Bahrain: Renewed investor 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	500+	Total
2009	Q3	36	5	2	8	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	1	0	0	**1**
	Q4	50	8	5	1	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	1	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
2010	Q1	58	17	8	0	1	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Q2	64	22	10	8	1	1	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Q3	75	8	6	2	1	0	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Q4	129	20	5	10	1	0	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	1	0	0	0	**1**
2011	Q1	180	16	14	8	1	0	219	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	1	0	0	**1**
	Q2	144	16	7	16	4	2	189	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Q3	107	11	9	7	1	1	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Q4	118	14	6	4	0	0	142	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	1	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
2012	Q1	183	32	11	12	0	0	238	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Q2	187	26	13	16	2	0	244	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Q3	162	20	13	15	3	0	213	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Q4	213	13	12	12	2	0	252	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	1	0	0	**1**
2013	Q1	239	28	18	13	2	1	301	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Q2	221	25	15	15	1	0	277	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	1	0	0	**1**
	Q3	172	22	7	10	5	2	218	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Q4	221	18	15	13	1	0	268	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	1	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
2014	Q1	275	26	29	18	0	0	348	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Q2	299	36	11	23	4	0	373	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**

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

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

This table shows the flow of renewed permits (or visas) that are given to foreign investors by the LMRA by the size of the establishment.
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).
Investor work visas are issued for investors investing up to BD 100,000.
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.

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_36b.pdf) and (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2009/12/data/lmr/Table_36b.pdf).
Data for 2010 can be found here: (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2010/03/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2010/06/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2010/09/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf) and (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2010/12/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf).
Data for 2011 can be found here: (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2011/03/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2011/06/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2011/09/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf) and (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2011/12/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf).
Data for 2012 can be found here: (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2012/03/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2012/06/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2012/09/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf) and (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2012/12/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf).
Data for 2013 can be found here: (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2013/03/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2013/06/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf), (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2013/09/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf) and (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2013/12/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf).
Data for 2014 can be found here: (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2014/03/data/ems/Table_36b.pdf) and (http://blmi.lmra.bh/2014/06/data/ems/Table_36b.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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