

DATA: CHINESE WORKERS IN AFRICA



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Country by country, 2009-2019**

1. CHINESE LABOR DATA OVERVIEW

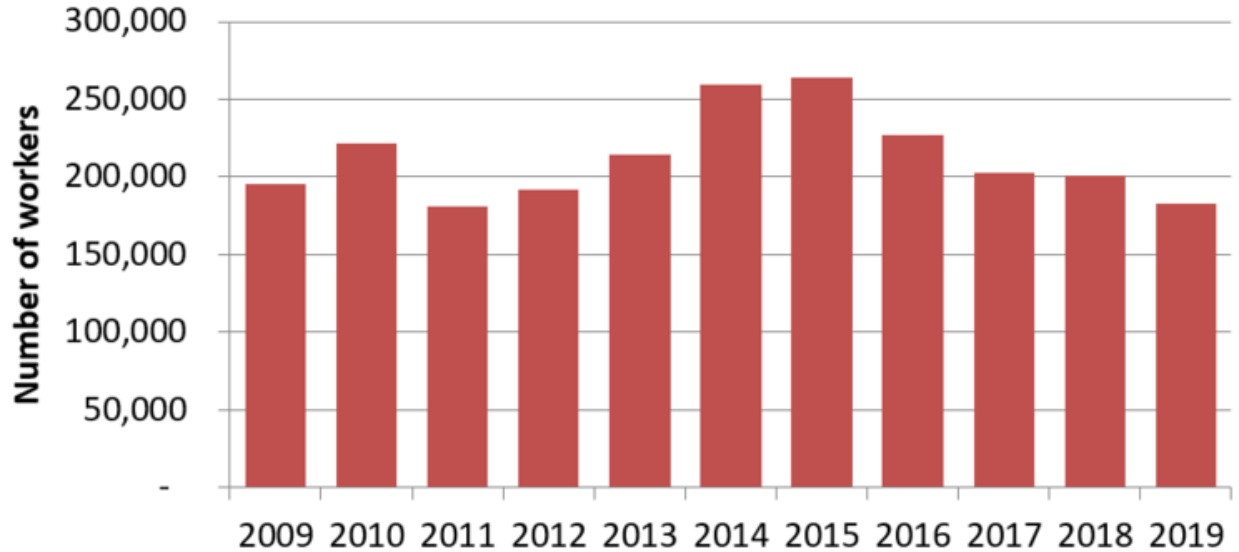
The number of Chinese workers in Africa by the end of 2019 was 182,745, according to official Chinese sources.

In 2019, the top 5 countries with Chinese workers were Algeria, Angola, Nigeria, Zambia, and Kenya. These 5 countries accounted for 50% of all Chinese workers in Africa at the end of 2019; Algeria alone accounts for 25%.

From 2018 to 2019, the total number of Chinese workers in Africa has declined by 10%. This continues the trend of declining numbers of Chinese workers in Africa, down from a peak of 263,659 in 2015.

These figures include Chinese workers sent to work on Chinese companies' construction contracts in Africa ("workers on contracted projects") and Chinese workers hired for other labor services, such as working in factories ("workers doing labor services"); they are reported by Chinese contractors and do not include informal migrants such as traders and shopkeepers.

Number of Chinese workers in Africa by end of year



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Source: National Bureau of
Statistics of China

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2. CARI SOURCES

Several Chinese government sources report figures of Chinese labor abroad, but all sources report the same numbers. These sources include the China Statistical Yearbooks, the official website of the National Bureau of Statistics, the China Annual Bulletin of Statistics of Contracted Projects, and the Almanac of China's Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, as well as the Almanac of China's Foreign Economic Relations and Trade. All sources have matching figures, the difference being the range of years covered.