

Temporary Foreign Workers Report

PROFESSIONAL ANALYTICAL REPORT

British Columbia • All programs • 2015–2026

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REPORT PARAMETERS

DESTINATION British Columbia	PROGRAM All programs	COVERAGE PERIOD 2015–2026
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Work-permit-holder summary

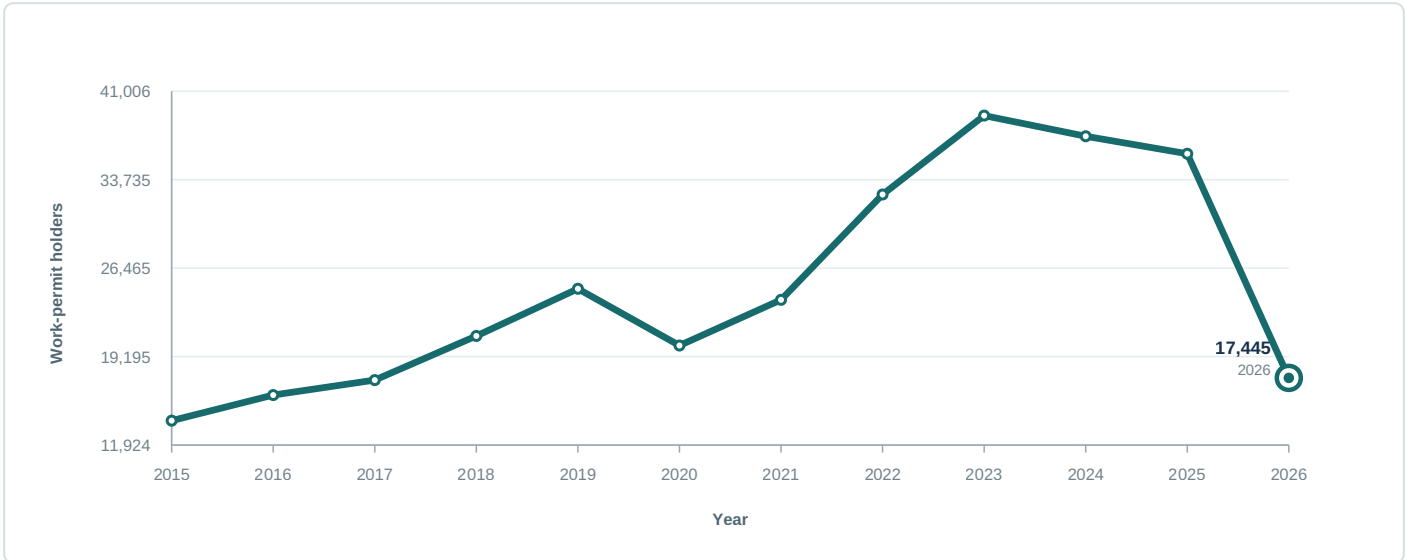
TOTAL WORK-PERMIT HOLDERS 298,980 2015–2026	CHANGE OVER SELECTED PERIOD +3,515 2015–2026	PERCENTAGE CHANGE +25.2% 2015–2026	LARGEST PROGRAM CATEGORY Other Temporary Foreign Workers with LMIA 159,245 work-permit holders
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This report summarizes Temporary Foreign Worker Program work-permit-holder records for British Columbia, All programs, over the period 2015–2026.

TREND ANALYSIS

Annual work-permit-holder trend

Annual Temporary Foreign Worker Program work-permit-holder totals for British Columbia and All programs.



KEY INSIGHTS

What the data shows

- 1 Overall movement**
Work-permit-holder totals increased — 25.2% from 2015 to 2026
- 2 Latest annual total**
17,445 work-permit holders — 2026 published total
- 3 Leading province or territory**
British Columbia — 298,980 work-permit holders
- 4 Largest program category**
Other Temporary Foreign Workers with LMIA — 159,245 work-permit holders

DETAILED RECORDS

Annual work-permit-holder totals

YEAR	WORK-PERMIT HOLDERS	ANNUAL CHANGE	ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE
2015	13,930	—	—
2016	16,035	+2,105	+15.1%
2017	17,265	+1,230	+7.7%
2018	20,890	+3,625	+21.0%
2019	24,770	+3,880	+18.6%
2020	20,105	-4,665	-18.8%

YEAR	WORK-PERMIT HOLDERS	ANNUAL CHANGE	ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE
2021	23,860	+3,755	+18.7%
2022	32,515	+8,655	+36.3%
2023	39,000	+6,485	+19.9%
2024	37,300	-1,700	-4.4%
2025	35,865	-1,435	-3.8%
2026	17,445	-18,420	-51.4%

DATASET INFORMATION

About this report

Source, selection, coverage, and generation details for this analytical report.

DATASET

Temporary Foreign Worker Program work-permit holders by province or territory, program and year

PUBLISHER

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

DESTINATION

British Columbia

PROGRAM

All programs

COVERAGE PERIOD

2015–2026

RECORDS INCLUDED

655

REPORT GENERATED

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METHODOLOGY

How this report was prepared

This report uses Temporary Foreign Worker Program work-permit-holder data published by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. Records are filtered by intended destination, published program category, and year.

Annual totals, year-over-year changes, provincial rankings, program distributions, summary statistics, and analytical highlights are calculated automatically from the normalized monthly source records.

Important note

The figures represent work-permit holders whose permits became effective during the selected period. They do not represent positive Labour Market Impact Assessments, jobs filled, or the number of people currently present in Canada.

ABOUT DATA EXPLORER

Public data, made easier to explore

Data Explorer is a collection of interactive tools that transform official public datasets into searchable charts, summaries, analytical reports, and downloadable documents.

The information presented in this report is derived from published source data. Charts, calculated values, and analytical highlights are generated automatically from normalized records while preserving the meaning of the original dataset.

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