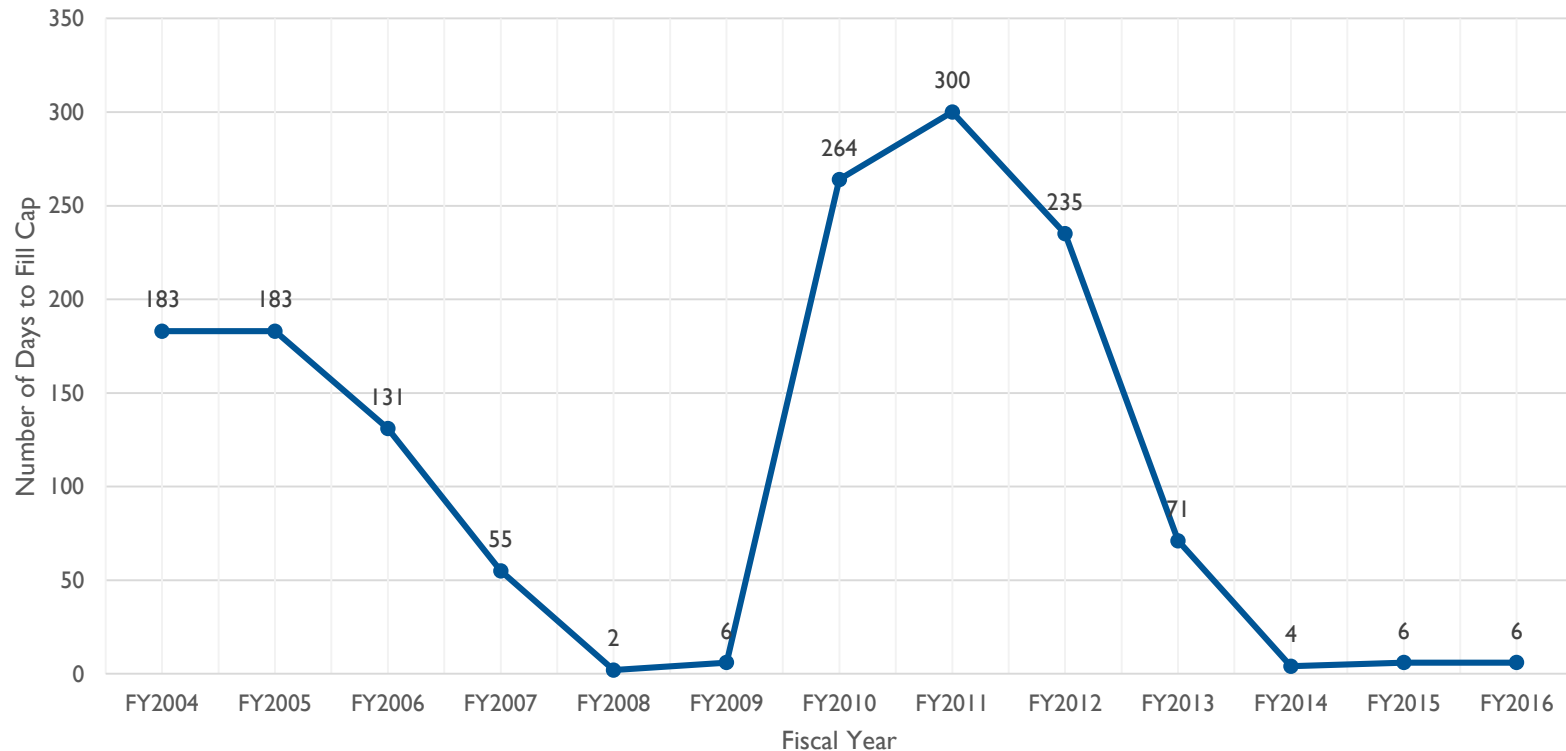


H-1B Visa Application Caps Have Filled Up Quickly Since FY2013

Days Since Application Period Opens for H-1B Visa Cap to Fill, FY2004-FY2016



Analysis

- The cap of 85,000 visas for H-1B workers has filled up rapidly in the past three fiscal year cycles, with the cap being reached within 6 days from the opening application date of April 1
- In the years following the 2008 recession, companies were not in a rush to apply for H-1B Visas
- In FY2011, the cap was not met until January of the following year