

# Kuwait: Holders of article 18 (non-governmental labour) residence permits 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	538,791	38,013	576,804	502,682	36,901	539,583	468,023	37,858	505,881	510,700	41,810	552,510
Non-Arab Asian countries	857,629	87,032	944,661	741,213	81,173	822,386	646,865	75,635	722,500	746,837	89,858	836,695
Non-Arab African countries	6,259	2,507	8,766	5,529	2,258	7,787	5,156	2,140	7,296	8,092	2,840	10,932
Europe	4,883	2,194	7,077	4,127	1,873	6,000	3,561	1,871	5,432	3,683	2,041	5,724
North America	6,192	2,198	8,390	5,320	1,903	7,223	4,580	1,807	6,387	5,228	1,960	7,188
South and Central America	675	211	886	592	208	800	553	203	756	673	248	921
Australia and Pacific	471	150	621	431	126	557	358	125	483	339	134	473
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,414,900	132,305	1,547,205	1,259,894	124,442	1,384,336	1,129,096	119,639	1,248,735	1,275,552	138,891	1,414,443

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.

The present figures include permits delivered for the purpose of working in the private (non-governmental) 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)

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