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WORK PERMITS ISSUED IN

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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 2018. It contains tables outlining work permits granted by industry, occupational group, the applicants' nationality and sex.

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DATA HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2018 a total of 10,225 work permits were issued. Male's received 68% or 6,921 work permits whereas females received 3,304, or 32% of the work permits.

Occupational Level:

- Fifty-four percent (54%) of the work permits were granted to workers in the Elementary Occupational group. Sixty-Seven percent (67%) of the work permits granted to persons in this group were Haitians.
- Professionals, Science and Engineering Professionals were granted 1,078 or eleven (11%) of the total permits issued. Twenty-four percent (24%) of this group were Americans.
- This was followed by Craft and Related Workers with 957 or nine percent (9%) of the total work permits. Thirty-one percent (31%) of this group were Philippines.
- The least amount of work permits granted (10 or 0.1%) was in the Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Workers.

Industry Level:

- The industry receiving the majority of the work permits in 2018 was the Activities of Households as Employers; Undifferentiated Goods and Services-Producing Activities of Households for Own Use with 4,735 or 46% of the work permits granted. Fifty Three percent (53%) of this group were males.
- This was followed by the Accommodation and Food Service Activities Industry (Hotel) receiving 1,255 or 12% of the total permits issued. Seventy Four percent (74%) of this group were males.
- The Construction Industry was issued 997 or 10% of the total work permits for 2018. Ninety-Six percent (96%) of this group were males.

Nationalities

- The majority of the work permits 3,816 or 37% were issued to Haitians.
- This was followed by Philippines with 1,206 or 12% of the permits issued.
- Jamaican nationals received 1,187 or 12% of the permits issued.

WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY INDUSTRIAL GROUP AND SEX, ALL BAHAMAS: 2018

TABLE 1

INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL		SEX			
			FEMALE		MALE	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
TOTAL	10,225	100.0%	3,304	100.0%	6,921	100%
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING	210	2.1%	12	0.4%	198	2.9%
MINING AND QUARRYING	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	577	5.6%	39	1.2%	538	7.8%
ELECTRICITY, GAS, STEAM, AND AIR CONDITIONING SUPPLY	45	0.4%	1	0.0%	44	0.6%
WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES	20	0.2%	0	0.0%	20	0.3%
CONSTRUCTION	997	9.8%	37	1.1%	960	13.9%
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE AND REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR CYCLES	512	5.0%	98	3.0%	414	6.0%
TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE	165	1.6%	7	0.2%	158	2.3%
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICE ACTIVITIES	1,255	12.3%	325	9.8%	930	13.4%
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	115	1.1%	11	0.3%	104	1.5%
FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES	282	2.8%	49	1.5%	233	3.4%
REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES	89	0.9%	10	0.3%	79	1.1%

WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY INDUSTRIAL GROUP AND SEX, ALL BAHAMAS: 2018

TABLE 1 CONT'D

INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL		SEX			
			FEMALE		MALE	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES	182	1.8%	63	1.9%	119	1.7%
ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICE ACTIVITIES	255	2.5%	24	0.7%	231	3.3%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND DEFENCE; COMPULSORY SOCIAL SECURITY	15	0.1%	3	0.1%	12	0.2%
EDUCATION	410	4.0%	243	7.4%	167	2.4%
HUMAN HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK ACTIVITIES	108	1.1%	58	1.8%	50	0.7%
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION	83	0.8%	29	0.9%	54	0.8%
OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES	168	1.6%	61	1.8%	107	1.5%
ACTIVITIES OF HOUSEHOLDS AS EMPLOYERS; UNDIFFERENTIATED GOODS- AND SERVICES- PRODUCING ACTIVITIES OF HOUSEHOLDS FOR OWN USE	4,735	46.3%	2,232	67.6%	2,503	36.2%
ACTIVITIES OF EXTRATERRITORIAL ORGANIZATIONS AND BODIES	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
*OTHERS	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%

Source: Department of Immigration, 2018

*OTHERS - are Industries that could not be classified in any of the standardized Industrial groups.

WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP AND SEX, ALL BAHAMAS: 2018

TABLE 2

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	TOTAL		SEX			
			FEMALE		MALE	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
TOTAL	10,225	100%	3,304	100%	6,921	100%
MANAGERS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND SENIOR OFFICIALS	842	8.2%	177	5.4%	665	9.6%
PROFESSIONALS, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS	1,078	10.5%	452	13.7%	626	9.0%
TECHNICIANS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS	863	8.4%	180	5.4%	683	9.9%
CLERICAL SUPPORT WORKERS	65	0.6%	25	0.8%	40	0.6%
SERVICE AND SALES WORKERS	833	8.1%	377	11.4%	456	6.6%
SKILLED AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHERY WORKERS	10	0.1%	2	0.1%	8	0.1%
CRAFT AND RELATED TRADE WORKERS	957	9.4%	25	0.8%	932	13.5%
PLANT AND MACHINE OPERATORS AND ASSEMBLERS	45	0.4%	2	0.1%	43	0.6%
ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS	5,515	53.9%	2,058	62.3%	3,457	49.9%
*OTHERS	17	0.2%	6	0.2%	11	0.2%

Source: Department of Immigration, 2018

*OTHERS - are occupations that could not be classified in any of the standardized occupational groups.

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, SEX AND NATIONALITY,
ALL BAHAMAS: 2018**

TABLE 3

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
TOTAL	10,225	3,304	6,921
MANAGERS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES, AND SENIOR OFFICIALS	842	177	665
American	296	51	245
Argentinean	6	1	5
Australian	12	1	11
Brazilian	15	0	15
British	100	22	78
Canadian	66	24	42
Chinese	11	1	10
Columbian	11	0	11
Cuban	7	1	6
Dominican(DOM)	2	0	2
French	18	0	18
German	9	1	8
Indian	29	8	21
Irish	9	2	7
Italian	27	8	19
Jamaican	20	5	15
Mexican	13	3	10
Philippine	19	6	13
South African	17	5	12
Spanish	14	1	13
Swiss	26	8	18
Other Nationalities	115	29	86

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, SEX AND NATIONALITY,
ALL BAHAMAS: 2018**

TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
PROFESSIONALS, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS	1,078	452	626
American	254	89	165
Argentinean	6	4	2
Barbadian	6	3	3
Brazilian	7	4	3
British	87	55	32
Canadian	67	43	24
Chinese	13	7	6
Cuban	36	29	7
Dominican(DOM)	12	9	3
French	19	14	5
Guyanese	63	31	32
Haitian	29	11	18
Indian	43	18	25
Italian	8	1	7
Jamaican	125	29	96
Mexican	18	4	14
Philippine	88	23	65
Spanish	6	1	5
Sri Lankan	4	0	4
Swiss	15	5	10
Other Nationalities	172	72	100

**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
TECHNICIANS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS	863	180	683
American	238	7	231
British	53	25	28
Canadian	64	24	40
Chinese	30	17	13
Columbian	24	7	17
Dominican(DOM)	14	12	2
French	34	14	20
Guyanese	6	2	4
Indian	38	11	27
Israeli	10	4	6
Italian	33	7	26
Jamaican	47	3	44
Mexican	39	0	39
Philippine	62	10	52
Other Nationalities	171	37	134
CLERICAL SUPPORT WORKERS	65	25	40
American	11	4	7
British	2	0	2
Canadian	1	0	1
Chinese	26	11	15
Jamaican	4	1	3
Other Nationalities	21	9	12

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, SEX AND NATIONALITY,
ALL BAHAMAS: 2018**

TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
SERVICE AND SALES WORKERS	833	377	456
American	55	3	52
British	12	1	11
Canadian	16	1	15
Chinese	159	35	124
Cuban	4	0	4
Dominican(DOM)	10	2	8
Guatemalan	12	0	12
Haitian	56	7	49
Indian	10	0	10
Jamaican	213	146	67
Mexican	23	15	8
Peruvian	9	7	2
Philippine	139	129	10
Other Nationalities	115	31	84
SKILLED AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHERY WORKERS	10	2	8
American	8	2	6
Other Nationalities	2	0	2

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, SEX AND NATIONALITY,
ALL BAHAMAS: 2018**

TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
CRAFT AND RELATED WORKERS	957	25	932
American	52	1	51
British	6	0	6
Canadian	16	2	14
Chinese	17	1	16
Columbian	53	0	53
Dominican(DOM)	50	0	50
Ecuadorian	6	0	6
Greek	3	1	2
Guatemalan	6	0	6
Guyanese	11	1	10
Haitian	7	0	7
Honduran	25	0	25
Indian	50	0	50
Jamaican	44	0	44
Mexican	83	0	83
Peruvian	91	0	91
Philippine	301	13	288
Romanian	32	1	31
Venezuelan	19	4	15
Other Nationalities	85	1	84

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, SEX AND NATIONALITY,
ALL BAHAMAS: 2018**

TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
PLANT AND MACHINE OPERATORS AND ASSEMBLERS	45	2	43
American	7	0	7
Barbadian	4	0	4
Guyanese	4	0	4
Jamaican	5	1	4
Other Nationalities	25	1	24
ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS	5,515	2,058	3,457
American	10	10	0
British	7	7	0
Chinese	142	141	1
Columbian	17	17	0
Cuban	23	23	0
Dominican(DOM)	42	41	1
Guyanese	12	12	0
Haitian	3,707	1,670	2,037
Jamaican	730	0	730
Peruvian	139	0	139
Philippine	595	103	492
Other Nationalities	91	34	57
*OTHERS	17	6	11

Source: Department of Immigration, 2018

*OTHERS - are occupations that could not be classified in any of the standardized occupational groups.

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY NATIONALITY AND SEX
ALL BAHAMAS: 2018**

TABLE 4

NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
TOTAL	10,225	3,304	6,921
American	937	259	678
Argentinian	22	3	19
Australian	40	17	23
Barbadian	28	14	14
Brazilian	50	12	38
British	249	53	196
Canadian	239	67	172
Chilean	6	3	3
Chinese	399	66	333
Columbian	116	23	93
Cuban	78	43	35
Dominican	136	36	100
Dutch	18	2	16
Ecuadorian	19	4	15
French	77	15	62
German	27	5	22
Greek	10	0	10
Guatemalan	23	8	15
Guyanese	103	52	51
Haitian	3,816	730	3,086
Honduran	43	4	39
Indian	179	19	160
Irish	32	6	26
Israeli	20	8	12

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TABLE 4 CONT'D

NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
Italian	85	9	76
Jamaican	1,187	922	265
Mexican	176	22	154
Peruvian	250	123	127
Philippine	1,206	634	572
Romanian	41	1	40
South African	28	7	21
Spanish	27	7	20
Sri Lankan	9	0	9
Swiss	46	5	41
Trinidadian	39	14	25
Venezuelan	45	6	39
Zimbabwean	13	7	6
Other Nationalities	406	98	308

Source: Department of Immigration, 2018

*OTHER NATIONALITIES: ARE THOSE THAT ARE NOT STATED