Bahrain: New visas by size of establishment (Q3 2009 – Q2 2014)

	Sector / Number of Employees																		
	Commercial							Government						Non Commercial Non Government					
	0 -5	6 – 9	10 – 19	20 – 99	100 – 499	500+	Total	0 -5	6 – 9	10 – 19	20 – 99	100 – 499	500+	Total	0 -5	6 – 9	10 – 19	20 – 99	100 – 499	Total
Q3	10,111	2,863	2,882	6,066	3,571	2,947	**28,440**	8	29	7	174	319	507	**1,044**	657	153	48	167	235	**1,260**
Q4	9,855	2,683	2,636	7,216	4,239	3,054	**29,683**	3	8	11	80	192	550	**844**	588	149	70	172	175	**1,154**
Q1	8,897	3,699	3,193	7,287	4,833	3,367	**31,276**	8	7	29	110	168	372	**694**	606	136	63	137	109	**1,051**
Q2	9,551	2,814	2,665	7,087	4,110	3,028	**29,255**	3	10	15	71	125	323	**547**	812	115	49	102	80	**1,158**
Q3	9,535	2,628	2,912	6,850	4,520	3,180	**29,625**	6	8	33	84	219	389	**739**	608	157	60	162	226	**1,213**
Q4	8,717	2,396	2,700	6,860	5,236	3,416	**29,325**	4	11	33	56	174	414	**692**	505	81	74	109	143	**912**
Q1	8,079	2,289	2,918	6,163	4,771	3,762	**27,982**	5	0	19	63	171	392	**650**	410	98	32	131	67	**738**
Q2	7,722	2,394	2,398	5,961	5,407	3,600	**27,482**	1	30	10	54	237	316	**648**	472	89	42	133	85	**821**
Q3	9,328	2,745	3,127	6,949	5,181	5,766	**33,096**	4	9	13	56	299	540	**921**	557	93	38	127	249	**1,064**
Q4	9,258	2,754	3,212	6,157	5,932	5,002	**32,315**	11	6	6	66	209	571	**869**	511	125	48	90	146	**920**
Q1	10,480	3,539	3,549	7,346	5,319	6,174	**36,407**	9	3	22	119	201	527	**881**	474	107	56	96	84	**817**
Q2	12,038	3,434	3,417	7,189	5,656	5,121	**36,855**	1	6	24	101	183	563	**878**	770	160	62	116	91	**1,199**
Q3	11,705	3,212	3,270	7,408	6,246	4,792	**36,633**	7	8	20	94	240	607	**976**	757	187	67	205	213	**1,429**
Q4	11,198	2,864	2,849	6,320	5,773	4,661	**33,665**	2	7	21	81	149	421	**681**	698	122	38	156	147	**1,161**
Q1	13,512	3,335	3,219	8,034	6,016	5,114	**39,230**	12	3	16	93	165	669	**958**	760	128	44	145	77	**1,154**
Q2	13,616	3,535	3,078	8,178	5,905	4,047	**38,359**	8	0	17	153	133	858	**1,169**	734	160	43	104	72	**1,113**
Q3	12,000	3,323	2,580	6,213	5,607	3,642	**33,365**	6	18	10	63	217	827	**1,141**	652	144	47	117	257	**1,217**
Q4	11,243	2,719	2,368	5,017	4,306	3,207	**28,860**	11	6	12	93	167	795	**1,084**	483	83	39	108	212	**925**
Q1	12,942	3,183	2,824	6,285	4,977	3,333	**33,544**	6	2	12	134	181	639	**974**	456	104	39	84	114	**797**
Q2	14,776	3,715	3,135	7,108	5,712	3,560	**38,006**	8	14	12	88	161	672	**955**	587	120	53	92	140	**992**

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

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

This table shows the flow of new permits (or visas) that are given to foreigners by the LMRA by the size of establishment as per the number of their employees. These new visas combine those given for regular and temporary workers, investors and dependents.
The **LMRA Expatriate Management System (EMS)** stores information and past history of sponsors and workers, and their dependents, within the scope of Law No. 19/2006 on regulating the labour market. 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. It 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.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).
Size of establishment is the number of persons engaged in an establishment at a given period, including, in principle, all employees and unpaid family workers as well as any working proprietor. In practice, it refers to the total number of employees registered by anemployer at the responsible

administrative agency.
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.
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.

2. Institution which provides data

Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA).

3. Data availability

The LMRA publishes these data under its Bahrain Labour Market Indicators (BLMI) section. The BLMI dashboard can be found in: (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2014/03/mi_dashboard.xml). The general BLMI data with other non-LMRA sources can be found: (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2014/03/mi_data.xml)
Figures and results are often reported in tables in both PDF and Excel formats.
Data for this LMRA table for 2009 can be found here: (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2009/09/data/lmr/Table_35b.pdf) and (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2009/12/data/lmr/Table_35b.pdf).
Data for 2010 can be found here: (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2010/03/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2010/06/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2010/09/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf) and (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2010/12/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf).
Data for 2011 can be found here: (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2011/03/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2011/06/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2011/09/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf) and (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2011/12/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf).
Data for 2012 can be found here: (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2012/03/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2012/06/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2012/09/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf) and (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2012/12/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf).
Data for 2013 can be found here: (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2013/03/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2013/06/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2013/09/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf) and (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2013/12/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf).
Data for 2014 can be found here: (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2014/03/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf) and (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2014/03/data/ems/Table_35b.pdf).
The definitions that the LMRA adopts for its data can be found in the Glossary section: (http://blmi.lmra.bh/mi_glossary.xml).

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