

**Number of applications received and approved  
under the SLS from 2017 to 2021**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
No. of applications*	1 106	1 217	1 097	1 112	1 142
No. of imported workers applied for*	4 390	5 095	4 721	4 204	5 082
No. of applications approved*	946	907	1 036	904	969
No. of imported workers approved*	2 765	3 225	3 378	3 123	3 043

- \* The vetting of applications received towards year-end may be completed in the following year, and hence the numbers of applications approved and imported workers approved within the year do not correspond to the numbers of applications received and imported workers applied for in the same year.

**Number of imported workers applied for and approved  
under the SLS in 2017:  
a breakdown by industry**

<b>Industry</b>	<b>No. of imported workers applied for*</b>	<b>No. of imported workers approved*</b>
1. Agriculture and Fishing	791	653
2. Manufacturing	201	147
3. Construction	751	77
4. Wholesale, Retail and Import/Export Trades, Restaurants and Hotels	503	210
5. Transport, Storage and Communications	58	18
6. Financing, Insurance, Real Estate and Business Services	80	11
7. Community, Social and Personal Services	2 006	1 649
Total	4 390	2 765

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**Number of imported workers applied for and approved  
under the SLS in 2018:  
a breakdown by industry**

<b>Industry</b>	<b>No. of imported workers applied for*</b>	<b>No. of imported workers approved*</b>
1. Agriculture and Fishing	886	705
2. Manufacturing	390	158
3. Construction	351	589
4. Wholesale, Retail and Import/Export Trades, Restaurants and Hotels	483	197
5. Transport, Storage and Communications	68	24
6. Financing, Insurance, Real Estate and Business Services	168	19
7. Community, Social and Personal Services	2 749	1 533
Total	5 095	3 225

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**Number of imported workers applied for and approved  
under the SLS in 2019:  
a breakdown by industry**

<b>Industry</b>	<b>No. of imported workers applied for*</b>	<b>No. of imported workers approved*</b>
1. Agriculture and Fishing	970	797
2. Manufacturing	485	176
3. Construction	561	172
4. Wholesale, Retail and Import/Export Trades, Restaurants and Hotels	448	270
5. Transport, Storage and Communications	131	9
6. Financing, Insurance, Real Estate and Business Services	73	28
7. Community, Social and Personal Services	2 053	1 926
Total	4 721	3 378

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**Number of imported workers applied for and approved  
under the SLS in 2020:  
a breakdown by industry**

<b>Industry</b>	<b>No. of imported workers applied for*</b>	<b>No. of imported workers approved*</b>
1. Agriculture and Fishing	1 072	780
2. Manufacturing	274	192
3. Construction	46	218
4. Wholesale, Retail and Import/Export Trades, Restaurants and Hotels	290	228
5. Transport, Storage and Communications	38	16
6. Financing, Insurance, Real Estate and Business Services	8	18
7. Community, Social and Personal Services	2 476	1 671
Total	4 204	3 123

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**Number of imported workers applied for and approved  
under the SLS in 2021:  
a breakdown by industry**

<b>Industry</b>	<b>No. of imported workers applied for*</b>	<b>No. of imported workers approved*</b>
1. Agriculture and Fishing	857	734
2. Manufacturing	378	183
3. Construction	846	6
4. Wholesale, Retail and Import/Export Trades, Restaurants and Hotels	508	248
5. Transport, Storage and Communications	71	9
6. Financing, Insurance, Real Estate and Business Services	18	20
7. Community, Social and Personal Services	2 404	1 843
Total	5 082	3 043

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