

## Bahrain: Issuances of family dependent visas by status (new, renewed) (Q3 2008 – Q2 2018)

		Family dependents		
		New Visas	Renewals	Total
2008	Q3	3,080	3,073	6,153
	Q4	6,128	4,451	10,579
2009	Q1	7,123	6,439	13,562
	Q2	7,581	8,326	15,907
	Q3	5,904	5,152	11,056
	Q4	5,119	6,974	12,093
2010	Q1	6,241	11,539	17,780
	Q2	6,021	10,897	16,918
	Q3	5,795	6,670	12,465
	Q4	4,890	7,244	12,134
2011	Q1	5,024	9,538	14,562
	Q2	6,135	9,199	15,334
	Q3	5,450	5,910	11,360
	Q4	5,067	7,319	12,386
2012	Q1	6,553	9,953	16,506
	Q2	7,031	9,923	16,954
	Q3	6,763	7,057	13,820
	Q4	4,936	7,970	12,906
2013	Q1	7,636	10,150	17,786
	Q2	7,814	11,056	18,870
	Q3	6,248	7,375	13,623
	Q4	5,492	8,746	14,238
2014	Q1	6,955	11,595	18,550
	Q2	8,172	11,913	20,085
	Q3	6,949	8,186	15,135
	Q4	6,030	9,505	15,535
2015	Q1	7,740	11,760	19,500
	Q2	8,202	12,921	21,123
	Q3	6,926	8,412	15,338
	Q4	5,485	10,757	16,242
2016	Q1	8,488	14,243	22,731
	Q2	8,277	13,971	22,248
	Q3	6,325	8,626	14,951
	Q4	6,583	10,689	17,272
2017	Q1	8,724	13,461	22,185
	Q2	8,753	12,895	21,648
	Q3	7,888	8,681	16,569
	Q4	7,033	10,521	17,554

2018	Q1	7,104	13,856	20,960
	Q2	7,310	15,034	22,344

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

## **ANNEXED NOTE**

### **1. Technical Notes and Definitions**

Within the scope of Law No. 19/2006 on regulating the labour market, the LMRA Expatriate Management System (EMS)

issues regular, temporary and investor work visas for foreign workers in the private, governmental and non-commercial, non-government sectors, as well as records and issues residency visas to their family dependents. The system tracks visa applications, renewals, mobility of workers between employers and from one occupation to another.

Domestic workers are registered separately.

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).

The 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 family members of eligible foreign workers. A Regular worker is engaged to work in an enterprise for a long period of time, i.e. for more than six months and usually two years with possibility of renewal.

An Investor is a person who invests up to 100,000 Bahraini dinars.

A Temporary worker is engaged to work in an enterprise for a short period of time, i.e. for less than two years and usually six months.

Four major categories of workers in terms of their status in employment are employees, employers, own-account workers, and unpaid family workers.

The definitions that the LMRA adopts for its data can be found in the Glossary section: ([http://blmi.lmra.bh/mi\\_glossary.xml](http://blmi.lmra.bh/mi_glossary.xml))

### **2. Institution which provides data**

Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA).

### **3. Data availability**

The LMRA publishes these data under its Bahrain Labour Market Indicators (<http://www.lmra.bh/blmi>), data section

([http://blmi.lmra.bh/2018/06/mi\\_data.xml](http://blmi.lmra.bh/2018/06/mi_data.xml)), table 33.

Figures and results are often reported in tables in both PDF and Excel formats.

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