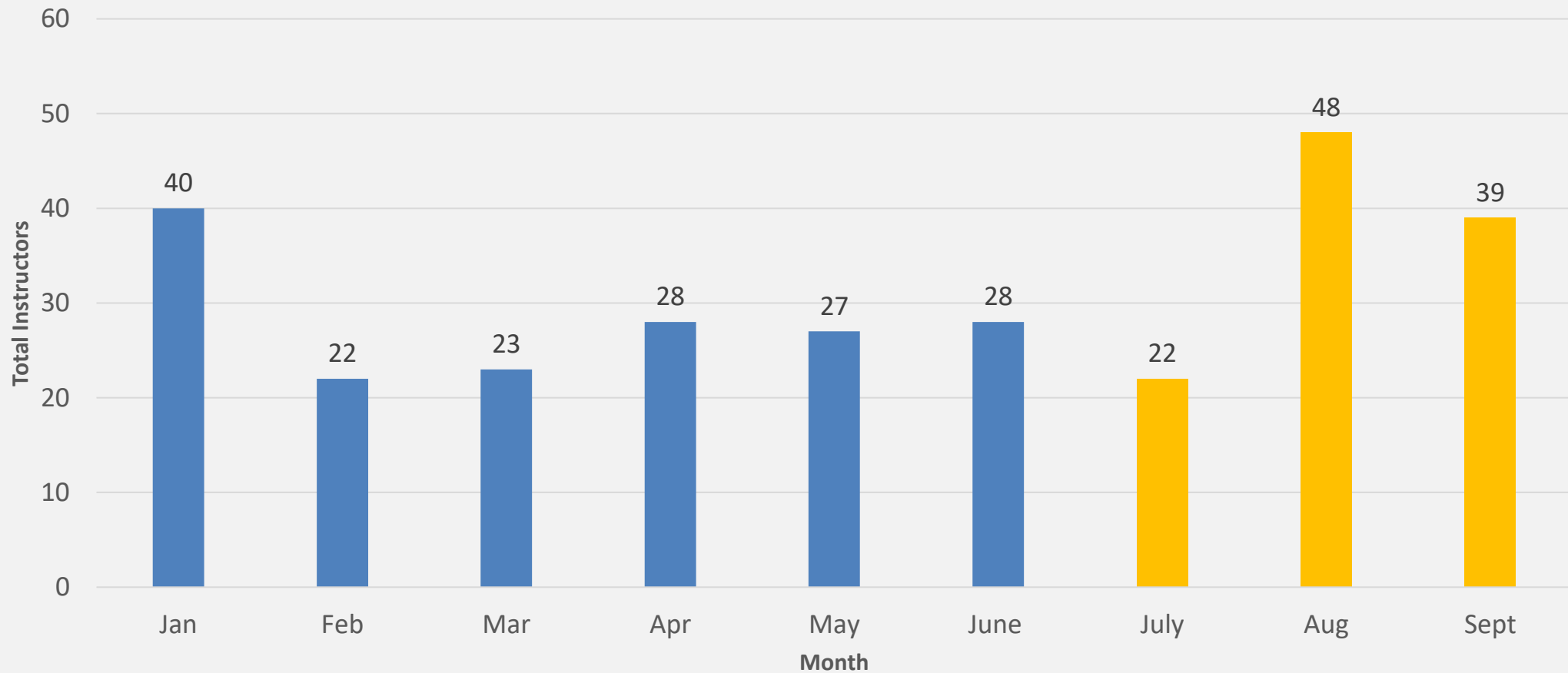


Instructor Application Received by Type: January to September 2025

- Instructor applications received - Experience
- Instructor applications received - Training
- Instructor applications received- Renewal

CHW Instructor Certification (Cont.)

2025 Instructor Applications Approved



Curricula

- Currently, the CHW Program has 9 curricula under review, totaling 13 credits hours.
- From July 1 to September 30, 2025, the program has approved 9 **new** curricula totaling 14.5 credit hours.

Note: The criteria for new curricula has been updated. CHW training centers must ensure their curricula meet the standards in the [CHW Program Policy](#) before CEUs are offered.



Thank you!

Community Health Worker Training and Certification Program

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