

Kuwait: Holders of article 17 residence permits (government labour) by nationality group and sex (2019-2024)

	2019			2020			2021			2022			2023			2024		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	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	33,485	18,324	51,809	33,495	18,578	52,073
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	24,098	18,107	42,205	23,666	18,475	42,141
Non-Arab African countries	351	146	497	321	152	473	322	142	464	346	143	489	343	146	489	346	144	490
Europe	598	413	1,011	544	369	913	509	296	805	605	298	903	650	296	946	659	277	936
North America	856	183	1,039	803	187	990	813	196	1,009	814	201	1,015	803	212	1,015	862	230	1,092
South and Central America	59	22	81	51	23	74	46	22	68	52	19	71	52	25	77	56	29	85
Australia and Pacific	44	9	53	40	9	49	42	6	48	41	8	49	41	10	51	40	10	50
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	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	59,472	37,120	96,592	59,124	37,744	96,868

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

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Definitions

Data taken 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 the purpose of working in the governmental sector in Kuwait.

The data presented in the table are stock data: all the non-national residents holding a residence permit, valid and/or effective until the issuance of the Bulletin, on December 31st of the given year.

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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