

Bahrain: Renewed 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
2009	Q3	5,221	2,330	2,790	6,806	6,584	5,945	29,676	12	16	9	131	274	491	933	434	102	53	87	91	767
	Q4	5,912	2,890	3,557	8,995	8,427	6,857	36,638	6	3	11	222	467	1,159	1,868	465	81	84	117	165	912
	Q1	6,394	3,693	4,681	11,611	10,354	8,331	45,064	4	2	36	209	348	1,445	2,044	480	163	92	171	254	1,160
	Q2	5,363	2,515	3,385	8,164	7,267	7,197	33,891	9	5	27	147	212	656	1,056	430	93	66	220	384	1,193
2010	Q3	3,328	1,588	2,125	4,893	5,407	4,383	21,724	1	1	6	72	74	261	415	242	45	28	73	98	486
	Q4	5,390	2,345	2,771	7,198	5,945	5,426	29,075	3	2	22	110	458	1,662	2,257	303	115	42	129	169	758
	Q1	6,852	3,029	3,995	9,508	7,936	6,030	37,350	12	5	120	232	418	2,025	2,812	450	126	95	219	211	1,161
	Q2	7,439	2,992	3,635	8,188	7,146	5,204	34,604	13	9	36	191	508	967	1,724	547	106	78	219	370	1,320
2011	Q3	6,241	2,397	2,874	6,117	5,149	4,330	27,108	7	5	24	136	400	650	1,222	466	88	67	119	119	859
	Q4	6,616	3,046	3,500	7,870	6,757	5,813	33,602	8	13	20	165	376	793	1,375	512	100	62	126	184	984
	Q1	7,637	3,728	4,101	9,278	8,341	6,706	39,791	13	21	39	281	327	1,820	2,501	550	138	104	156	254	1,202
	Q2	7,056	2,996	3,554	8,359	7,319	6,232	35,516	11	9	42	185	490	1,422	2,159	662	163	71	211	436	1,543
2012	Q3	6,195	2,658	3,096	6,876	6,859	5,452	31,136	4	24	29	199	360	1,201	1,817	607	136	59	132	159	1,093
	Q4	6,704	2,915	3,259	7,605	7,192	5,425	33,100	3	8	27	154	234	1,378	1,804	566	113	67	179	199	1,124
	Q1	7,078	2,997	3,745	8,557	7,966	5,312	35,655	11	26	68	190	466	1,757	2,518	544	161	77	226	224	1,232
	Q2	7,647	3,233	3,702	8,074	7,354	5,477	35,487	20	28	65	213	489	2,107	2,922	526	160	69	227	363	1,345
2013	Q3	7,071	2,897	3,382	7,997	6,986	5,793	33,226	9	13	15	143	277	991	1,448	561	143	68	184	128	1,084
	Q4	7,871	3,388	3,850	8,208	8,042	6,570	37,929	6	4	18	218	322	1,040	1,608	648	146	72	157	192	1,215
	Q1	9,133	4,107	4,667	10,022	9,436	7,189	44,554	12	27	32	249	437	2,518	3,275	673	147	98	163	283	1,364
2014	Q2	9,031	3,719	4,310	9,031	8,859	6,373	41,323	5	24	22	244	674	1,985	2,954	688	183	75	246	479	1,671

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 foreigners by the LMRA by the size of the establishment where they work. These renewed 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). **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. **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 an employer 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

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(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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