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Number and Characteristics of F-1 Beneficiaries
Who Changed Status to H-1B
Fiscal Years 2012-2018 (to date)

Source: USCIS, data as of May 15, 2018. Notes: All data are based on approved petitions during the fiscal year. Petitions approved in a fiscal year may be filed in previous fiscal years. "Other" includes categories such as amended petitions and new concurrent employment petitions. Not all of these petitions are indicative of an initial H-1B grant because a beneficiary may change status from H-1B to another status (such as a student F-1 visa) and then back to H-1B again. Further, because some beneficiaries changed status from H-1B to another status and then back to H-1B, some beneficiaries may be counted multiple times.

Fiscal Year	New Employment	Other	Grand Total
2012	31,575	249	31,824
2013	30,175	384	30,559
2014	29,904	439	30,343
2015	30,183	380	30,563
2016	38,845	460	39,305
2017	34,044	444	34,488
2018 YTD	22,717	346	23,063
Grand Total	217,443	2,702	220,145



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Median Salary of F-1 Beneficiaries Who
Changed Status to H-1B
Fiscal Years 2012-2017

Source: USCIS, data as of May 15, 2018. Notes: All data are based on approved petitions during the fiscal year. Petitions approved in a fiscal year may be filed in previous fiscal years. Median salary is based on data reported by the petitioner in the petition and may include part-time employment.

Fiscal Year	Median Salary (\$)
2012	61,963
2013	63,128
2014	65,000
2015	68,000
2016	70,000
2017	79,165



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Countries of Birth of F-1 Beneficiaries
Who Changed Status to H-1B
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Source: USCIS, data as of May 15, 2018. Notes: Only the top ten countries of birth are presented. Data are cumulative from Fiscal Years 2012 through May 15, 2018.

Country of Birth	Number of Beneficiaries
India	101,211
China	59,237
South Korea	6,930
Taiwan	4,776
Nepal	2,991
Iran	2,442
Turkey	1,990
Canada	1,765
Nigeria	1,522
Japan	1,421



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Degree/Diploma of F-1 Beneficiaries Who
Changed Status to H-1B
Fiscal Years 2012-2018 (to date)

Source: USCIS, data as of May 15, 2018. Notes: Per USCIS best practices, units of less than 10 beneficiaries are masked to limit the possibility of data no longer being anonymous. The letter D represents data withheld to protect privacy. The letter H replaces the value in a column where one could deduce the value of D. "Other" includes unknown, invalid and missing values. In lieu of the required degree a beneficiary may qualify based on a combination of education, training, and/or progressively responsible experience in the specialty that is equivalent to the completion of such a degree, and recognition of expertise in the specialty through progressively responsible positions directly related to the specialty.

Degree	Number of Beneficiaries
No Diploma	D
High School Grad	13
One or more years of college, no degree	17
Associates degree	41
Bachelor's Degree	32,591
Master's Degree	150,899
Professional Degree	4,699
Doctorate Degree	31,850
Other	H



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Field of Study of F-1 Beneficiaries Who
Changed Status to H-1B
Fiscal Years 2012-2018 (to date)

Source: USCIS, data as of May 15, 2018. Notes: Only fields of study with 100 or more approved beneficiaries during the period of Fiscal Year 2012 to May 15, 2018 are included. Beneficiaries may list multiple fields of study on the petition, however, only the primary field of study is listed in this table.

Primary Field of Study	Number of Beneficiaries
Computer Science	31,566
Electrical Engineering	16,475
Business Administration	10,731
Mechanical Engineering	7,084
Computer Engineering	5,983
Electrical and Computer Engineering	5,076
Accounting	4,427
Engineering	2,957
Civil Engineering	2,846
Economics	2,818
Information Systems	2,722
Software Engineering	2,642
Finance	2,517
Industrial Engineering	2,365
Chemistry	2,357
Information Technology	2,009
Statistics	2,000
Chemical Engineering	1,969
Computer Science and Engineering	1,835
Management Information Systems	1,826
Architecture	1,531
Mathematics	1,527
Physics	1,514
Medicine	1,319
Engineering Management	1,245
Biomedical Engineering	1,146
Law	1,131
Science	1,088
Master of Business Administration	1,000
Accountancy	944
Electronic Engineering	883
Financial Engineering	761
Telecommunications	724
Biotechnology	674
Biology	655
Materials Science and Engineering	644
Education	596
Management	552
Dentistry	536

Biostatistics	522
Information Systems and Management	515
Marketing	505
Public Health	499
Computer Information Systems	493
Information Technology and Management	474
Pharmacy	471
Master of Science	468
Industrial and Systems Engineering	455
Operations Research	446
Physical Therapy	445
Psychology	440
Electrical and Electronics Engineering	429
Petroleum Engineering	422
Applied Computer Science	394
Civil and Environmental Engineering	394
Information Management	393
Business Analytics	383
Nursing	383
Aerospace Engineering	377
Biochemistry	353
Landscape Architecture	344
Communications	341
Social Work	335
Public Administration	330
Environmental Engineering	327
Pharmaceutical Sciences	326
Graphic Design	317
Computer and Information Science	310
International Business	310
Supply Chain Management	287
Applied Mathematics	277
Biological Sciences	272
Business	269
Bioinformatics	268
Electrical Engineering and Computer	263
Technology Management	252
Applied Statistics	239
Construction Management	235
Computer Networking	232
Interior Design	223
Automotive Engineering	222
Bioengineering	220
Food Science	214
Master of Science in Computer	211
Computational Finance	209
Financial Mathematics	209
Political Science	205
Dental Surgery	200
Journalism	198
Actuarial Science	197
Information Science	193
Biomedical Sciences	190

Public Policy	182
Fine Arts	178
Industrial Design	167
Master of Science in Electrical	162
Neuroscience	162
Sociology	160
Geography	159
English	156
Fashion Design	156
Dental Medicine	151
Mathematical Finance	151
Music	150
Human Computer Interaction	145
Kinesiology	139
Masters of Science in Computer Science	137
Pharmaceutical Manufacturing	137
Business Administration and Management	136
Technology	136
Pharmacology	134
Microbiology	133
Taxation	126
Analytical Chemistry	125
Materials Science	120
Occupational Therapy	120
Epidemiology	118
Quantitative Finance	118
Geophysics	117
Advertising	116
Materials Engineering	116
History	111
Philosophy	108
Analytics	107
Design	106
Information Networking	106
Electronics and Communication Engineering	104
Business Administration Finance	103
Genetics	102
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering	101
Entertainment Technology	100