

Kuwait: Cancelled residency permits by holders' region of origin (2013-2024)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Arab countries	38,123	36,757	34,342	15,569	19,673	21,015	20,139	337,674	21,199	23,468	23,865	20,288
Non-Arab Asian countries	87,582	122,204	129,603	18,324	18,210	20,109	24,098	671,035	35,124	30,391	30,606	26,845
Non-Arab African countries	6,252	11,863	12,924	786	648	661	764	18,140	1,023	871	854	866
Europe	1,325	1,011	842	614	562	478	654	3,094	593	516	626	601
North America	3,289	2,194	2,079	867	694	734	984	4,878	912	933	964	1,014
South and Central America	151	94	73	38	62	68	82	586	86	53	89	78
Australia and Pacific	126	120	83	53	56	38	51	311	63	47	57	46
Other	5	2	3	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	136,853	174,245	179,949	36,251	39,909	43,104	46,772	1,035,718	59,001	56,279	57,061	49,738

Source: Central Statistical Bureau, Migration Statistics Bulletin, given years.

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Definitions

Ministry of Interior's (Directorate of Migration's) annual records of residency permits granted to/ cancelled from foreign residents by type/ purpose of permit, sex and regional origin of holder.

The present figures include permits delivered for all purposes of stay in Kuwait:

- 1- Labour in all sectors: governmental (n°17); private sector (n°18); business (n°19) and domestic (n°20) sectors
- 2- Residence: temporary residence (n°14); as family dependent (permit n°22); for the purpose of studying (n°23) and for self-sponsorship (n°24).

A residency permit is cancelled upon the holder's end of service and departure from Kuwait, or if the holder stays abroad for more than 6 months.

Residency procedures do not apply to GCC nationals and to Bidouns (stateless residents of Kuwait).

The table thus excludes the Bidouns, the non-Kuwaiti GCC citizens and those in irregular situation.

2. Institution which provides data

Central Statistical Bureau (CSB), Ministry of Planning.

3. Period of data coverage

December 31st, given years.

4. Data availability

The present data is taken from the “Migration Statistics” reports, published annually by the CSB.

The report (in Arabic and English, PDF format with Excel tables) is available on CSB’s website (Population Statistics, then Migration Statistics)

https://www.csb.gov.kw/Pages/Statistics_en?ID=56&ParentCatID=1

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