

## H-2B BY THE NUMBERS

- For FY 2022 – employers are requesting a near-record of 136,555 H-2B positions for the summer, more than 4 times the summer cap of 33,000.
- The Department of Labor (DOL) certified a record 95 percent of H-2B positions as unfilled by U.S. workers in 2021.
- H-2B wages have grown at twice the rate of all U.S. wages.
- The unemployment rate in the top H-2B job (landscaping) was at a record low of 4 percent in the summer of 2021.
- H-2B’s main industry (landscaping) had a record 2.3 job openings for each unemployed worker in the summer of 2021.
- H-2B businesses (mainly small businesses) face declines in revenue of about \$2 billion without a cap increase.
- In a typical example, the Small Business Administration’s Office of Advocacy mentions one Maryland landscaper that advertised 25 H-2B jobs: 25 U.S. workers applied, 3 showed up for interviews, and only 2 lasted more than two weeks on the job.
- The landscape industry values our seasonal guest workers, many of whom are returning workers that have been returning to the same landscape company for several years. These H-2B workers are celebrated employees and integral members of these organizations each season.
- NALP supports measures that ensure fair and equitable treatment and harsh penalties for the small number of bad actors in the program including disbarment.



**Applications Received<sup>1</sup>**

FY22	Q1 (Oct-Dec)	Q2 (Jan-Mar)	Q3 (Apr-Jun)	Q4 (Jul-Sept)	% Change FY 2021
14,302	955	9,474	421	3,452	49.5%

**Applications Processed<sup>2</sup>**

Determinations	FY22	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Total Processed</b>	14,401	1,096	6,171	4,014	3,120
- Certified	11,567	834	5,246	2,945	2,542
- Denied	1,440	150	262	668	360
- Withdrawn	1,177	80	625	294	178
- Rejected	217	32	38	107	40
<b>Positions Requested</b>	267,986	28,930	107,073	64,031	67,952
<b>Positions Certified</b>	211,254	21,353	89,923	46,609	53,369
<b>Processed Timely<sup>2</sup></b>	52.5%	80.0%	60.5%	4.2%	88.0%

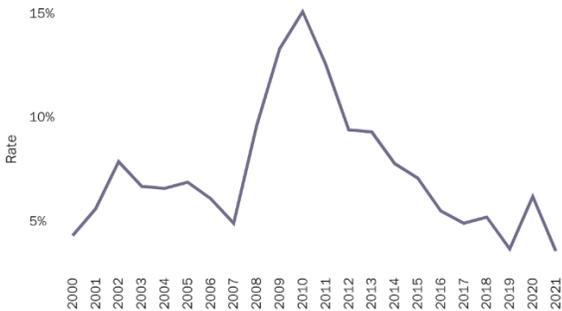
**Review of Positions Certified FY 2022**  
(% of total certified FY 2022)

State	Count	%
Texas	21,220	10.0%
Florida	19,053	9.0%
Colorado	9,294	4.4%
North Carolina	7,738	3.7%
Pennsylvania	7,566	3.6%
Louisiana	7,373	3.5%
Michigan	6,931	3.3%
South Carolina	6,392	3.0%
Ohio	6,149	2.9%
Utah	6,076	2.9%

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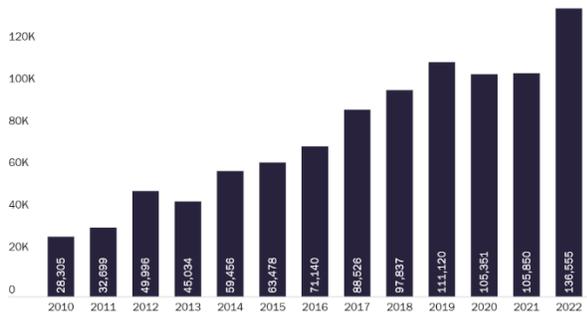
Occupation	Count	%
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	78,304	37.1%
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	17,253	8.0%
Forest and Conservation Workers	13,769	6.5%
Amusement and Recreation Attendants	11,277	5.3%
Meat, Poultry and Fish Cutters	8,004	3.8%
Cooks, Restaurant	7,837	3.7%
Construction Laborers	6,398	3.0%
Waiters and Waitresses	6,286	3.0%
Laborers and Freight Movers	4,216	2.0%
Counter Attendants	3,353	1.6%

Summer unemployment rate for landscaping and groundskeeping positions FY 2000-2021



Sources: Current Population Survey, IPUMS-CPS, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org.  
Note: Summer months include June through September.

H-2B Summer Positions Requested to Be Certified (Filings for 2nd Quarter of the Fiscal Year) FY 2010-Q2 FY2022-Q2



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