



COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

WORK PERMITS ISSUED IN

THE BAHAMAS

2022

Bahamas National Statistical Institute
Ministry of Economic Affairs
P.O. Box N-3904
Nassau, Bahamas

FOREWORD

This publication represents data on the work permits granted in The Bahamas by the Department of Immigration for the year 2022. It contains tables outlining work permits granted by industry, occupational group, the applicants' nationality and sex. Prior to 2022, this report provided data for all work permits issued during the current year. However, **ALL** subsequent reports will provide data for work permits granted to '**New Applicants**' during the current year.

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

This report was prepared by Mrs. Cindy Stuart, Statistician II and Ms. Tricia Thurston, staff of the Labour Market Information Unit. We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the web administrator responsible for mounting it on the Institute's web-site.



Nerissa Gibson
Acting Managing Director

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	PAGE NO.	
Foreword	i	
Table of Contents	ii	
Data Highlights	iii	
Table 1	Work Permits Issued by Industrial Group And Sex, All Bahamas: 2022	1 - 2
Table 2	Work Permits Issued by Occupational Group And Sex, All Bahamas: 2022	3
Table 3	Work Permits Issued by Occupational Group, Sex And Nationality, All Bahamas: 2022	4 – 9
Table 4	Work Permits Issued by Nationality And Sex, All Bahamas: 2022	10 -11
Chart 1	Work Permits Issued by Industrial Group	12
Chart 2	Work Permits Issued by Occupational Group	13

DATA HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2022 a total of **18,028** work permits were issued to **'New Applicants'**. Males accounted for 81% or 14,563 work permits whereas females accounted for 3,465, or 19% of the work permits granted.

Industry Level:

- The industry receiving the majority of the work permits in 2022 was the **Activities of Households as Employers; Undifferentiated Goods and Services-Producing Activities of Households for Own Use** with 7,652 or 42% of the work permits granted. **See Table 1.**
- This was followed by the **Transportation and Storage** receiving 3,014 or 17% of the total permits issued. **Accommodation and Food Service Activities** followed with 2,145 or 12%. **Transportation and Storage** comprised of 2,828 males and 186 Females. **Accommodation and Food Service Activities** comprised 1,615 males and 530 Females. **See Table 1.**

Occupational Level:

- Forty-six percent (46%) of the work permits were granted to workers in the **Elementary Occupational group**. **See Table 2.** Ninety percent (90%) of the work permits granted to persons in this group were Haitians. **See Table 3.**
- **Technicians and Associate Professionals** were granted 3,190 or eighteen (18%) of the total permits issued. **See Table 2.** Thirty-nine (39%) of this group were Americans. **See Table 3.**
- This was followed by **Professionals, Science and Engineering Professionals** with 2,889 or sixteen percent (16%) of the total work permits. **See Table 2.** Forty-seven percent (47%) of this group were **Americans**. **See Table 3.**
- The least amount of work permits granted (30 or 0.2%) were to the category of **Clerical Support Workers**. **See Table 2.**

Nationalities

- The majority of the work permits 8,198 or 45% were issued to **Haitian nationals**.
- This was followed by **Americans** with 3,771 or 21% of the permits issued.
- **Notably, Turkish, Mexicans and Filipinos** received 2% of the permits issued. **See Table 4**

WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY INDUSTRIAL GROUP AND SEX, ALL BAHAMAS: 2022

TABLE 1

INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL		SEX			
			FEMALE		MALE	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
TOTAL	18,028	100.0%	3,465	100.0%	14,563	100%
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING	137	0.8%	34	1.0%	103	0.7%
MANUFACTURING	190	1.1%	30	0.9%	160	1.1%
ELECTRICITY, GAS, STEAM, AND AIR CONDITIONING SUPPLY	126	0.7%	7	0.2%	119	0.8%
WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES	23	0.1%	1	0.0%	22	0.2%
CONSTRUCTION	1,643	9.1%	86	2.5%	1,557	10.7%
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE AND REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR CYCLES	315	1.7%	55	1.6%	260	1.8%
TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE	3,014	16.7%	186	5.4%	2,828	19.4%
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICE ACTIVITIES	2,145	11.9%	530	15.3%	1,615	11.1%
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	95	0.5%	10	0.3%	85	0.6%
FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES	432	2.4%	89	2.6%	343	2.4%
REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES	22	0.1%	3	0.1%	19	0.1%

WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY INDUSTRIAL GROUP AND SEX, ALL BAHAMAS: 2022

TABLE 1 CONT'D

INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL		SEX			
			FEMALE		MALE	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES	411	2.3%	84	2.4%	327	2.2%
ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICE ACTIVITIES	362	2.0%	64	1.8%	298	2.0%
EDUCATION	159	0.9%	71	2.0%	88	0.6%
HUMAN HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK ACTIVITIES	83	0.5%	29	0.8%	54	0.4%
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION	1,039	5.8%	272	7.8%	767	5.3%
OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES	176	1.0%	65	1.9%	111	0.8%
ACTIVITIES OF HOUSEHOLDS AS EMPLOYERS; UNDEFFERENTIATED GOODS-AND SERVICES- PRODUCING ACTIVITIES OF HOUSEHOLDS FOR OWN USE	7,652	42.4%	1,849	53.4%	5,803	39.8%
ACTIVITIES OF EXTRATERRITORIAL ORGANIZATIONS AND BODIES	4	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.0%

WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP AND SEX, ALL BAHAMAS: 2022

TABLE 2

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	TOTAL		SEX			
			FEMALE		MALE	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
TOTAL	18,028	100%	3,465	100%	14,563	100%
MANAGERS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND SENIOR OFFICIALS	1,151	6.4%	221	6.4%	930	6.4%
PROFESSIONALS, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS	2,889	16.0%	733	21.2%	2,156	14.8%
TECHNICIANS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS	3,190	17.7%	392	11.3%	2,798	19.2%
CLERICAL SUPPORT WORKERS	30	0.2%	17	0.5%	13	0.1%
SERVICE AND SALES WORKERS	579	3.2%	160	4.6%	419	2.9%
SKILLED AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHERY WORKERS	286	1.6%	51	1.5%	235	1.6%
CRAFT AND RELATED TRADE WORKERS	1,554	8.6%	32	0.9%	1,522	10.5%
PLANT AND MACHINE OPERATORS AND ASSEMBLERS	116	0.6%	5	0.1%	111	0.8%
ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS	8,233	45.7%	1,854	53.5%	6,379	43.8%

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, SEX AND NATIONALITY,
ALL BAHAMAS: 2022**

TABLE 3

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
TOTAL	18,028	3,465	14,563
MANAGERS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES, AND SENIOR OFFICIALS	1151	221	930
American	516	101	415
Brazilian	18	6	12
British	87	10	77
Canadian	51	11	40
Cypriot	2	0	2
French	11	3	8
Ghanaian	0	0	0
Greek	19	2	17
Haitian	5	0	5
Honduran	2	0	2
Indian	29	2	27
Jamaican	28	14	14
Mexican	44	5	39
Philippine	11	4	7
South African	16	4	12
Spanish	13	0	13
Swiss	14	3	11
Other Nationalities	285	56	229

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, SEX AND NATIONALITY,
ALL BAHAMAS: 2022**

TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
PROFESSIONALS, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS	2,889	733	2,156
American	1350	354	996
Argentinean	12	8	4
Barbadian	7	1	6
British	134	41	93
Canadian	92	25	67
Dominican(DOM)	32	5	27
French	26	5	21
Haitian	494	3	491
Indian	66	15	51
Italian	23	15	8
Jamaican	84	11	73
Mexican	52	25	27
Philippine	32	12	20
Swiss	25	1	24
Other Nationalities	460	212	248

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, SEX AND NATIONALITY,
ALL BAHAMAS: 2022**

TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
TECHNICIANS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS	3190	392	2798
American	1246	150	1096
Canadian	63	7	56
Chinese	36	5	31
Columbian	82	19	63
Dominican(DOM)	43	6	37
French	23	3	20
Haitian	16	0	16
Indian	71	8	63
Jamaican	90	6	84
Philippine	50	9	41
Trinidadian & Tobagonian	21	1	20
Other Nationalities	1449	178	1271
CLERICAL SUPPORT WORKERS	30	17	13
American	4	2	2
Canadian	4	2	2
Haitian	1	1	0
Jamaican	1	1	0
Philippine	4	0	4
Trinidadian & Tobagonian	2	2	0
Other Nationalities	14	9	5

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, SEX AND NATIONALITY,
ALL BAHAMAS: 2022**

TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
SERVICE AND SALES WORKERS	579	160	419
American	67	12	55
British	15	4	11
Haitian	16	0	16
Jamaican	45	11	34
Philippine	126	37	89
Other Nationalities	310	96	214
SKILLED AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHERY WORKERS	286	51	235
American	13	13	0
Brazilian	1	1	0
Guyanese	6	5	1
Haitians	245	16	229
Jamaican	1	0	1
Other Nationalities	20	16	4

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, SEX AND NATIONALITY,
ALL BAHAMAS: 2022**

TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
CRAFT AND RELATED WORKERS	1554	32	1522
American	537	3	534
Canadian	51	5	46
Columbian	70	2	68
Honduran	27	0	27
Jamaican	20	0	20
Mexican	165	6	159
Philippine	37	1	36
Trinidadian & Tobagonian	12	0	12
Turkish	5	0	5
Venezuelan	17	4	13
Other Nationalities	613	11	602

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, SEX AND NATIONALITY,
ALL BAHAMAS: 2022**

TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
PLANT AND MACHINE OPERATORS AND ASSEMBLERS	116	5	111
American	11	1	10
Barbadian	0	0	0
British	3	0	3
Dominican	11	1	10
Haitian	11	0	11
Philippine	16	0	16
Other Nationalities	64	3	61
ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS	8,233	1,854	6,379
American	27	19	8
British	6	5	1
Canada	7	7	0
Chinese	19	19	0
Columbian	10	9	1
Cuban	10	7	3
Dominican(DOM)	37	30	7
Guyanese	8	2	6
Haitian	7,405	1,167	6,238
Jamaican	89	48	41
Peruvian	30	25	5
Philippine	133	97	36
Turkish	357	357	0
Other Nationalities	452	419	33

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY NATIONALITY AND SEX
ALL BAHAMAS: 2022**

TABLE 4

NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
TOTAL	18,028	3,465	14,563
American	3771	691	3080
Argentinian	36	12	24
Australian	40	10	30
Barbadian	13	6	7
Brazilian	129	30	99
British	353	63	290
Canadian	284	56	228
Chilean	16	1	15
Chinese	119	22	97
Columbian	195	34	161
Cuban	76	11	65
Dominican	222	39	183
Dutch	89	6	83
Ecuadorian	61	3	58
French	81	28	53
German	40	3	37
Greek	99	5	94
Guatemalan	45	4	41
Guyanese	44	10	34
Haitian	8,198	1,877	6,321
Honduran	67	2	65
Indian	239	16	223
Irish	26	3	23
Israeli	40	12	28

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY NATIONALITY AND SEX
ALL BAHAMAS: 2022**

TABLE 4 CONT'D

NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
Italian	259	10	249
Jamaican	363	143	220
Mexican	417	27	390
Peruvian	118	22	96
Philippines	412	128	284
Romanian	215	5	210
South African	78	18	60
Spanish	64	13	51
Sri Lankan	17	0	17
Swiss	41	8	33
Trinidadian & Tobagonian	76	19	57
Turkish	424	4	420
Ukrainian	115	3	112
Other Nationalities	1146	121	1025

Source: Department of Immigration, 2023

*OTHER NATIONALITIES: ARE THOSE THAT ARE NOT STATED

Chart 1

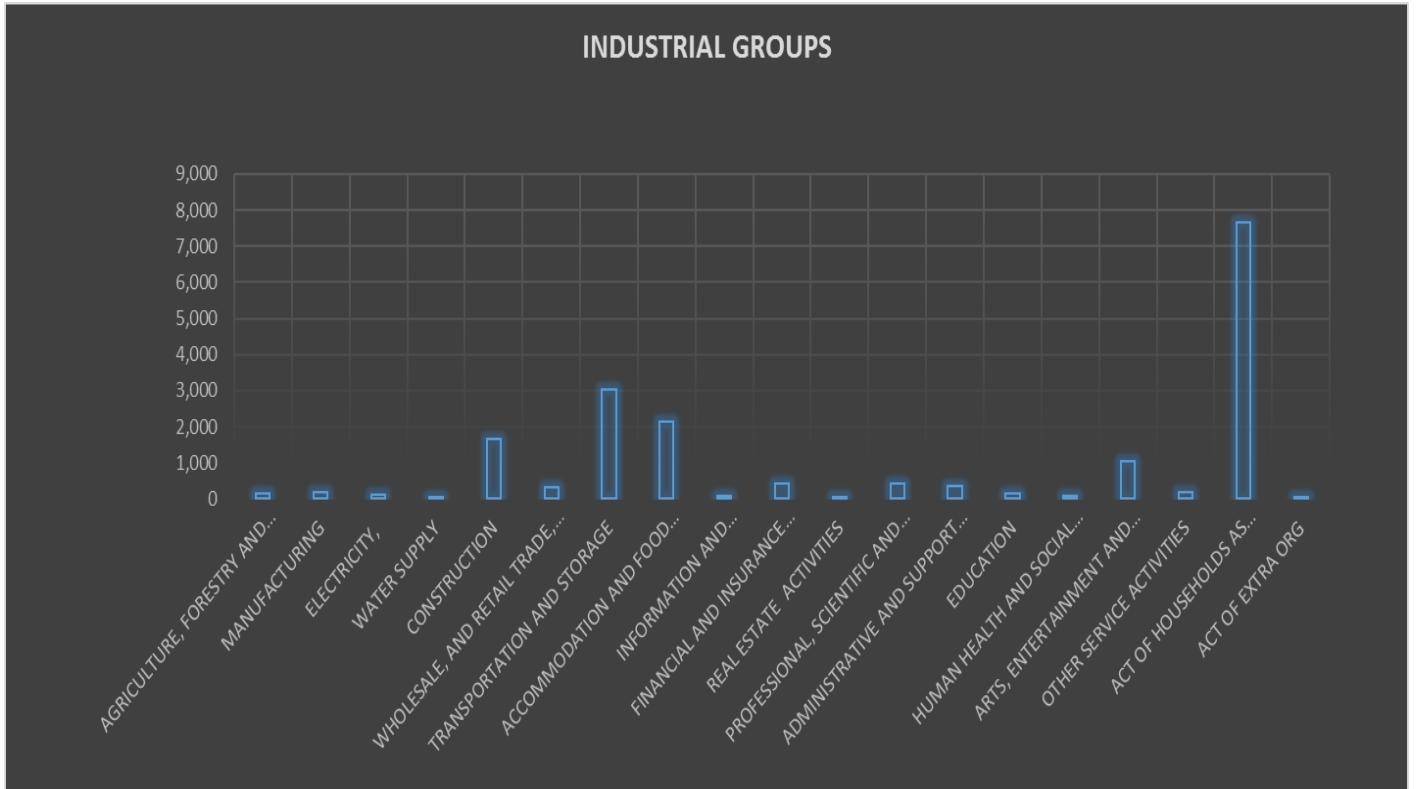


Chart 2

