

## 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 WHICH 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.

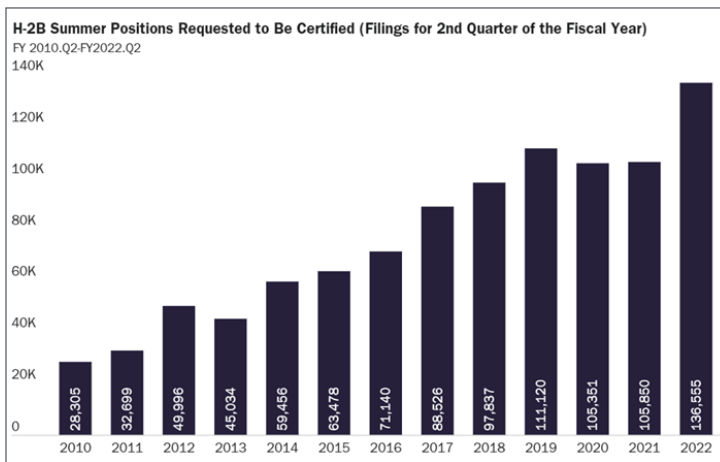
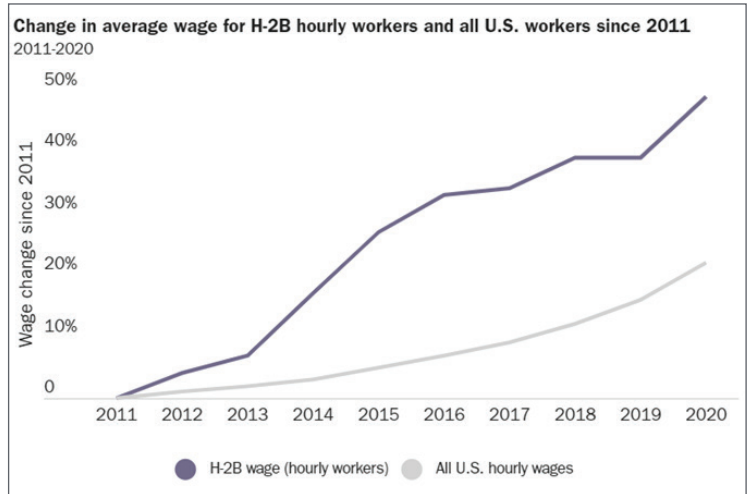
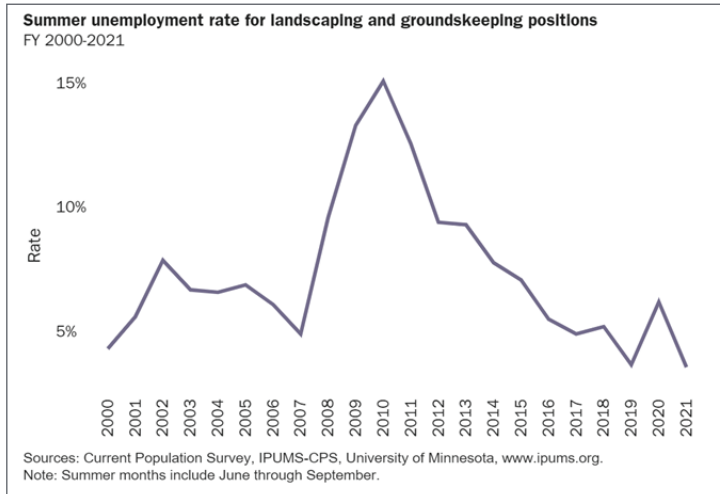
### H-2B Cap Reach Dates, Supplemental Cap Enactment, and Decision Dates

Fiscal Years 2017-2021

| Fiscal Year | H-2B 2nd Half Cap Reached | Supplimental Enacted | Supplemental Cap Decided | Days After Cap Reached       | Days After Enactment          |
|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2017        | 13-Mar-17                 | 5-May-17             | 19-Jul-17                | 128                          | 75                            |
| 2018        | 26-Feb-18                 | 23-Mar-18            | 31-May-18                | 94                           | 69                            |
| 2019        | 19-Feb-19                 | 15-Feb-19            | 8-May-19                 | 78                           | 82                            |
| 2020        | 18-Feb-20                 | 20-Dec-19            | 2-Apr-20                 | 44 (to announce no increase) | 104 (to announce no increase) |
| 2021        | 24-Feb-21                 | 27-Dec-20            | 20-Apr-21                | 55                           | 114                           |



# H-2B BY THE NUMBERS, *Continued*



**Top H-2B Jobs within top H-2B industries certified as unfilled by U.S. workers, FY 2020**

| Job category                                 | Industry  | Jobs requested | Jobs certified | Share certified |
|--|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Landscaping and groundskeeping workers       | Services to buildings and dwellings                       | 71,684         | 69,940         | 98%             |
| Maid and household cleaners                  | Travel accommodations (hotels)                            | 7,458          | 7,295          | 98%             |
| Amusement and recreation attendants          | Other amusement and recreation                            | 6,881          | 6,807          | 99%             |
| Forest and conservation workers              | Support activities for forestry                           | 11,411         | 10,946         | 96%             |
| Meat, poultry, and fish cutters and trimmers | Seafood product preparation and packaging                 | 10,818         | 10,650         | 98%             |
| Construction laborers                        | Contractors: foundation, structure, and building exterior | 2,328          | 1,834          | 79%             |
| Nonfarm-animal caretakers                    | Spectator sports  | 2,082          | 2,034          | 98%             |
| All others                                   | All others  | 60,294         | 51,051         | 85%             |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>All industries</b>                                     | <b>172,956</b> | <b>160,557</b> | <b>93%</b>      |

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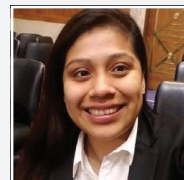
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