

MOV 2.3 Residence permits by type/ purpose of permit, sex and country of citizenship of holder (2012)

Country of citizenship	14 Temporary permits		17 Governmental sector permits		18 Private sector permits		19 Business		20 Domestic help		22 Dependant permits		23 Study		24 Self residence permits		TOTAL
	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	
ARAB COUNTRIES																	
Arab World	66	34	129	67	3,448	638	0	0	31	48	3,545	639	0	0	92	220	15,262
Syria	1,435	246	3,922	1,335	49,192	2,923	76	2	262	40	38,726	45,119	3	0	130	143	135,554
Lebanon	343	138	650	445	13,253	4,239	46	3	8	21	15,816	1,131	2	0	80	56	42,586
Jordan	458	155	1,543	1,177	4,833	3,423	29	1	11	8	12,220	21,532	1	2	119	92	55,081
Yemen	91	13	754	128	4,033	160	0	0	377	6	1,879	3,288	2	0	20	11	10,762
Palestine	0	1	0	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	279	0	0	0	0	0	579
Algeria	12	6	47	11	193	63	1	0	1	0	182	327	1	0	0	0	845
Egypt	13,259	833	30,892	15,185	273,456	9,716	25	5	1,408	82	52,735	84,765	10	2	149	170	482,692
Morocco	48	38	77	129	763	772	0	0	9	41	302	1,292	0	0	1	31	3,495
Tunisia	36	46	364	533	417	472	0	0	2	4	340	644	2	1	0	2	2,863
Libya	1	0	19	2	16	2	0	0	0	0	34	74	1	0	0	0	149
Palestinian from Egypt	41	20	102	97	1,863	659	2	0	0	0	1,145	2,117	0	0	92	15	6,153
Palestinian from Lebanon	4	2	18	11	320	109	1	0	2	3	140	341	0	0	10	1	962
Palestinian from Syria	2	0	5	7	113	43	0	0	1	2	69	125	0	0	3	2	372
Palestinian from Iraq	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Non-Kuwaiti	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	6
Saudi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	15,796	1,524	38,521	19,129	361,391	23,228	186	11	2,129	238	111,883	181,861	21	7	696	744	757,365
ASIA																	
Afghanistan	321	41	121	6	9,433	38	4	0	651	2	1,234	1,810	19	4	3	2	13,689
Uzbekistan	1	0	16	13	9	9	0	0	0	0	14	51	0	0	0	0	114
Kyrgyzstan	1	2	4	4	4	14	0	0	0	0	6	17	5	2	0	0	58
Tajikistan	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	11	34	4	0	0	34
Kazakhstan	0	0	0	0	6	7	0	0	0	0	4	17	0	0	0	0	34
Mongolia	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	4	3	0	0	0	16
Turkey	101	23	56	9	1,141	146	0	0	7	0	275	511	1	0	1	1	2,272
Iran	481	29	468	240	22,856	1,405	51	0	455	53	5,245	11,120	3	2	138	92	42,638
Malaysia	3	2	9	32	90	21	0	0	0	0	166	19	3	0	0	0	441
Japan	4	0	23	4	25	10	1	0	0	0	7	47	3	2	0	0	126
Indonesia	26	113	443	258	541	797	0	0	47	10,621	292	885	4	5	0	4	14,036
Philippines	767	1,668	1,784	1,758	26,637	27,489	1	0	750	93,011	2,487	5,308	17	14	1	50	161,742
Pakistan	2,348	606	2,462	199	85,059	874	19	0	2,413	34	9,232	17,288	27	4	19	4	120,840
India	12,243	1,905	9,233	11,613	294,309	18,140	42	1	171,171	80,997	38,674	62,131	15	1	17	33	692,525
China	635	78	67	34	2,251	541	0	0	0	2	51	236	8	7	1	0	3,903
Taiwan	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	5	3	0	0	0	19
South Korea	113	2	12	3	725	13	0	0	0	0	83	160	1	6	0	0	1,118
Singapore	0	0	9	2	9	3	0	0	0	0	1	18	14	2	0	1	59
Bangladesh	4,518	219	6,390	335	110,983	3,396	4	0	56,107	1,270	2,356	4,380	9	0	2	2	190,171
Thailand	155	18	27	66	21	229	0	0	0	0	28	149	23	18	0	0	5,463
Sri Lanka	704	1,443	406	189	13,969	4,794	0	0	16,512	67,537	1,143	3,127	23	1	0	12	109,860
Nepal	1,017	561	205	6	23,617	1,280	0	0	4,039	24,506	60	194	0	1	0	0	55,486
Bhutan	0	0	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	0	0	0	0	23
North Korea	492	0	7	0	3,956	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	3,571
Vietnam	66	5	491	1	491	5	0	0	0	13	4	13	0	0	0	0	598
Cambodia	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	28	6	0	0	0	47
Myanmar	15	0	3	1	238	85	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	349
Other Asian Nationalities	0	1	6	0	34	12	0	0	0	0	19	3	2	0	0	0	87
Total	24,011	6,163	21,774	14,782	597,240	59,310	122	1	252,153	278,058	53,517	167,677	236	86	182	207	1,415,519
EUROPE																	
Britain	42	28	190	34	1,581	553	1	0	0	3	629	1,104	1	0	11	9	4,177
Ireland	3	1	10	2	73	39	0	0	0	0	32	52	0	0	0	0	213
France	7	3	132	17	210	89	0	1	0	0	179	265	1	1	2	0	908
Holland	3	1	7	2	97	17	1	0	0	0	72	91	0	0	0	0	292
Belgium	1	0	8	1	35	10	0	0	0	0	11	28	0	0	0	0	94
Italy	14	0	19	11	172	24	0	0	0	0	56	104	0	2	1	2	405
Malta	0	0	1	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	23
Sweden	1	2	6	2	68	17	0	0	0	0	67	103	0	0	1	1	268
Norway	0	0	6	1	11	8	0	1	0	0	10	20	0	0	0	0	57
Switzerland	0	1	8	3	13	3	0	0	0	0	4	14	0	0	0	0	46
Austria	0	0	9	6	23	7	0	0	0	0	20	40	0	0	1	1	107
Germany	9	4	32	9	177	42	3	0	0	0	98	170	3	2	1	2	552
Spain	8	2	18	6	64	19	0	0	0	0	27	54	1	1	1	0	201
Portugal	4	0	5	2	62	23	0	0	1	1	12	28	0	0	0	0	138
Denmark	2	0	2	3	69	11	0	0	0	0	35	74	2	0	0	0	198
Greece	10	6	7	2	48	17	0	0	0	0	17	14	0	0	0	0	137
Cyprus	2	0	2	0	9	4	0	0	0	0	5	11	0	0	0	0	33
Czech Republic	0	0	16	5	17	10	0	0	0	0	5	25	0	2	0	0	80
Hungary	1	4	14	4	73	32	0	0	0	0	28	58	1	2	0	0	217
Slovakia	2	3	8	10	17	8	0	0	0	0	11	43	0	0	0	0	162
Finland	0	0	2	2	7	2	0	0	0	0	3	15	0	0	0	0	31
Lithuania	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	15
Poland	4	2	17	7	66	38	0	0	0	0	20	96	2	3	0	2	257
Russia and USSR	7	5	117	20	162	51	0	0	0	1	138	304	2	3	3	0	753
Ukraine	3	4	18	1	48	31	0	0	0	0	43	154	0	0	0	0	303
Moldova	0	4	0	5	15	0	0	0	0	5	7	8	0	0	0	0	33
Belarus	1	0	1	0	13	6	0	0	0	0	9	28	0	0	0	0	58
Bosnia-Herzegovina	2	1	25	16	75	18	0	0	0	0	15	53	6	3	0	0	214
Macedonia	3	0	3	3	30	7	0	0	0	0	3	16	3	0	0	0	68
Croatia	4	0	4	2	22	11	0	0	0	0	5	10	0	0	0	0	58
Serbia	8	4	12	7	74	27	0	0	0	0	24	55	0	0	0	0	211
Yugoslavia	0	0	5	1	42	13	0	0	0	0	11	31	0	0	0	0	104
Romania	20	30	16	23	152	148	0	0	0	1	60	167	0	0	0	0	617
Bulgaria	5	0	53	145	74	88	0	0	0	0	30	94	4	0	0	0	493
Albania	1	1	4	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	16	30	1	1	0	0	68
Kosovo	1	0	4	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	23
Armenia	3	6	4	94	34	36	0	0	0	0	17	80	0	2	0	0	246
Georgia	4	7	2	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	99
Azerbaijan	1	0	6	1	8	5	0	0	0	0	16	29	0	0	0	0	66
Other European Nationalities	0	0	4	4	27	11	1	0	0	0	10	18	0	0	0	0	75
Total	172	124	799	362	3,725	1,466											

Venezuela	2	0	5	4	73	15	0	0	0	0	35	90	0	0	0	0	224	
Colombia	0	1	2	0	37	10	0	0	0	0	12	31	0	0	1	0	94	
Trinidad and Tobago	1	0	0	0	8	3	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	24	
Granada	0	0	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	17	
Jamaica	0	0	3	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	17	
Mexico	1	1	3	0	9	4	0	0	0	0	7	35	0	0	0	0	60	
Brasil	19	5	10	6	56	15	0	0	0	0	34	52	0	0	1	0	198	
Bolivia	0	0	2	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	15	25	0	0	1	0	55	
Peru	1	0	4	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	19	
Ecuador	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	5	7	0	0	0	1	21	
Argentina	3	2	4	0	44	9	0	0	0	0	7	18	0	0	1	0	38	
Australia	5	4	40	9	275	76	0	0	0	0	263	382	0	0	1	3	1,858	
New Zealand	6	3	4	1	84	37	0	0	0	0	67	108	0	0	0	1	311	
Fiji Islands	2	0	5	1	42	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	56	
Other American and Oceanian Nationalities	2	1	11	2	33	6	0	0	0	3	12	48	0	0	0	1	111	
Total	452	128	820	201	8,145	2,340	17	1	4	6	4,339	5,904	8	5	44	22	22,436	
U.N.	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Unknown Nationalities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
TOTAL	48,821	9,253	62,795	34,834	977,125	88,369	331	16	257,833	349,834	173,332	302,356	629	820	191	962	1,018	2,299,691
GRAND TOTAL		50,074		97,629		1,065,494		347		607,667		475,688					1,972	2,299,691

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.

Temporary permit: An expatriate may be granted temporary residence under article 14 of the immigration regulations in special cases where he does not need or cannot get ordinary residence.

This allows the expatriate to stay for up to one year, for personal emergencies such as illness, or after resignation from employment in order to settle financial affairs or a court case.

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.

2. Institution which provides data

Ministry of Interior

3. Period of data coverage

December 31st, 2012

4. Data availability

Data on residence permits by country of citizenship is not published by Kuwaiti authorities (as of September 2013). The present data has been obtained from MoI.