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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 2017. It contains tables outlining work permits granted by industry, occupational group, the applicants' nationality and sex.

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DATA HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2017 a total of 13,578 work permits were issued. Male's received 70% or 9,489 work permits whereas females received 4,089, or 30% of the work permits.

Occupational Level:

- Fifty-nine percent (59%) of the work permits were granted to workers in the Elementary Occupational group. Seventy-one percent (71%) of the work permits granted to persons in this group were Haitians.
- Craft and Related Trade Workers was granted 1,389 or ten (10%) of the total permits issued. Twenty percent (20%) of this group were Philippines.
- This was followed by Service and Sales Workers with 1,066 or Eight percent (8%) of the total work permits. Twenty-four percent (24%) of this group were Jamaicans and Eighteen percent (18%) Chinese.
- The least amount of work permits granted (19 or 0.1%) was in the Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Workers.

Industry Level:

- The industry receiving the majority of the work permits in 2017 was the Activities of Households as Employers; Undifferentiated Goods and Services-Producing Activities of Households for Own Use with 7,112 or 52% of the work permits granted. Fifty Seven percent (57%) of this group were males.
- This was followed by the Construction Industry receiving 1,484 or 11% of the total permits issued. Ninety-six percent (96%) of this group were males.
- Accommodation and Food Service Activities was issued 1,264 or 9% of the total work permits for 2017. Eighty percent (80%) of this group were males.

Nationalities

- The majority of the work permits 5,938 or 44% were issued to Haitians.
- This was followed by Jamaicans with 1,548 or 11% of the permits issued.
- Philippine nationals received 1,224 or 9% of the permits issued.

WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY INDUSTRIAL GROUP AND SEX, ALL BAHAMAS: 2017

TABLE 1

INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL		SEX			
			FEMALE		MALE	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
TOTAL	13,578	100.0%	4,089	100.0%	9,489	100%
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING	207	1.5%	15	0.4%	192	2.0%
MINING AND QUARRYING	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	793	5.8%	16	0.4%	777	8.2%
ELECTRICITY, GAS, STEAM, AND AIR CONDITIONING SUPPLY	15	0.1%	1	0.0%	14	0.1%
WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES	36	0.3%	0	0.0%	36	0.4%
CONSTRUCTION	1,484	10.9%	65	1.6%	1,419	15.0%
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE AND REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR CYCLES	618	4.6%	104	2.5%	514	5.4%
TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE	120	0.9%	4	0.1%	116	1.2%
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICE ACTIVITIES	1,264	9.3%	257	6.3%	1,007	10.6%
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	66	0.5%	5	0.1%	61	0.6%
FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES	274	2.0%	58	1.4%	216	2.3%
REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES	133	1.0%	14	0.3%	119	1.3%

TABLE 1 CONT'D

INDUSTRIAL GROUP	TOTAL		SEX			
			FEMALE		MALE	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES	192	1.4%	57	1.4%	135	1.4%
ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICE ACTIVITIES	362	2.7%	34	0.8%	328	3.5%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND DEFENCE; COMPULSORY SOCIAL SECURITY	15	0.1%	3	0.1%	12	0.1%
EDUCATION	384	2.8%	208	5.1%	176	1.9%
HUMAN HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK ACTIVITIES	101	0.7%	54	1.3%	47	0.5%
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION	170	1.3%	50	1.2%	120	1.3%
OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES	209	1.5%	62	1.5%	147	1.5%
ACTIVITIES OF HOUSEHOLDS AS EMPLOYERS; UNDIFFERENTIATED GOODS-AND SERVICES- PRODUCING ACTIVITIES OF HOUSEHOLDS FOR OWN USE	7,112	52.4%	3,067	75.0%	4,045	42.6%
ACTIVITIES OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL ORG AND BODIES	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
*OTHERS	21	0.2%	14	0.3%	7	0.1%

Source: Department of Immigration, 2017

*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: 2017

TABLE 2

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	TOTAL		SEX			
			FEMALE		MALE	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
TOTAL	13,578	100%	4,089	100%	9,489	100%
MANAGERS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND SENIOR OFFICIALS	989	7.3%	168	4.1%	821	8.7%
PROFESSIONALS, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS	1,044	7.7%	425	10.4%	619	6.5%
TECHNICIANS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS	845	6.2%	184	4.5%	661	7.0%
CLERICAL SUPPORT WORKERS	85	0.6%	35	0.9%	50	0.5%
SERVICE AND SALES WORKERS	1,066	7.9%	449	11.0%	617	6.5%
SKILLED AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHERY WORKERS	19	0.1%	1	0.0%	18	0.2%
CRAFT AND RELATED TRADE WORKERS	1,389	10.2%	13	0.3%	1,376	14.5%
PLANT AND MACHINE OPERATORS AND ASSEMBLERS	67	0.5%	3	0.1%	64	0.7%
ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS	8,063	59.4%	2,805	68.6%	5,258	55.4%
*OTHERS	11	0.1%	6	0.1%	5	0.1%

Source: Department of Immigration, 2017

*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: 2017**

TABLE 3

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
TOTAL	13,578	4,089	9,489
MANAGERS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES, AND SENIOR OFFICIALS	989	168	821
American	320	46	274
Argentinean	11	0	11
Australian	11	2	9
Brazilian	25	3	22
British	95	13	82
Canadian	81	25	56
Chinese	27	2	25
Columbian	14	0	14
Cuban	7	0	7
Dominican(DOM)	15	0	15
French	15	0	15
German	9	0	9
Indian	39	1	38
Irish	8	1	7
Italian	25	5	20
Jamaican	29	6	23
Mexican	57	18	39
Philippine	23	10	13
South African	11	4	7
Spanish	10	5	5
Swiss	37	5	32
Other Nationalities	120	22	98

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, SEX AND NATIONALITY,
ALL BAHAMAS: 2017**

TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
PROFESSIONALS, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS	1,044	425	619
American	155	10	145
Argentinean	2	0	2
Barbadian	2	1	1
Brazilian	11	8	3
British	87	41	46
Canadian	56	34	22
Chinese	26	12	14
Cuban	26	16	10
Dominican	54	25	29
French	7	7	0
Guyanese	61	44	17
Haitian	39	22	17
Indian	77	48	29
Italian	26	11	15
Jamaican	95	37	58
Mexican	7	7	0
Philippine	96	24	72
Spanish	12	1	11
Sri Lankan	8	0	8
Swiss	4	2	2
Other Nationalities	193	75	118

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TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
TECHNICIANS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS	845	184	661
American	178	10	168
British	40	19	21
Canadian	62	37	25
Chinese	75	25	50
Columbian	11	11	0
Dominican	18	18	0
French	8	8	0
Guyanese	4	4	0
Haitians	18	4	14
Indian	33	10	23
Israeli	10	0	10
Italian	16	4	12
Jamaican	43	11	32
Mexican	39	3	36
Philippine	70	6	64
Other Nationalities	220	14	206
CLERICAL SUPPORT WORKERS	85	35	50
American	14	7	7
British	5	2	3
Canadian	2	1	1
Chinese	39	11	28
Jamaican	6	3	3
Other Nationalities	19	11	8

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TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
SERVICE AND SALES WORKERS	1,066	449	617
American	54	6	48
British	11	1	10
Canadian	11	0	11
Chinese	187	30	157
Cuban	15	2	13
Dominican(DOM)	46	2	44
Greek	4	0	4
Guatemalan	6	0	6
Haitian	95	3	92
Indian	18	0	18
Jamaican	252	185	67
Mexican	8	7	1
Peruvian	12	5	7
Philippine	164	141	23
Other Nationalities	183	67	116
SKILLED AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHERY WORKERS	19	1	18
American	10	0	10
Canadian	1	0	1
Haitian	1	0	1
Venezuelan	3	1	2
Other Nationalities	4	0	4

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TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
CRAFT AND RELATED WORKERS	1,389	13	1,376
American	30	0	30
British	8	0	8
Canadian	15	0	15
Chinese	10	0	10
Columbian	86	3	83
Dominican(DOM)	129	2	127
Ecuadorian	22	0	22
Greek	7	0	7
Guatemalan	4	0	4
Guyanese	15	0	15
Honduran	24	0	24
Indian	17	0	17
Jamaican	56	0	56
Mexican	151	1	150
Peruvian	204	0	204
Philippine	276	0	276
Romanian	188	1	187
Spanish	23	1	22
Venezuelan	30	4	26
Other Nationalities	94	1	93

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TABLE 3 CONT'D

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP/NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
PLANT AND MACHINE OPERATORS AND ASSEMBLERS	67	3	64
American	10	0	10
Haitian	6	0	6
Jamaican	17	1	16
Mexican	6	0	6
Other Nationalities	28	2	26
ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS	8,063	2,805	5,258
American	3	3	0
British	7	7	0
Chinese	278	274	4
Columbian	14	14	0
Cuban	27	27	0
Dominican(DOM)	57	57	0
Guyanese	24	24	0
Haitian	5,759	2,168	3,591
Jamaican	1,049	26	1,023
Peruvian	147	76	71
Philippine	592	60	532
Other Nationalities	106	69	37
*OTHERS	11	6	5

Source: Department of Immigration, 2017

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

**WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY NATIONALITY AND SEX
ALL BAHAMAS: 2017**

TABLE 4

NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
TOTAL	13,578	4,089	9,489
American	778	190	588
Argentinian	24	4	20
Australian	31	10	21
Barbadian	15	9	6
Brazilian	62	13	49
British	254	64	190
Canadian	232	72	160
Chilean	7	2	5
Chinese	648	100	548
Columbian	148	15	133
Cuban	79	42	37
Dominican(DOM)	344	62	282
Dutch	18	2	16
Ecuadorian	52	4	48
French	59	20	39
German	30	10	20
Greek	20	2	18
Guatemalan	17	7	10
Guyanese	118	58	60
Haitian	5,938	1,222	4,716
Honduran	57	10	47
Indian	189	15	174
Irish	25	1	24
Israeli	38	17	21

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TABLE 4 CONT'D

NATIONALITY	TOTAL	SEX	
		FEMALE	MALE
		NUMBER	NUMBER
Italian	82	13	69
Jamaican	1,548	1,202	346
Mexican	297	19	278
Peruvian	377	136	241
Philippine	1,224	628	596
Romanian	208	1	207
South African	29	6	23
Spanish	53	10	43
Sri Lankan	12	1	11
Swiss	46	9	37
Trinidadian	37	9	28
Venezuelan	97	7	90
Zimbabwean	13	8	5
Other Nationalities	372	89	283

Source: Department of Immigration, 2017

***OTHER NATIONALITIES: ARE THOSE THAT ARE NOT STATED**