

Bahrain: Foreign population by country of citizenship, sex and migration status (worker/ family dependent) (selected countries, December 2022)

	Workers			Dependents		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
India	218,828	14,141	232,969	20,963	45,168	66,131
Bangladesh	105,771	191	105,962	996	1,997	2,993
Pakistan	59,681	1,103	60,784	3,708	7,648	11,356
Philippines	10,718	16,484	27,202	1,287	2,241	3,528
Nepal	17,916	2,132	20,048	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Egypt	10,002	1,690	11,692	5,123	8,042	13,165
Sri Lanka	3,773	646	4,419	444	1,097	1,541
Jordan	2,526	488	3,014	1,636	2,585	4,221
Yemen	2,831	115	2,946	1,455	2,328	3,783
Kenya	1,493	867	2,360	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Uganda	1,864	391	2,255	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Cameroon	1,583	454	2,037	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
UK	1,450	542	1,992	584	957	1,541
Morocco	518	1,474	1,992	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Thailand	499	1,344	1,843	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Sudan	1,553	226	1,779	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Nigeria	1,582	141	1,723	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Syria	1,523	184	1,707	884	1,403	2,287
Ghana	1,335	251	1,586	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
China	860	354	1,214	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Total	455,385	47,784	503,169	40,817	80,548	121,365

Source: Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA), Expatriate Management System (EMS)

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

The data displays the stocks, at a given date, of expats visa holders, registered as workers or as family dependants (LMRA Law 19/2006) in EMS.

Non-Bahraini workers (for male, female and both sexes) are Expat visa applications (GCC workers are not included).

The scope of the system covers regular, temporary and investor work visas for foreign workers, their dependents, in the commercial sector, the government sector and the non-commercial, non-government sector.

It presently excludes domestic workers, and work visas for artists and certain other categories of workers in non-civilian organizations.

The system tracks visa applications, renewals, mobility of workers between employers and from one occupation to another as well as notification of termination and runaway workers, and in general all operations of LMRA including inspection and offence management.

The system is updated continuously and linked with other labour-related databases of the Kingdom, including CIO, GDNPR, GOSI, PFC, CSB, Ministry of Labour (MoL), and Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC).

Work Visa is a legal certificate to allow a foreign worker to enter the country for working purposes for a period of two years with the possibility of renewal.

The LMRA Expat Management System (EMS) distinguishes four types of visas for operational purposes: regular work visas for workers with 24-month validity; temporary work visas issued for workers with 6-month validity; investor work visas issued for investors investing up to BD 100,000; and dependent visas issued for dependent members of eligible foreign workers.

Worker is a generic term that refers to an employed person in general, or to an employee, a self-employed, or a particular category of worker,

such as full-time or part-time worker, depending on the context in which the term is used. Four major categories of workers in terms of their status in employment are employees, employers, own-account workers, and unpaid family workers.

[https://blmi.lmra.gov.bh/mi_glossary.xml#LMRA%20Expatriate%20Management%20System%20\(EMS\)](https://blmi.lmra.gov.bh/mi_glossary.xml#LMRA%20Expatriate%20Management%20System%20(EMS))

N.A.: Not available.

2. Institution which provides data

Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA).

3. Data availability

Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA), Kingdom of Bahrain, based on data from Bahrain Labour Market Indicators website:

<http://www.lmra.bh/blmi>.

The data can be retrieved from the data section of LMRA website. Tables are updated on a quarterly basis and are available in PDF and in Excel formats.

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