

Kuwait: Cumulated numbers of contravenors to the law on residency, by nationality group (2015-2022)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Arab countries	16,205	18,823	18,370	17,360	20,220	20,919	24,757	19,385
Non-Arab Asian countries	80,353	83,956	85,601	68,203	79,166	89,178	103,167	93,397
Non-Arab African countries	14,073	13,568	13,462	13,777	17,170	19,433	21,990	19,131
Europe	300	319	333	393	409	556	591	514
North America	637	635	654	660	684	930	976	816
South and Central America	102	105	98	115	116	141	150	151
Australia and Pacific	50	46	51	46	36	58	49	39
Other	7	9	7	7	7	6	7	7
Total	111,727	117,461	118,576	100,561	117,808	131,221	151,687	133,440

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

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Definitions

These are stock data.

The figures refer to the cumulated numbers of foreign residents contravening the law on residency, present in Kuwait since the year 1992 until the 31st of December of each year.

CSB reprocessed data from 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).

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

Migration Department, Ministry of Interior (MoI) and 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)

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