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# h-1b cap lottery selection rate drops significantly and what's next?

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## practice areas

immigration

On March 30, 2021, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that it had completed its cap lottery selection of H-1B registrations for the fiscal year (FY) 2022. Employers submitted 308,613 registrations for selection in the cap lottery, of which USCIS selected 87,500 cases, or 28% of the total number of registrations. This is a significant decrease from the FY 2021 in which 274,237 registrations were received and 124,415, or 45%, were selected. The sharp decrease in selection rate was due in part to USCIS adjusting its method to determine the number of successful petitions needed to reach the annual cap of 85,000.

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