

**Table**  
**H-1Bs Issued by Fiscal Year**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>H-1Bs Counted Against Cap</b>
1992	48,600
1993	61,600
1994	60,300
1995	54,200
1996	55,100
1997	65,000
1998	65,000
1999	115,000
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2001	163,600
2002	79,100
2003	78,000
2004	65,000
2005	65,000*

Source: Dept. of Homeland Security, National Foundation for American Policy. Note: In FY 1997, 5,000 petitions were carried over and applied to the FY 1998 cap. In FY 1998, 14,000 petitions were carried over and applied to the FY 1999 cap. In FY 1999, an audit showed the cap was exceeded by 22,000 and thousands of other petitions were carried forward to FY 2001. In FY 2000, the cap was reached July 21, 2000 and under legislation thousands of approved petitions were not included in the cap count. In FY 2001, the new cap of 195,000 was not reached; legislation exempted from the cap count initial beneficiaries employed by non-profit organizations. \*CIS has reported receiving sufficient applications to reach the ceiling of 65,000 for FY 2005.