

Kuwait: Holders of article 20 residence permits (domestic sector) by nationality group and sex (2019-2024)

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Arab countries	3,403	187	3,210	173	3,204	158	3,612	151	3,504	141	3,151	140
Non-Arab Asian countries	347,133	347,565	321,707	317,569	289,284	281,573	341,180	391,139	356,821	408,256	319,322	393,568
Non-Arab African countries	3,268	29,812	2,722	21,959	2,297	14,841	2,690	14,383	3,057	14,297	3,203	16,348
Europe	2	1	1	3	2	4	1	3	1	2	0	3
North America	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South and Central America	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	1	4	2	2	2
Australia and Pacific	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	353,810	377,566	327,645	339,705	294,792	296,576	347,488	405,677	363,388	422,698	325,679	410,061

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

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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