

Kuwait: Holders of article 17 residence permits (Government labour) by nationality group and sex (2019-2022)

	2019			2020			2021			2022		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Arab countries	37,003	19,309	56,312	34,865	18,878	53,743	33,542	18,454	51,996	33,634	18,766	52,400
Non-Arab Asian countries	28,609	18,368	46,977	26,277	17,670	43,947	24,885	17,526	42,411	24,652	18,300	42,952
Non-Arab African countries	351	146	497	321	152	473	322	142	464	346	143	489
Europe	598	413	1,011	544	369	913	509	296	805	605	298	903
North America	856	183	1,039	803	187	990	813	196	1,009	814	201	1,015
South and Central America	59	22	81	51	23	74	46	22	68	52	19	71
Australia and Pacific	44	9	53	40	9	49	42	6	48	41	8	49
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1
Total	67,520	38,450	105,970	62,901	37,288	100,189	60,159	36,644	96,803	60,144	37,736	97,880

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.

Data presented in the table are stock data: non-national residents holding a residence permit on December 31st, the given year (residencies delivered for the first time a given year+residencies renewed that year).

Residencies are valid for 1 to 5 years.

The present figures include permits delivered for the purpose of working in the government sector in Kuwait.

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.

Permits 17, 18, 19 and 20 are only granted after Ministry of Labour issues a work permit.

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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