

FOREIGN WORKERS ADMITTED FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT IN U.S. AGRICULTURE
PUERTO RICAN WORKERS EMPLOYED IN TEMPORARY JOBS IN U.S. AGRICULTURE
1942 - 1958

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TABLE I
FOREIGN WORKERS ADMITTED FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT IN U.S. AGRICULTURE
By Year and Nationality ^{1/}

Nationality	<u>1942</u> ^{2/}	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u> ^{3/}	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Mexicans	4,203	52,098	62,170	49,454	32,043	19,632	35,345	107,000	67,500	192,000	197,100	201,380	309,033	398,650	445,197	436,049	432,857
B. W. I's ^{6/}		8,828	16,574	17,291	11,081	1,017	2,421	1,715	4,425	6,540	4,410	4,802	2,159	3,651	4,369	5,707	5,204
Bahamians		4,698	3,048	2,100	2,690	2,705	1,250	1,050	1,800	2,500	3,500	2,939	2,545	2,965	3,194	2,464	2,237
Canadians	INA	INA	1,414	4,055	5,533	7,421	5,900	3,000	2,800	2,600	5,200	6,200	7,000	6,700	6,700	7,300	6,900
Others			1,213 ^{4/}	522 ^{4/}											390 ^{5/}	685 ^{5/}	315 ^{5/}
Total Workers Admitted	4,203	65,624	84,419	73,422	51,347	30,775	44,916	112,765	76,525	203,640	210,210	215,321	320,737	411,966	459,850	452,205	447,513

- ^{1/} This does not include Basques and other workers of relatively small numbers.
^{2/} Data from 1942 through 1947 were obtained from reports prepared by the Department of Agriculture.
^{3/} Data from 1948 through 1958 were compiled by the Bureau of Employment Security, U. S. Department of Labor.
^{4/} Newfoundlanders transported.
^{5/} Includes 390 Japanese in 1956, 652 Japanese and 33 Filipinos in 1957, and 315 Japanese in 1958.
^{6/} British West Indies.

TABLE II
ANNUAL PEAK EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN WORKERS ADMITTED FOR TEMPORARY JOBS IN U.S. AGRICULTURE
By Nationality, Year, and Month

Calendar Year	Total Foreign Workers ^{1/}		Mexicans		EWI's		Canadians		Japanese		Philippines	
	Number	Month	Number	Month	Number	Month	Number	Month	Number	Month	Number	Month
1942 ^{2/}	4,200	September	4,200	September								
1943	36,289	September	36,289	September	13,114	July						
1944	66,572	September	65,097	September	24,101	July	1,475	September				
1945	94,210	July	65,421	July	28,789	July	3,635	September				
1946	45,354	July	45,354	July	24,157	October	4,926	September				
1947	96,840	June	36,840	June	10,026	August	6,254	September				
1948 ^{3/4/}	40,000	October	35,600	October	8,000	July	5,400	September				
1949 ^{4/}	85,600	October	74,778	October	6,480	August	1,998	October				
1950 ^{4/}	89,100 ^{5/}	October	70,700	October	8,300	July	2,500	September				
1951	130,104 ^{5/}	October	121,600	October	13,900	June	2,300	September				
1952	139,437	October	125,473	October	12,257	July	5,200	October				
1953	171,100	October	159,174	October	11,954	October	5,700	October				
1954	202,600	October	194,534	October	11,732	February	6,276	September				
1955	240,800	October	232,297	October	9,851	December	6,686	September				
1956	290,200	October	276,893	October	11,257	December	6,648	September	390	October		
1957	272,400	October	260,522	October	12,199	May	7,200	September	990	September	33	October
1958	284,800	September	274,525	October	11,674	January	6,876	September	1,200	September	25	October

- 1/ The monthly peak of total foreign workers does not necessarily coincide with the monthly peak for each nationality.
2/ Data from 1942 through 1947 were obtained from reports prepared by the Department of Agriculture.
3/ Data from 1948 through 1958 compiled by the Bureau of Employment Security, U. S. Department of Labor.
4/ 1948, 1949 and 1950 data on monthly foreign worker employment are estimated from incomplete reports.
5/ Although Puerto Ricans are not foreign workers they are included in these totals.

TABLE III
MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN WORKERS ADMITTED FOR TEMPORARY JOBS IN U.S. AGRICULTURE
By Nationality, Year, and Month

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
<u>1942</u> ^{1/}												
Mexicans									4,200			
B.W.I.'s.												
Canadians												
Others												
<u>1943</u>												
Mexicans					17,880	23,098	30,415	36,070	36,289	35,468	23,667	15,005
B.W.I.'s.				1,885	7,642	11,397	13,114	13,053	12,903	8,779	6,648	5,801
Canadians												
Others												
<u>1944</u>												
Mexicans	15,400	16,034	24,194	27,925	37,227	51,474	64,600	65,002	65,097	58,331	42,905	32,018
B.W.I.'s.	5,668	5,565	7,308	6,814	10,232	22,682	24,101	23,759	22,376	20,265	12,602	9,439
Canadians							33	62	1,475	73	32	20
Others ^{2/}				106	519	906	1,061	1,025	986	935	924	883
<u>1945</u>												
Mexicans	30,448	29,178	36,523	43,781	46,876	59,725	65,421	64,837	60,480	55,693	45,376	24,470
B.W.I.'s.	9,044	9,260	10,006	14,156	18,914	28,789	27,877	28,246	26,939	27,071	17,986	9,582
Canadians									3,635	2,686	133	
Others ^{2/}	840	796	742	694	1,165	1,162	1,049	949	996	968	930	861
<u>1946</u>												
Mexicans	21,792	18,953	19,255	19,560	30,013	37,873	45,354	40,444	41,957	42,815	37,170	19,973
B.W.I.'s.	8,445	8,217	8,771	9,841	15,021	19,313	20,827	19,539	21,094	24,157	16,338	10,390
Canadians	17	17	10	9	9	371	489	359	4,926	4,240	254	227
Others ^{2/}	830	754	729	712	660	656	638	616	554	496	412	365
<u>1947</u>												
Mexicans	15,000	15,344	15,496	16,214	31,375	36,840	32,835	28,044	26,319	23,697	17,313	4,486
B.W.I.'s.	9,034	8,589	7,508	7,296	9,306	8,859	9,716	10,026	9,269	9,167	6,573	4,897
Canadians	103	33	33	32	23	23	23	23	6,254	6,240	168	129
Others ^{2/}	316	291	271	250	237	219	202	197	171	154	42	10
<u>1948</u> ^{2/4/}												
<u>1949</u>												
Mexicans					1,868	5,610	4,968	8,012	36,429	74,778		
B.W.I.'s.					3,855	6,203	5,765	6,480	4,107	4,390		
Canadians					35	447	394	182	1,202	1,998		
Others												
<u>1950</u> ^{5/}												
Total Foreign Workers				13,576	22,899	28,108	26,759	33,700	45,495	89,100	51,868	37,478
<u>1951</u> ^{5/}												
Total Foreign Workers	34,253	26,602	24,870	26,000	39,743	58,834	89,047	84,287	124,657	130,104	106,411	47,608

TABLE III (Cont.)

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
<u>1952</u>												
Mexicans	36,692	30,828	29,369	32,600	50,152	57,315	74,135	103,014	75,278	125,473	94,170	72,605
B.W.I's.	8,077	7,855	8,974	9,425	8,869	11,184	12,257	8,546	9,611	8,764	9,101	12,046
Canadians				1,053	600	2,830	4,550	2,300	3,297	5,200		
Others	13	13									20	1
<u>1953</u>												
Mexicans	44,694	39,197	37,178	47,963	53,980	75,910	59,743	58,752	89,306	159,174	116,174	65,753
B.W.I's.	8,231	9,051	9,193	7,741	7,485	4,531	9,071	10,644	9,885	11,954	10,576	11,513
Canadians					7	64	64		5,530	5,700		
Others												
<u>1954</u>												
Mexicans	32,898	24,235	25,712	34,886	55,917	64,799	84,673	99,155	159,587	194,534	158,197	84,533
B.W.I's.	11,196	11,732	10,746	10,307	10,146	8,789	8,175	7,837	7,862	7,632	7,668	8,805
Canadians	355	340	415	425	450	541	540	1,039	6,276	5,399	438	
Others												
<u>1955</u>												
Mexicans	54,999	54,175	56,956	64,189	92,015	104,664	157,220	153,284	195,494	232,297	200,446	100,718
B.W.I's.	9,329	9,675	9,332	8,954	8,836	7,529	6,712	6,607	7,129	8,129	8,635	9,851
Canadians	38	21	23	27	26	561	610	720	6,686	1,938	25	24
Others												
<u>1956</u>												
Mexicans	67,335	61,063	62,981	71,290	123,158	131,724	180,291	162,642	251,435	276,893	157,085	84,849
B.W.I's.	9,800	9,396	9,507	9,537	9,596	8,778	7,532	7,587	8,692	9,154	9,129	11,257
Canadians	23	22	22	25	179	437	481	721	6,648	4,537	18	
Others									393			350
<u>1957</u>												
Mexicans	57,418	58,598	67,529	77,359	128,449	138,608	180,717	161,062	224,413	260,522	207,897	140,977
B.W.I's.	11,603	11,747	11,533	11,347	12,199	10,520	9,485	7,924	10,401	10,496	11,196	12,114
Canadians					230	418	432	584	7,200	514		
Others	500	555	665	800	950	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,050	1,037	969	849
<u>1958</u>												
Mexicans	71,239	61,914	63,728	70,049	121,521	128,429	164,018	175,883	270,587	274,525	215,647	102,931
B.W.I's.	11,674	11,063	9,035	8,007	7,192	4,535	3,472	4,946	6,137	7,191	8,163	9,998
Canadians					269	357	213	208	6,876	692		
Others	873	982	965	970	995	1,055	1,055	1,225	1,235	1,215	1,190	1,170

- 1/ Data from 1942 through 1947 were obtained from reports prepared by the Department of Agriculture.
- 2/ Data from 1948 through 1958 compiled by the Bureau of Employment Security, U.S. Department of Labor.
- 3/ All Newfoundlanders 1944-1947.
- 4/ Data incomplete for 1948 except data for the peak shown in Table II.
- 5/ Although Puerto Ricans are not foreign workers they are included in these totals.

TABLE IV
MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT OF PUERTO RICANS IN TEMPORARY AGRICULTURAL JOBS ON THE MAINLAND, 1948 - 1958

	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
	<u>A. Number Contracted^{1/}</u>										
				11,735	15,000	14,660	10,657	10,876	14,964	13,214	12,978
	<u>B. Peak Employment</u>										
Month		August			September	August	August	July	August	July	August
No. of Workers	4,900 ^{2/}	4,376	7,600 ^{2/}	11,700 ^{2/}	14,267	17,762	15,595	15,728	18,289	17,004	17,920
	<u>C. Monthly Employment</u>										
January					2,180	3,795	3,987	3,990	3,251	3,615	3,035
February					2,430	3,625	4,921	4,206	3,458	3,552	2,488
March					2,480	2,995	5,249	3,911	3,566	3,391	2,735
April					1,790	1,402	6,810	5,842	6,330	6,975	6,294
May		306			5,289	7,400	9,249	9,825	11,520	12,111	12,236
June		3,058			6,887	10,892	14,504	13,844	15,216	14,221	14,251
July		3,781			9,629	13,619	15,226	15,728	16,143	17,004	17,563
August		4,376			13,084	17,762	15,595	14,311	18,289	16,504	17,920
September		3,422			14,267	16,619	13,408	11,443	15,803	13,956	16,710
October		849			9,732	9,897	7,509	8,478	10,454	10,107	10,916
November					3,044	2,883	3,249	4,524	4,280	4,042	4,047
December					2,932	3,708	3,980	3,329	3,727	3,205	3,374

^{1/} Contracted Puerto Ricans are workers coming to the mainland under contracts with employers arranged under Employment Service auspices.
^{2/} Data for 1948, 1950, and 1951 represent the number of Puerto Ricans referred to temporary farm jobs on the mainland by the Employment Service.

Source: Reports received by the Bureau of Employment Security, Department of Labor.