

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

Temporary Foreign Worker Program

Labour Market Opinion (LMO) Statistics

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Table 9 (Annual): Number of temporary foreign worker positions on labour market opinion confirmations under the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program, by location of employment.

Province	2007	2008	2009	2010
Prince Edward Island	135	120	145	190
Nova Scotia	410	625	805	895
New Brunswick	25	15	25	50
Quebec	3,595	3,760	3,780	3,330
Ontario	18,745	18,550	17,940	18,325
Manitoba	295	345	365	405
Saskatchewan	80	100	120	130
Alberta	685	950	1,010	970
British Columbia	2,615	3,765	3,405	3,540
Canada - Total	26,585	28,230	27,595	27,835

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Notes:

1. *Source: Foreign Worker System (FWS).* The numbers in *italics* are estimates.
2. The table shows the number of temporary foreign worker (TFW) positions on labour market opinion (LMO) confirmations issued under the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP) during each season, by participating province.
3. The appropriate TFW program stream is recorded in the FWS at the time of processing the LMO application.
4. One LMO application may be submitted by an employer for any number of TFW positions.
5. SAWP is based on intergovernmental agreements with Mexico and certain Caribbean countries, and operates in the following provinces: Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.
6. TFW positions may also be requested by employers for agricultural occupations in any sector/commodity, from any country, through the Pilot Project for Occupations Requiring Lower Levels of Formal Training.
7. SAWP workers must be employed for not less than 240 hours of work within a period of six weeks or less, for a maximum duration of 8 months between January 1st and December 15th. Workers may transfer from one farm to another through prior written approval from HRSDC/Service Canada and the foreign government representative in Canada. In the case of workers who are transferred to another farm following completion of their contract with an employer, no minimum hours of work apply.
8. Because SAWP workers may work for more than one employer during the growing season (e.g., transfers), the total number of positions reported in this table does not reflect the actual number of seasonal workers in Canada during that period.
9. Totals may not add due to rounding.
10. The decision to issue a work permit rests with Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC). A work permit may not be issued for all TFWs named on an LMO confirmation. In addition, there may be a delay between the date of confirmation and the date on which the TFW obtains a work permit and/or enters Canada.
11. The numbers appearing in this table may differ from those reported in previous HRSDC releases. These differences are adjustments to administrative data files as normally occur over time and reflect refinement in methods of calculation for the purpose of increasing accuracy in the way statistical information is presented.

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