

Kuwait: Cancelled residency permits by type/purpose of permit (2013-2024)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Section (14) Temporary residence	54,422	50,814	48,696	5,319	5,424	7,913	5,277	586,851	19,003	12,911	6,345	4,718
Section (17) Employment government sector	1,111	1,032	1,504	2,440	1,830	2,501	2,928	13,976	6,380	4,769	5,248	4,034
Section (18) Employment private sector	42,693	45,312	45,717	16,413	16,141	15,734	22,161	276,319	16,853	17,376	23,527	20,858
Section (19) Freelancing	15	7	6	4	8	10	8	28	4	5	0	5
Section (20) Employment domestic sector	26,112	67,335	76,865	4,077	3,617	4,348	3,724	94,084	5,533	5,871	4,597	3,827
Section (22) Family reunion	12,437	9,634	6,958	7,886	12,546	12,262	12,306	63,935	11,136	15,131	17,006	15,936
Section (23) Studying	15	61	142	2	190	220	257	119	47	112	159	251
Section (24) Self-sponsorship	48	50	61	110	153	116	111	406	45	104	179	109
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 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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