

Kuwait: Cumulated numbers of contravenors to the law on residency in section 20 (domestic workers), by nationality group (2015-2025)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Arab countries	103	148	156	139	161	152	212	219	235	104	90
Non-Arab Asian countries	47,900	49,078	48,166	35,490	41,535	42,381	55,314	50,130	47,955	30,163	29,044
Non-Arab African countries	11,947	11,402	10,807	11,200	14,400	15,702	18,081	15,608	12,567	8,706	7,477
Europe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North America	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
South and Central America	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	2
Australia and Pacific	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	59,953	60,632	59,133	46,833	56,100	58,239	73,612	65,961	60,761	38,976	36,614

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)

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

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