United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker Class Preference: H-1B Receipts, Completions, and Requests for Evidence (RFE) Sent FY15 - FY18 (Through November 29, 2017)											
Fiscal Year	Month	Receipts	Initial Approvals	Initial Denials	Total Completions	Approval %	Completions with RFE	% of Completions with RFE	Total RFE Ordered/ Sent	Ratio of Total RFE to Receipts	Ratio of Total RFE to Completions
2015	10	20,281	23,354	1,807	25,161	92.8%	8,437	33.5%	5,739	28.3%	22.8%
	11	16,099	16,823	938	17,761	94.7%	4,090	23.0%	4,378	27.2%	24.6%
	12	15,745	14,775	744	15,519	95.2%	3,558	22.9%	3,510	22.3%	22.6%
	1	13,694	11,901	691	12,592	94.5%	3,601	28.6%	2,806	20.5%	22.3%
	2	14,704	10,732	661	11,393	94.2%	2,869	25.2%	2,594	17.6%	22.8%
	3	17,964	14,429	641	15,070	95.7%	3,079	20.4%	3,397	18.9%	22.5%
	4	120,339	22,664	502	23,166	97.8%	2,341	10.1%	6,110	5.1%	26.4%
	5	25,727	23,305	500	23,805	97.9%	2,806	11.8%	12,669	49.2%	53.2%
	6	30,596	23,547	705	24,252	97.1%	3,723	15.4%	11,274	36.8%	46.5%
	7	32,040	23,008	1,085	24,093	95.5%	4,097	17.0%	11,531	36.0%	47.9%
	8	31,501	24,367	1,318	25,685	94.9%	5,253	20.5%	9,410	29.9%	36.6%
	9	30,161	25,478	1,996	27,474	92.7%	11,590	42.2%	5,051	16.7%	18.4%
2015 Total		**368,851**	**234,383**	**11,588**	**245,971**	**95.3%**	**55,444**	**22.5%**	**78,469**	**21.3%**	**31.9%**
2016	10	24,357	21,150	1,645	22,795	92.8%	7,820	34.3%	3,698	15.2%	16.2%
	11	19,621	17,936	1,663	19,599	91.5%	6,713	34.3%	3,152	16.1%	16.1%
	12	20,846	18,502	2,092	20,594	89.8%	6,634	32.2%	3,306	15.9%	16.1%
	1	19,791	18,288	2,294	20,582	88.9%	4,957	24.1%	3,945	19.9%	19.2%
	2	21,913	22,662	2,054	24,716	91.7%	4,325	17.5%	4,692	21.4%	19.0%
	3	25,162	25,790	1,501	27,291	94.5%	3,732	13.7%	6,570	26.1%	24.1%
	4	123,050	21,060	1,209	22,269	94.6%	3,280	14.7%	4,536	3.7%	20.4%
	5	31,873	39,464	1,148	40,612	97.2%	4,515	11.1%	11,912	37.4%	29.3%
	6	31,057	34,923	1,806	36,729	95.1%	5,843	15.9%	9,762	31.4%	26.6%
	7	26,688	27,258	1,489	28,747	94.8%	5,131	17.8%	9,280	34.8%	32.3%
	8	28,785	31,866	2,211	34,077	93.5%	8,073	23.7%	9,957	34.6%	29.2%
	9	26,207	28,627	2,114	30,741	93.1%	6,649	21.6%	10,151	38.7%	33.0%
2016 Total		**399,350**	**307,526**	**21,226**	**328,752**	**93.5%**	**67,672**	**20.6%**	**80,961**	**20.3%**	**24.6%**
2017	10	22,653	27,763	2,039	29,802	93.2%	7,946	26.7%	8,499	37.5%	28.5%
	11	20,722	27,837	2,324	30,161	92.3%	8,197	27.2%	4,764	23.0%	15.8%

	12	21,741	27,567	2,705	30,272	91.1%	8,361	27.6%	3,971	18.3%	13.1%
	1	20,035	27,712	3,410	31,122	89.0%	8,287	26.6%	4,051	20.2%	13.0%
	2	21,724	27,234	2,458	29,692	91.7%	5,321	17.9%	5,083	23.4%	17.1%
	3	55,507	41,723	2,270	43,993	94.8%	5,356	12.2%	8,048	14.5%	18.3%
	4	115,493	41,219	2,070	43,289	95.2%	6,372	14.7%	9,495	8.2%	21.9%
	5	27,089	32,869	2,170	35,039	93.8%	6,472	18.5%	11,193	41.3%	31.9%
	6	27,212	28,953	2,209	31,162	92.9%	5,572	17.9%	11,312	41.6%	36.3%
	7	23,471	20,863	1,787	22,650	92.1%	4,357	19.2%	19,451	82.9%	85.9%
	8	25,930	24,075	1,973	26,048	92.4%	4,352	16.7%	22,652	87.4%	87.0%
	9	22,509	23,580	3,269	26,849	87.8%	10,170	37.9%	15,718	69.8%	58.5%
2017 Total		**404,086**	**351,395**	**28,684**	**380,079**	**92.5%**	**80,763**	**21.2%**	**124,237**	**30.7%**	**32.7%**
2018	10	21,960	30,733	5,093	35,826	85.8%	13,275	37.1%	9,900	45.1%	27.6%
	11	19,241	25,078	5,367	30,445	82.4%	14,189	46.6%	7,195	37.4%	23.6%
2018 Total		**41,201**	**55,811**	**10,460**	**66,271**	**84.2%**	**27,464**	**41.4%**	**17,095**	**41.5%**	**25.8%**
Grand Total		**1,213,488**	**949,115**	**71,958**	**1,021,073**	**93.0%**	**231,343**	**22.7%**	**300,762**	**24.8%**	**29.5%**

1) The report reflects the most up-to-date data available at the time the report is generated.

2) Duplicate and rejected cases have been removed.

3) The data reflect the initial decision only. Subsequent decisions are excluded (ex Revocation, Remands, etc)

4) Cases with multiple RFEs are only counted once

5) Cases may have been received in a different time period from the one in which a request for evidence was ordered.

6) Due to cyclical nature in H1B processing, FY18 YTD counts may align with previous years