

Top Three H-1B Occupations

FY 2016 data for OFLC demonstrates an increase in demand for job opportunities for H-1B workers who are educated and skilled in specialized occupations compared to 2015. There was a 3 percent increase in the number of H-1B positions requested and over a 2 percent increase in the number of positions certified compared to FY 2015. As has been the case in previous years, the top three occupations for positions certified were all IT-related occupations, with Computer Systems Analysts representing almost 24 percent of the total H-1B positions certified (285,352 positions) in FY 2016, which is nearly as much as the next two combined.

Top Three Occupations for H-1B Certified Positions

TOP THREE OCCUPATIONS	TOTAL H-1B APPLICATIONS CERTIFIED	TOTAL H-1B POSITIONS CERTIFIED	CERTIFIED APPLICATIONS AS % OF ALL H-1B APPLICATIONS	CERTIFIED POSITIONS AS % OF ALL CERTIFIED H-1B POSITIONS
Computer Systems Analysts	90,502	285,352	15.62%	23.80%
Software Developers, Applications	110,432	183,126	19.06%	15.28%
Computer Programmers	74,960	105,658	12.94%	8.81%
Total of Top Three Occupations	275,894	574,136	47.61%	47.89%
All Other Occupations	303,556	624,646	52.39%	52.11%
Total Overall Certifications	579,450	1,198,782		

