

# Kuwait: Holders of article 20 residence permits (domestic sector) 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	3,403	187	3,590	3,210	173	3,383	3,204	158	3,362	3,612	151	3,763
Non-Arab Asian countries	347,133	347,565	694,698	321,707	317,569	639,276	289,284	281,573	570,857	341,180	391,139	732,319
Non-Arab African countries	3,268	29,812	33,080	2,722	21,959	24,681	2,297	14,841	17,138	2,690	14,383	17,073
Europe	2	1	3	1	3	4	2	4	6	1	3	4
North America	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South and Central America	4	0	4	4	0	4	4	0	4	4	1	5
Australia and Pacific	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>353,810</b>	<b>377,566</b>	<b>731,376</b>	<b>327,645</b>	<b>339,705</b>	<b>667,350</b>	<b>294,792</b>	<b>296,576</b>	<b>591,368</b>	<b>347,488</b>	<b>405,677</b>	<b>753,165</b>

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 domestic sector in Kuwait (as cleaner, driver, cook, domestic gardener, shepherd, nannie, etc.).

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

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