

QUESTION 1: There were a total of 1,050,577 OPT (C03A, C03B, C03C) receipts in fiscal years 2015-2019.

Form I-765 Application for Employment Authorization
 Receipts by Optional Practical Training Eligibility Category
 Fiscal Year 2015-2019



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Receipt Fiscal Year	Receipt Month	C03A	C03B	C03C	Grand Total
		Receipts	Receipts	Receipts	Receipts
2015		4,250	135,947	29,370	169,567
	October	215	13,330	1,968	15,513
	November	259	10,961	2,085	13,305
	December	249	7,525	2,171	9,945
	January	96	3,494	1,662	5,252
	February	307	9,275	1,893	11,475
	March	1,392	27,183	3,575	32,150
	April	702	23,722	4,004	28,428
	May	281	14,318	3,527	18,126
	June	272	11,570	3,587	15,429
	July	238	7,097	2,073	9,408
	August	126	3,289	1,237	4,652
	September	113	4,183	1,588	5,884
2016		3,636	158,026	51,809	213,471
	October	206	16,500	3,404	20,110
	November	224	14,858	3,854	18,936
	December	191	8,141	2,747	11,079
	January	64	3,725	1,910	5,699
	February	315	12,646	3,288	16,249
	March	1,099	32,502	4,949	38,550
	April	556	24,695	3,729	28,980
	May	296	15,942	3,966	20,204
	June	246	11,836	8,562	20,644
	July	193	7,409	7,052	14,654

	August	147	4,502	6,587	11,236
	September	99	5,270	1,761	7,130
2017		3,345	166,418	57,214	226,977
	October	175	18,608	2,073	20,856
	November	216	16,031	4,254	20,501
	December	177	9,373	6,105	15,655
	January	94	4,364	4,731	9,189
	February	320	12,906	3,136	16,362
	March	1,116	34,330	4,560	40,006
	April	418	25,739	6,959	33,116
	May	291	17,818	8,912	27,021
	June	203	11,480	7,901	19,584
	July	156	7,023	4,032	11,211
	August	111	3,829	2,449	6,389
	September	68	4,917	2,102	7,087
2018		2,691	157,486	65,121	225,298
	October	172	16,543	2,224	18,939
	November	188	14,254	4,888	19,330
	December	134	8,833	7,156	16,123
	January	67	4,254	5,395	9,716
	February	256	13,588	3,074	16,918
	March	894	33,635	3,965	38,494
	April	322	25,604	8,687	34,613
	May	197	15,544	10,448	26,189
	June	178	10,408	9,784	20,370
	July	128	6,208	4,660	10,996
	August	91	3,471	2,857	6,419
	September	64	5,144	1,983	7,191
2019		2,100	151,185	61,959	215,244
	October	141	17,590	2,041	19,772
	November	105	11,492	3,820	15,417
	December	76	6,817	6,457	13,350
	January	45	4,313	5,215	9,573
	February	283	14,739	3,749	18,771

	March	754	32,143	4,220	37,117
	April	252	23,490	8,690	32,432
	May	132	14,943	10,890	25,965
	June	115	9,745	8,246	18,106
	July	84	6,062	4,491	10,637
	August	57	2,823	2,266	5,146
	September	56	7,028	1,874	8,958
Grand Total		16,022	769,062	265,473	1,050,557


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Source:

Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of Performance and Quality, C3 Consolidated, queried 01/2020, TRK5703

QUESTION 2: On average it took 77 days to complete an OPT I765 approval or denial in fiscal years 2015-2019.

Form I-765 Application for Employment Authorization Average Processing Time by Optional Practical Training Eligibility Category Fiscal Year 2015-2019		 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services			
Completion Fiscal Year	Completion Month	C03A	C03B	C03C	Grand Total
		Processing Time of Completions (Days)	Processing Time of Completions (Days)	Processing Time of Completions (Days)	Processing Time of Completions (Days)
2015		65	65	74	67
	October	73	67	81	71
	November	82	58	82	63
	December	80	65	80	67
	January	78	75	83	76
	February	77	72	78	73
	March	64	59	71	62
	April	48	50	65	52
	May	59	59	69	60
	June	68	69	75	70
	July	69	68	75	69
	August	63	68	73	69
	September	72	71	74	71
2016		68	68	78	70
	October	57	57	67	59
	November	78	54	76	59
	December	88	72	77	73
	January	85	80	83	81
	February	77	79	75	78
	March	67	79	79	79
	April	55	57	69	59
	May	59	60	70	60
	June	70	69	103	70
	July	78	75	95	78
	August	73	66	85	74

	September	63	60	70	66
2017		68	67	75	69
	October	105	71	79	76
	November	93	62	88	71
	December	98	72	100	76
	January	83	85	92	86
	February	85	80	81	80
	March	48	47	59	51
	April	42	40	67	43
	May	60	54	68	56
	June	75	71	78	73
	July	86	82	84	83
	August	82	77	78	77
	September	68	65	70	67
2018		81	79	88	81
	October	69	64	66	65
	November	85	64	76	68
	December	91	73	85	75
	January	95	88	95	89
	February	111	96	99	97
	March	100	96	96	96
	April	66	67	80	71
	May	66	65	78	67
	June	77	73	77	74
	July	89	82	82	82
	August	99	91	93	92
	September	104	100	101	101
2019		106	94	94	94
	October	109	106	108	107
	November	103	84	96	89
	December	81	70	101	74
	January	103	83	100	85
	February	108	88	89	89
	March	121	87	86	87

	April	84	77	81	79
	May	90	87	105	90
	June	103	104	118	106
	July	118	115	117	115
	August	111	96	98	97
	September	85	76	72	74
Grand Total		74	75	83	77

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- 5) Processing time is the average number of days from receipt date to the approvals or denial date.
This includes any time spent pending a request for evidence.
- 6) The processing time (PT) is listed by the fiscal year of the approval or denial.
Thus the PT for each fiscal year is the average PT for approvals and denials in that fiscal year.
- 7) The grand total figure is a weighted average of all approvals and denials and not an average of the 5 rows.

Source:

Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of Performance and Quality, C3 Consolidated, queried 01/2020, TRK5703

QUESTION 3: On average 97% of all OPT I765 STEM applications were approved in fiscal years 2015-2019.

Form I-765 Application for Employment Authorization
 Approval Percentage by Optional Practical Training Eligibility Category
 Fiscal Year 2015-2019



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Approval Fiscal Year	Approval Month	OPT STEM TOTAL APPROVAL %
2015		97%
	October	94%
	November	93%
	December	96%
	January	97%
	February	98%
	March	98%
	April	98%
	May	98%
	June	98%
	July	98%
	August	98%
	September	95%
2016		95%
	October	94%
	November	92%
	December	95%
	January	98%
	February	98%
	March	98%
	April	99%
	May	97%
	June	91%
	July	93%

	August	93%
	September	92%
2017		97%
	October	91%
	November	90%
	December	88%
	January	93%
	February	99%
	March	96%
	April	96%
	May	97%
	June	98%
	July	99%
	August	99%
	September	98%
2018		97%
	October	95%
	November	90%
	December	87%
	January	93%
	February	97%
	March	98%
	April	98%
	May	97%
	June	99%
	July	99%
	August	99%
	September	99%
2019		97%
	October	96%
	November	91%
	December	84%
	January	91%
	February	97%

	March	98%
	April	98%
	May	94%
	June	94%
	July	98%
	August	99%
	September	98%
Grand Total		97%


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- 4) Approval percentage is the number of approvals in that fiscal year divided by the total number of approvals and denials in that fiscal year.
- 5) I765 filings for STEM include the classification C03C only.
- 6) The report includes a breakout for approval percentage for all I765 STEM applications including extensions.

Source:

Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of Performance and Quality, C3 Consolidated, queried 01/2020, TRK5703

QUESTION 4: On average 97% of I765 OPT STEM extensions were approved in fiscal years 2015-2019.

Form I-765 Application for Employment Authorization Approval Percentage by Optional Practical Training Eligibility Category Extensions of STEM Approvals for Fiscal Year 2015-2019		
		 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Approval Fiscal Year	Approval Month	OPT STEM TOTAL APPROVAL %
2015		97%
	October	94%
	November	93%
	December	96%
	January	97%
	February	98%
	March	98%
	April	98%
	May	98%
	June	98%
	July	98%
	August	98%
	September	96%
2016		95%
	October	94%
	November	92%
	December	95%
	January	98%
	February	98%
	March	99%
	April	99%
	May	97%
	June	91%
	July	93%

	August	94%
	September	92%
2017		97%
	October	91%
	November	90%
	December	88%
	January	94%
	February	99%
	March	96%
	April	96%
	May	97%
	June	98%
	July	99%
	August	99%
	September	98%
2018		98%
	October	95%
	November	90%
	December	87%
	January	93%
	February	97%
	March	98%
	April	98%
	May	97%
	June	99%
	July	99%
	August	99%
	September	99%
2019		97%
	October	96%
	November	91%
	December	84%
	January	92%
	February	97%

	March	99%
	April	98%
	May	94%
	June	95%
	July	98%
	August	99%
	September	98%
Grand Total		97%

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- 5) I765 filings for STEM include the classification C03C only.
- 6) The report includes a breakout for approval percentage for I765 STEM extension applications only.

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QUESTION 5: There were a total of 1,015,218, approvals and 30,367 denials for OPT (C03A, C03B, C03C) in fiscal years 2015-2019.

Form I-765 Application for Employment Authorization Approvals and Denials by Optional Practical Training Eligibility Category Fiscal Year 2015-2019		C03A		C03B		C03C		Grand Total	
Receipt Fiscal Year	Receipt Month	Approvals	Denials	Approvals	Denials	Approvals	Denials	Approvals	Denials
2015		3,967	370	132,102	3,470	28,077	813	164,146	4,653
	October	156	21	3,568	214	1,247	84	4,971	319
	November	95	20	4,417	158	1,035	77	5,547	255
	December	126	22	8,153	239	1,254	58	9,533	319
	January	234	21	10,782	253	1,780	50	12,796	324
	February	227	15	9,146	202	2,263	41	11,636	258
	March	259	28	8,168	266	2,448	42	10,875	336
	April	615	25	11,791	243	2,138	48	14,544	316
	May	818	41	16,538	260	2,217	39	19,573	340
	June	627	66	22,401	444	3,244	77	26,272	587
	July	322	40	17,488	524	3,878	94	21,688	658
	August	293	33	12,365	338	4,071	81	16,729	452
	September	195	38	7,285	329	2,502	122	9,982	489
2016		3,338	288	154,036	3,485	44,995	2,531	202,369	6,304
	October	133	14	4,558	233	1,697	103	6,388	350
	November	76	17	4,446	201	1,126	101	5,648	319
	December	97	23	6,769	182	1,590	86	8,456	291
	January	143	26	11,618	268	2,472	51	14,233	345
	February	228	16	12,073	293	3,683	67	15,984	376
	March	190	17	10,899	225	3,444	58	14,533	300
	April	453	23	17,809	327	4,984	72	23,246	422
	May	699	37	22,642	272	946	30	24,287	339
	June	437	38	19,441	328	381	38	20,259	404
	July	321	29	18,791	421	2,820	213	21,932	663



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	August	327	25	15,949	399	11,090	784	27,366	1,208
	September	234	23	9,041	336	10,762	928	20,037	1,287
2017		3,109	300	162,346	4,167	58,037	1,996	223,492	6,463
	October	90	23	3,091	229	4,014	384	7,195	636
	November	71	23	4,192	235	1,868	213	6,131	471
	December	79	19	8,232	234	1,146	151	9,457	404
	January	150	14	15,757	270	2,199	159	18,106	443
	February	240	18	16,088	303	6,207	81	22,535	402
	March	419	22	18,679	463	9,278	412	28,376	897
	April	632	20	17,960	311	2,661	120	21,253	451
	May	418	29	16,265	334	2,811	88	19,494	451
	June	248	38	15,117	427	3,458	71	18,823	536
	July	255	37	17,742	475	6,426	74	24,423	586
	August	274	34	19,053	550	11,285	116	30,612	700
	September	233	23	10,170	336	6,684	127	17,087	486
2018		2,307	194	143,478	3,377	54,341	1,416	200,126	4,987
	October	84	17	3,311	244	2,287	131	5,682	392
	November	41	15	3,335	149	1,305	153	4,681	317
	December	63	12	7,054	197	1,031	155	8,148	364
	January	129	8	11,188	229	1,592	126	12,909	363
	February	124	15	10,716	232	3,156	111	13,996	358
	March	173	9	11,092	236	8,557	154	19,822	399
	April	283	10	16,374	329	7,202	150	23,859	489
	May	660	26	25,509	328	3,159	90	29,328	444
	June	366	31	23,528	373	5,329	73	29,223	477
	July	157	23	13,815	417	6,959	75	20,931	515
	August	132	18	11,156	439	7,934	119	19,222	576
	September	95	10	6,400	204	5,830	79	12,325	293
2019		1,897	411	153,155	5,261	70,033	2,288	225,085	7,960
	October	129	17	7,718	301	6,485	303	14,332	621
	November	142	22	8,698	331	4,871	497	13,711	850
	December	98	8	11,466	268	1,778	345	13,342	621
	January	90	17	10,704	281	1,873	178	12,667	476
	February	77	17	8,808	300	3,839	132	12,724	449

	March	85	10	7,273	318	7,758	119	15,116	447
	April	85	9	6,318	300	4,730	100	11,133	409
	May	170	12	9,320	288	1,674	115	11,164	415
	June	248	35	11,639	244	1,139	71	13,026	350
	July	429	145	32,481	714	5,426	90	38,336	949
	August	229	93	30,137	1,222	20,103	153	50,469	1,468
	September	115	26	8,593	694	10,357	185	19,065	905
	Grand Total	14,618	1,563	745,117	19,760	255,483	9,044	1,015,218	30,367

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