

# Kuwait: Residence permits by nationality group and sex of holder (2010-2013)

	2010			2011			2012			2013		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Number	Males	Females	Number
Arab countries	488,869	207,861	696,730	504,976	217,599	722,575	521,880	228,546	750,426	557,854	244,359	802,213
Non-Arab Asian countries	865,363	441,855	1,307,218	892,847	445,493	1,338,340	928,994	462,046	1,391,040	979,031	479,130	1,458,161
Non-Arab African countries	4,450	44,036	48,486	5,800	67,603	73,403	7,897	75,247	83,144	9,448	83,556	93,004
Europe	5,350	4,520	9,870	5,589	4,627	10,216	5,741	4,813	10,554	5,877	5,044	10,921
North America	12,269	7,027	19,296	12,115	7,076	19,191	11,934	7,377	19,311	11,079	7,165	18,244
Central and South America	614	468	1,082	627	494	1,121	632	499	1,131	618	491	1,109
Australia and Oceania	814	634	1,448	785	631	1,416	785	623	1,408	799	627	1,426
Other	7	7	14	10	3	13	9	4	13	8	3	11
Total	1,377,736	706,408	2,084,144	1,422,749	743,526	2,166,275	1,477,872	779,155	2,257,027	1,564,714	820,375	2,385,089

Source: Ministry of Interior  
ANNEXED NOTE

## 1. Definitions

**Residency procedures do not apply to GCC nationals.**

The bidoun, a stateless population, are not included in the residency documents holders.

Data presented in the table are stock data: all the non-national residents holding a residence permit on December 31st, the given year. The table excludes the Bedoon, the non-Kuwaiti GCC citizens and those in irregular situation.

**Dependent permit:** spouse, children or elderly dependent relatives can join visa holder (sponsor) in Kuwait, if the expatriate has obtained a residency and is earning a minimum of KD250 a month (private and government sector alike).

A working wife cannot sponsor her husband as a dependent. Also, sons over the age of 21 years cannot be sponsored as dependants, though adult daughters and parents may be permitted. Dependent family members are not allowed to work on a Dependent Visa, unless they transfer it into a work visa under Kuwaiti sponsorship. This can be done only after 6 to 12 months of holding a dependent visa.

Every children including new born babies must hold a residency permit. The application for the infant's residence must be made within 60 days of the birth

The Dependent Visa holder is permitted to stay as long as the sponsor holds a valid visa.

**Self residence permit:** Expatriates may sponsor themselves under article 24 of the regulations and obtain a residence for two to five years under several conditions

(among which: being aged 60 and more, having worked no less than 25 years in Kuwait, owning a capital of 10000 KD at least; being able to produce a

certificate of good conduct, being effectively residing in Kuwait with his/her family, etc.).

This form of residence can be renewed upon expiry. Self-sponsored expatriates may sponsor their wives and children.

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

The present figures do not include the holders of permit n°14 (temporary residents).

Totals for the year 2012 presented here differ slightly from totals in other tables pertaining to this year published in the database.

## **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 report "Migration Statistics 2013", published by the CSB.

The report processes Ministry of Interior's (Directorate of Migration's) raw figures of permits granted to foreign residents by type/ purpose of permit, sex and regional origin of holder, for the years 2010 to 2013.

The report (in Arabic, PDF format with Excel tables) is available on CSB's website (Population Statistics, then Migration Statistics)

[http://www.csb.gov.kw/Socan\\_Statistic.aspx?ID=56](http://www.csb.gov.kw/Socan_Statistic.aspx?ID=56)

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