

Kuwait: Foreign residents who became contravenors to the law on residency a given year, by nationality group (2015-2022)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Arab countries	4,274	4,942	7,107	6,994	8,342	9,072	9,449	7,582
Non-Arab Asian countries	14,866	14,199	20,761	17,218	21,515	27,289	27,571	17,850
Non-Arab African countries	5,848	3,508	3,635	4,922	6,352	5,368	4,759	2,103
Europe	43	38	49	78	40	162	77	46
North America	51	36	62	69	66	284	154	69
South and Central America	19	10	16	23	18	35	30	36
Australia and Pacific	5	5	12	6	1	24	10	4
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	25,106	22,738	31,642	29,310	36,334	42,234	42,050	27,690

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

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Definitions

These are flow data.

The figures refer to foreign residents living in Kuwait at the end of the reference year, who became contravenors to the law on residency during the 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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