

Trends in Certification of Contractors for H-2B Workers in the Pacific West 2008-2011

Certifications for contractors to hire H-2B workers to work in CA, OR and WA*

| Year | California | Oregon | Washington | 3-State Total | Total in R6 |
|------|------------|--------|------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 181 | 122 | 409 | 712 | 531 |
| 2010 | 85 | 176 | 274 | 535 | 450 |
| 2009 | 50 | 186 | 261 | 497 | 447 |
| 2008 | 222 | 250 | 375 | 847 | 625 |

Certifications for contractors in CA, OR and WA to hire H-2B workers * for work in more than one state

| Year | California | Oregon | Washington | 3-State Total | Total in R6 |
|------|------------|--------|------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 130 | 975 | 375 | 1480 | 1350 |
| 2010 | 85 | 664 | 187 | 936 | 851 |
| 2009 | 50 | 557 | 273 | 880 | 830 |
| 2008 | 167 | 450 | 375 | 992 | 825 |

Number of companies seeking H-2B certification by state*

| Year | California | Oregon | Washington | 3-State Total | Total in R6 |
|------|------------|--------|------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 1 | 16 | 8 | 25 | 24 |
| 2010 | 2 | 17 | 7 | 26 | 24 |
| 2009 | 2 | 14 | 8 | 24 | 22 |
| 2008 | 2 | 14 | 11 | 27 | 25 |

Estimates of numbers of forest workers in CA, OR and WA+

| | California | Oregon | Washington | 3-State Total | Total in R6 |
|--|------------|--------|------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2010 | 1,362 | 3,672 | 1,044 | 6,078 | 4,716 |
| +30% | 1771 | 4774 | 1357 | 7901 | 6131 |
| H-2B workers as percent of workforce in 2010 | 5% | 14% | 14% | 12% | 14% |

Sources:

*Foreign Labor Certification Data Center <http://www.flcdatcenter.com/>

+Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages
<http://www.bls.gov/data/#employment>

