

Change of Status for Nonimmigrants: F-1, F-2, H-4, J-1, J-2 Fiscal Year 2018 - 2023



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Data Source: USCIS, Data as of 10/20/2023

Overview: Foreign students and other nonimmigrants obtaining certain skills may change the purpose of their visit while in the United States. To do this, they must file a request with USCIS to change their nonimmigrant status. This is called seeking a Change of Status. This fact sheet shows the nonimmigrant categories to which some F-1, F-2, H-4, J-1, and J-2 nonimmigrants have transitioned.

Approved Changes of Status from F-1, F-2, H-4, J-1, and J-2 Nonimmigrant to the Top Three Categories (FY 2018 - FY 2023)

F-1 Visa: Academic Students	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
H1B Temporary workers in specialty occupations	47,480	89%	68,260	92%	58,390	92%	58,720	90%	58,790	90%	40,050	82%
H4 Spouses and children of H1, H2, or H3	1,880	4%	1,860	3%	1,320	2%	2,360	4%	2,320	4%	2,590	5%
O1A Extraordinary ability in the sciences, education, business, or athletics	400	1%	680	1%	640	1%	700	1%	880	1%	1,360	3%
* 52 Other Classifications Granted	3,530	6%	3,090	4%	2,820	4%	3,320	5%	3,690	6%	4,650	10%

F-2 Visa: Dependents of F-1	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
H4 Spouses and children of H1, H2, or H3	2,220	60%	2,230	60%	1,760	64%	2,840	73%	3,530	67%	2,650	55%
F1 Academic Students	750	20%	790	21%	440	16%	430	11%	750	14%	1,230	25%
H1B Temporary workers in specialty occupations	230	6%	230	6%	210	8%	250	6%	300	6%	270	6%
* 40 Other Classifications Granted	530	14%	490	13%	360	13%	370	9%	700	13%	680	14%

H-4 Visa: Dependents of H-1B, H-1B1, H-2A, H-2B, H-3	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
H1B Temporary workers in specialty occupations	2,970	75%	4,780	79%	4,920	86%	5,650	87%	4,730	76%	4,330	71%
F1 Academic Students	620	16%	880	15%	480	8%	360	6%	790	13%	1,050	17%
B2 Temporary visitors for pleasure	50	1%	150	2%	100	2%	150	2%	120	2%	190	3%
* 39 Other Classifications Granted	300	8%	270	4%	230	4%	300	5%	560	9%	530	9%

J-1 Visa: International Exchange Visitor	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
H1B Temporary workers in specialty occupations	3,740	59%	4,200	49%	4,920	59%	4,890	66%	5,450	50%	6,030	32%
B2 Temporary visitors for pleasure	1,850	29%	3,580	42%	2,540	31%	1,560	21%	2,560	24%	6,170	32%
F1 Academic Students	230	4%	340	4%	260	3%	220	3%	2,030	19%	5,950	31%
* 45 Other Classifications Granted	540	9%	520	6%	550	7%	770	10%	790	7%	950	5%

J-2 Visa: Dependents of J-1	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
H4 Spouses and children of H1, H2, or H3	1,130	78%	760	66%	840	67%	1,490	78%	1,970	77%	2,160	79%
H1B Temporary workers in specialty occupations	180	12%	260	23%	300	24%	290	15%	290	11%	300	11%
O3 Spouse or child of nonimmigrant O1 or O2	60	4%	40	3%	40	3%	30	1%	120	5%	90	3%
* 31 Other Classifications Granted	100	7%	90	8%	80	7%	110	6%	180	7%	190	7%

Note: Numbers are rounded to the nearest 10.