



COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED
THE BAHAMAS**

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FOREWORD

This publication presents data on the work permits granted in The Bahamas by the Department of Immigration for the year 2015. It contains tables outlining work permits granted by industry, occupational group, the applicants' nationality and sex.

The data in this report are collected by the Department of Immigration and forwarded to the Department of Statistics where they are processed, analyzed and published.

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DATA HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2015 a total of 9,208 work permits were issued. Male's received 67% or 6,215 work permits whereas females received 2,993 or 33% of the work permits.

Occupational Level:

- Forty-four percent (44%) of the work permits were granted to workers in the Elementary Occupational group. Sixty-five percent (65%) of the work permits granted to persons in this group were Haitians.
- Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery workers was granted 949 or 10% of the total permits issued. Eighty percent (80%) of this group were Haitians.
- This was followed by Professionals, Science and Engineering Professionals with 927 or ten percent (10%) of the total work permits. Fifteen percent (15%) of this group were Americans and fifteen percent (15%) Jamaicans.
- The least amount of work permits granted (22 or 0.2%) was in the Plant & Machine Operators and Assemblers category.

Industry Level:

- The industry receiving the majority of the work permits in 2015 was the Accommodation and Food Service Activities Industry (Hotel) with 1,144 or 12% of the work permits granted. Eighty percent (80%) of this group were males.
- This was followed by the Construction Industry receiving 689 or 7% of the total permits issued. Ninety-six percent (96%) of this group were males.
- The Manufacturing Industry was issued 539 or 5% of the total work permits for 2015. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of this group were males.

Nationalities

- The majority of the work permits 3,360 or 36% were issued to Haitians.
- This was followed by Jamaicans with 1,075 or 11% of the permits issued.
- Philippine nationals received 1,033 or 11% of the permits issued.

More detailed information is available on the Department's Website:

www.bahamas.gov.bs/statistics.

WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY INDUSTRIAL GROUP AND SEX, ALL BAHAMAS: 2015

TABLE 1

INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL		SEX			
	NUMBER	%	FEMALE		MALE	
			NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
TOTAL	9,208	100.0%	2,993	100.0%	6,215	100%
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING	93	1.0%	7	0.2%	86	1.4%
MINING AND QUARRYING	3		0	0.0%	3	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	539	5.9%	17	0.6%	522	8.4%
ELECTRICITY, GAS, STEAM, AND AIR CONDITIONING SUPPLY	20	0.2%	0	0.0%	20	0.3%
WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES	22	0.2%	1	0.0%	21	0.3%
CONSTRUCTION	689	7.5%	30	1.0%	659	10.6%
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE AND REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR CYCLES	281	3.1%	65	2.2%	216	3.5%
TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE	89	1.0%	6	0.2%	83	1.3%
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICE ACTIVITIES	1,144	12.4%	220	7.4%	924	14.9%
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	47	0.5%	9	0.3%	38	0.6%
FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES	239	2.6%	34	1.1%	205	3.3%
REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES	151	1.6%	15	0.5%	136	2.2%

WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY INDUSTRIAL GROUP AND SEX, ALL BAHAMAS: 2015

TABLE 1 CONT'D

INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL		SEX			
			FEMALE		MALE	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES	167	1.8%	41	1.4%	126	2.0%
ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICE ACTIVITIES	194	2.1%	8	0.3%	186	3.0%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND DEFENCE; COMPULSORY SOCIAL SECURITY	45	0.5%	18	0.6%	27	0.4%
EDUCATION	296	3.2%	185	6.2%	111	1.8%
HUMAN HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK ACTIVITIES	110	1.2%	69	2.3%	41	0.7%
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION	151	1.6%	41	1.4%	110	1.8%
OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES	12	0.1%	4	0.1%	8	0.1%
ACTIVITIES OF HOUSEHOLDS AS EMPLOYERS; UNDIFFERENTIATED GOODS-AND SERVICES- PRODUCING ACTIVITIES OF HOUSEHOLDS FOR OWN USE	4,712	51.2%	2,128	71.1%	2,584	41.6%
*OTHERS	18	0.2%	4	0.1%	14	0.2%
**RESIDENT BELONGERS	186	2.0%	91	3.0%	95	1.5%

Source: Department of Immigration, 2015

NOTE: **RESIDENT BELONGER - is a person born in The Bahamas to non-Bahamian parents who is entitled to apply for registration as a citizen of The Bahamas under Article 7 of the Constitution and who has lived in The Bahamas for all his/her life.

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WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP AND SEX, ALL BAHAMAS: 2015

TABLE 2

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	TOTAL		SEX			
	NUMBER	%	FEMALE		MALE	
			NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
TOTAL	9,208	100.0%	2,993	100%	6,215	100%
MANAGERS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND SENIOR OFFICIALS	857	9.3%	127	4.2%	730	12%
PROFESSIONALS, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS	927	10.1%	398	13.3%	529	9%
TECHNICIANS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS	612	6.6%	89	3.0%	523	8%
CLERICAL SUPPORT WORKERS	151	1.6%	77	2.6%	74	1%
SERVICE AND SALES WORKERS	946	10.3%	563	18.8%	383	6%
SKILLED AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHERY WORKERS	949	10.3%	4	0.1%	945	15%
CRAFT AND RELATED TRADE WORKERS	720	7.8%	7	0.2%	713	11%
PLANT AND MACHINE OPERATORS AND ASSEMBLERS	22	0.2%	4	0.1%	18	0%
ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS	3,870	42.0%	1,665	55.6%	2,205	35%
*OTHERS	104	1.1%	34	1.1%	70	1%
**RESIDENT BELONGERS	50	0.5%	25	0.8%	25	0.4%

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**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, SEX AND NATIONALITY,
ALL BAHAMAS: 2015**

TABLE 3

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
TOTAL	9,208	2,993	6,215
MANAGERS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES, AND SENIOR OFFICIALS	857	127	730
American	311	40	271
Argentinean	6	0	6
Australian	17	6	11
Brazilian	28	8	20
British	99	5	94
Canadian	63	16	47
Chinese	21	0	21
Columbian	14	0	14
Cuban	8	0	8
Dutch	13	0	13
French	12	0	12
German	9	0	9
Indian	15	0	15
Irish	6	0	6
Italian	18	5	13
Jamaican	21	5	16
Mexican	26	0	26
Philippine	10	0	10
South African	8	0	8
Spanish	15	0	15
Swiss	40	0	40
Other Nationalities	97	42	55

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TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
PROFESSIONALS, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS	927	398	529
American	144	39	105
Argentinean	5	0	5
Barbadian	5	0	5
Brazilian	9	0	9
British	96	30	66
Canadian	63	35	28
Chinese	27	6	21
Cuban	17	7	10
Dominican	22	8	14
French	13	6	7
Guyanese	56	34	22
Haitian	22	0	22
Indian	36	5	31
Italian	12	5	7
Jamaican	142	88	54
Mexican	16	0	16
Philippine	93	58	35
Spanish	14	9	5
Sri Lankan	8	0	8
Swiss	8	0	8
Other Nationalities	119	68	51

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TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
TECHNICIANS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS	612	89	523
American	99	10	89
British	34	10	24
Canadian	130	17	113
Chilean	40	0	40
Columbian	31	0	31
Dominican	5	0	5
French	16	5	11
Guyanese	5	0	5
Indian	31	0	31
Israeli	7	0	7
Italian	13	0	13
Jamaican	39	14	25
Mexican	32	0	32
Philippine	50	8	42
Other Nationalities	80	25	55
CLERICAL SUPPORT WORKERS	151	77	74
American	5	0	5
Canadian	7	7	0
Chinese	23	13	10
Haitian	46	23	23
Jamaican	15	15	0
Other Nationalities	55	19	36

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TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
SERVICE AND SALES WORKERS	946	563	383
American	41	7	34
British	5	0	5
Canadian	15	0	15
Chinese	363	158	205
Cuban	7	7	0
Dominican	10	10	0
Greek	6	0	6
Guatemalan	9	9	0
Haitian	32	23	9
Indian	14	5	9
Jamaican	116	110	6
Mexican	10	0	10
Peruvian	33	33	0
Philippine	210	160	50
Other Nationalities	75	41	34
SKILLED AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHERY WORKERS	949	4	945
American	6	0	6
Chinese	154	0	154
Haitian	754	0	754
Philippine	8	0	8
Other Nationalities	27	4	23

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TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
CRAFT AND RELATED WORKERS	720	7	713
American	23	0	23
British	7	0	7
Canadian	8	0	8
Chinese	18	0	18
Columbian	38	0	38
Dominican	29	0	29
Dutch	5	0	5
Ecuadorian	6	0	6
Greek	11	0	11
Guatemalan	6	0	6
Guyanese	10	0	10
Honduran	13	0	13
Indian	23	0	23
Jamaican	38	0	38
Mexican	47	0	47
Peruvian	44	0	44
Philippine	268	0	268
Romanian	73	0	73
Trinidadian	6	0	6
Venezuelan	7	0	7
Vietnamese	8	0	8
Other Nationalities	32	7	25

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TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
PLANT AND MACHINE OPERATORS AND ASSEMBLERS	22	4	18
Haitian	7	0	7
Other Nationalities	15	4	11
ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS	3,870	1,665	2,205
British	7	7	0
Chinese	46	18	28
Columbian	5	5	0
Cuban	18	12	6
Dominican	29	24	5
Guyanese	7	7	0
Haitian	2,499	503	1,996
Jamaican	704	653	51
Peruvian	90	76	14
Philippine	394	330	64
Romanian	5	0	5
Other Nationalities	66	30	36
*OTHERS	104	34	70
**RESIDENT BELONGER	50	25	25

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TABLE 4

NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
TOTAL	9,208	2,993	6,215
American	629	96	533
Argentinean	11	0	11
Australian	17	6	11
Barbadian	5	0	5
Brazilian	37	8	29
British	248	52	196
Canadian	286	75	211
Chilean	40	0	40
Chinese	652	195	457
Columbian	88	5	83
Cuban	50	26	24
Dominican	95	42	53
Dutch	18	0	18
Ecuadorian	6	0	6
French	41	11	30
German	9	0	9
Greek	17	0	17
Guatemalan	15	9	6
Guyanese	78	41	37
Haitian	3,360	549	2,811
Honduran	13	0	13
Indian	119	10	109
Irish	6	0	6
Israeli	7	0	7

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TABLE 4 CONT'D

NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
Italian	43	10	33
Jamaican	1,075	885	190
Mexican	131	0	131
Peruvian	167	109	58
Philippine	1,033	556	477
Romanian	78	0	78
South African	8	0	8
Spanish	29	9	20
Sri Lankan	8	0	8
Swiss	48	0	48
Trinidadian	6	0	6
Venezuelan	7	0	7
Vietnamese	8	0	8
Other Nationalities	566	240	326
*OTHERS	104	34	70
**RESIDENT BELONGER	50	25	25

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