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**WORK PERMITS ISSUED IN THE**

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## FOREWORD

This publication represents data on the work permits granted in The Bahamas by the Department of Immigration for the year 2019. It contains tables outlining work permits granted by industry, occupational group, the applicants' nationality and sex.

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## DATA HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2019 a total of **12,501** work permits were issued. Males received **67% or 8,431** work permits whereas females received **4,070**, or 33% of the work permits.

### Occupational Level:

- **Sixty-three percent (63%)** of the work permits were granted to workers in the **Elementary Occupational group**. **Sixty-nine percent (69%)** of the work permits granted to persons in this group were **Haitians**.
- **Professionals, Science and Engineering Professionals** Workers were granted **1,028 or eight percent (8%)** of the total permits issued. **Fifteen percent (15%)** of this group were Americans.
- This was followed by **Managers, Chief Executives and Senior Officials** with **924 or seven percent (7%)** of the total work permits. **Twenty nine percent (29%)** of this group were **Americans and thirteen percent (13%)** British.
- The least amount of work permits granted (**12 or 0.1%**) was in the **Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Workers**.

### Industry Level:

- The industry receiving the majority of the work permits in 2019 was the **Activities of Households as Employers; Undifferentiated Goods and Services-Producing Activities of Households for Own Use** with **6,751 or 54%** of the work permits granted. **Forty five percent (45%)** of this group were **males**.
- This was followed by the **Construction** Industry receiving **1,283 or 10%** of the total permits issued. **Ninety-five percent (95%)** of this group were **males**.
- Accommodation and Food Service Activities was issued **1,250 or 10%** of the total work permits for 2019. **Seventy-nine percent (79%)** of this group were **males**.

### Nationalities

- The majority of the work permits 5,602 or 45% were issued to **Haitians**.
- This was followed by **Jamaicans** with 1,465 or 12% of the permits issued.
- **Philippine** nationals received 1,413 or 11% of the permits issued.

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY INDUSTRIAL GROUP AND SEX, ALL BAHAMAS: 2019**

**TABLE 1**

INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL		SEX			
			FEMALE		MALE	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,501</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8,431</b>	<b>100%</b>
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING	378	3.0%	26	0.6%	352	4.2%
MINING AND QUARRYING	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	302	2.4%	17	0.4%	285	3.4%
ELECTRICITY, GAS, STEAM, AND AIR CONDITIONING SUPPLY	66	0.5%	1	0.0%	65	0.8%
WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES	29	0.2%	0	0.0%	29	0.3%
CONSTRUCTION	1,283	10.3%	64	1.6%	1,219	14.5%
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE AND REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR CYCLES	467	3.7%	81	2.0%	386	4.6%
TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE	114	0.9%	13	0.3%	101	1.2%
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICE ACTIVITIES	1,250	10.0%	262	6.4%	988	11.7%
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	60	0.5%	4	0.1%	56	0.7%
FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES	307	2.5%	71	1.7%	236	2.8%
REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES	76	0.6%	11	0.3%	65	0.8%

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY INDUSTRIAL GROUP AND SEX, ALL BAHAMAS: 2019**

**TABLE 1 CONT'D**

INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL		SEX			
			FEMALE		MALE	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES	225	1.8%	86	2.1%	139	1.6%
ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICE ACTIVITIES	292	2.3%	27	0.7%	265	3.1%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND DEFENCE; COMPULSORY SOCIAL SECURITY	11	0.1%	4	0.1%	7	0.1%
EDUCATION	475	3.8%	278	6.8%	197	2.3%
HUMAN HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK ACTIVITIES	160	1.3%	105	2.6%	55	0.7%
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION	73	0.6%	16	0.4%	57	0.7%
OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES	180	1.4%	43	1.1%	137	1.6%
ACTIVITIES OF HOUSEHOLDS AS EMPLOYERS; UNDIFFERENTIATED GOODS-AND SERVICES- PRODUCING ACTIVITIES OF HOUSEHOLDS FOR OWN USE	6,751	54.0%	2,959	72.7%	3,792	45.0%
ACTIVITIES OF EXTRATERRITORIAL ORGANIZATIONS AND BODIES	2	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%

Source: Department of Immigration, 2020

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP AND SEX, ALL BAHAMAS: 2019**

**TABLE 2**

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	TOTAL		SEX		
	NUMBER	%	FEMALE		MALE
			NUMBER	%	NUMBER
TOTAL	<b>12,501</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,431</b>
MANAGERS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND SENIOR OFFICIALS	924	7.4%	197	4.8%	727
PROFESSIONALS, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS	1,028	8.2%	494	12.1%	534
TECHNICIANS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS	880	7.0%	180	4.4%	700
CLERICAL SUPPORT WORKERS	66	0.5%	37	0.9%	29
SERVICE AND SALES WORKERS	897	7.2%	378	9.3%	519
SKILLED AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHERY WORKERS	12	0.1%	1	0.0%	11
CRAFT AND RELATED TRADE WORKERS	726	5.8%	19	0.5%	707
PLANT AND MACHINE OPERATORS AND ASSEMBLERS	54	0.4%	1	0.0%	53
ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS	7,914	63.3%	2,763	67.9%	5,151

Source: Department of Immigration, 2020

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, SEX AND NATIONALITY,  
ALL BAHAMAS: 2019**

**TABLE 3**

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,501</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>8,431</b>
<b>MANAGERS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES, AND SENIOR OFFICIALS</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>727</b>
American	266	52	214
Argentinean	6	0	6
Australian	12	0	12
Brazilian	15	0	15
British	116	20	96
Canadian	80	7	73
Chinese	12	3	9
Columbian	12	4	8
Cuban	5	1	4
Dominican(DOM)	7	2	5
French	26	11	15
German	8	4	4
Indian	37	11	26
Irish	9	1	8
Italian	18	9	9
Jamaican	17	7	10
Mexican	35	10	25
Philippine	25	3	22
South African	16	1	15
Spanish	7	3	4
Swiss	49	7	42
Other Nationalities	146	41	105



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**TABLE 3 CONT'D**

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
<b>TECHNICIANS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>700</b>
American	135	5	130
Argentinean	2	0	2
Australian	6	1	5
Brazilian	12	1	11
British	41	4	37
Canadian	55	4	51
Chinese	43	3	40
Cuban	3	1	2
Dominican(DOM)	11	9	2
French	21	21	0
Guyanese	10	5	5
Haitian	28	7	21
Indian	46	14	32
Italian	21	9	12
Jamaican	53	13	40
Mexican	25	4	21
Philippine	149	17	132
South African	7	0	7
Sri Lankan	3	0	3
Venezuelan	24	2	22
Other Nationalities	185	60	125

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**TABLE 3 CONT'D**

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
<b>PROFESSIONALS, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS</b>	<b>1028</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>534</b>
American	151	68	83
British	108	53	55
Canadian	53	26	27
Chinese	5	3	2
Columbian	6	3	3
Dominican(DOM)	9	6	3
French	7	4	3
Guyanese	90	70	20
Indian	34	27	7
Irish	4	3	1
Italian	12	6	6
Jamaican	136	67	69
Mexican	11	7	4
Philippine	148	38	110
Other Nationalities	254	113	141
<b>CLERICAL SUPPORT WORKERS</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>
American	18	8	10
British	3	1	2
Canadian	9	1	8
Chinese	18	15	3
Jamaican	2	2	0
Other Nationalities	16	10	6

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, SEX AND NATIONALITY,  
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**TABLE 3 CONT'D**

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
<b>SERVICE AND SALES WORKERS</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>519</b>
American	52	0	52
British	23	5	18
Canadian	19	0	19
Chinese	159	16	143
Cuban	3	0	3
Dominican(DOM)	15	0	15
Guatemalan	2	0	2
Haitian	46	2	44
Indian	18	3	15
Jamaican	223	114	109
Mexican	23	23	0
Peruvian	14	12	2
Philippine	199	171	28
Other Nationalities	101	32	69
<b>SKILLED AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHERY WORKERS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>
American	9	0	9
Other Nationalities	3	1	2

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**TABLE 3 CONT'D**

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
<b>CRAFT AND RELATED WORKERS</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>707</b>
American	36	0	36
British	6	0	6
Canadian	12	0	12
Chinese	6	2	4
Columbian	54	0	54
Dominican(DOM)	47	0	47
Ecuadorian	4	0	4
Greek	7	0	7
Guatemalan	11	0	11
Guyanese	8	2	6
Haitian	11	0	11
Honduran	15	0	15
Indian	34	0	34
Jamaican	56	2	54
Mexican	85	0	85
Peruvian	54	0	54
Philippine	106	0	106
Romanian	20	0	20
Venezuelan	64	10	54
Other Nationalities	90	3	87

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**TABLE 3 CONT'D**

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
<b>PLANT AND MACHINE OPERATORS AND ASSEMBLERS</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>53</b>
American	5	0	5
Chinese	4	0	4
Guyanese	3	0	3
Mexican	8	0	8
Philippine	8	0	8
Other Nationalities	26	1	25
<b>ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS</b>	<b>7,914</b>	<b>2,763</b>	<b>5,151</b>
American	8	6	2
British	10	10	0
Chinese	188	171	17
Columbian	24	24	0
Cuban	25	25	0
Dominican(DOM)	63	52	11
Guyanese	20	20	0
Haitian	5,495	2,207	3,288
Jamaican	977	0	977
Peruvian	200	0	200
Philippine	776	210	566
Other Nationalities	128	38	90

**Source: Department of Immigration, 2020**

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY NATIONALITY AND SEX  
ALL BAHAMAS: 2019**

**TABLE 4**

NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,501</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>8,431</b>
American	680	173	507
Argentinean	16	2	14
Australian	23	3	20
Barbadian	20	13	7
Brazilian	71	17	54
British	307	83	224
Canadian	229	62	167
Chilean	4	3	1
Chinese	435	77	358
Columbian	147	27	120
Cuban	71	34	37
Dominican	160	55	105
Dutch	18	5	13
Ecuadorian	35	4	31
French	56	12	44
German	26	7	19
Greek	16	0	16
Guatemalan	21	6	15
Guyanese	142	77	65
Haitian	5,602	986	4,616
Honduran	27	3	24
Indian	186	24	162
Irish	24	4	20
Israeli	25	9	16

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**TABLE 4 CONT'D**

NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
Italian	59	12	47
Jamaican	1,465	1185	280
Mexican	204	18	186
Peruvian	277	178	99
Philippine	1,413	848	565
Romanian	37	4	33
South African	36	10	26
Spanish	16	3	13
Sri Lankan	10	1	9
Swiss	63	12	51
Trinidadian	43	10	33
Venezuelan	100	4	96
Zimbabwean	14	8	6
<b>Other Nationalities</b>	423	91	332

Source: Department of Immigration, 2020

\*OTHER NATIONALITIES: ARE THOSE THAT ARE NOT STATED