

Oman: Entry visas allotted to foreign nationals by type (residence/visit), purpose (employment, family reunion, etc.) and sector of employment of visa holder (public/private) (2008)

Type/ purpose of visa	2008		
	Public	Private	Total
Employment visa	58,928	415,458	474,386
without family	5,961	316,890	322,851
with family	56	196	252
Family joining reunion)	7,951	53,412	61,363
Domestic servant	44,960	44,960	89,920
Visit visas	13,834	154,613	168,447
Family	4,432	53,694	58,126
Business Visa	9	6,697	6,706
Tourist	—	94,188	94,188
Government	9,393	34	9,427
Business visas	13	1,457	1,470

Source: Royal Oman Police
ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

The Directorate General of Passports and Residence of the Royal Oman Police is responsible for issuing passports for Omanis and granting visas to foreigners wishing to enter the Sultanate. It is also involved in regulating and monitoring the entry and exit of people to and from Oman at border checkpoints.

The office also monitors the number of expatriates living in the country in accordance with policies set by the state.

Visas are granted at the request of an Omani sponsor and on his responsibility.

The employment visa is granted at the request of a local sponsor and on his responsibility to the foreigner coming to Oman for employment and whose age is not below 21.

The family joining Visa is granted to the wife of the foreigner, who is resident in Oman, and as well to his children who are below 21 years. It is also granted to the foreign wife of an Omani national at his request, and subject to a certificate from the concerned authority (Ministry of Interior) confirming the status of the marriage.

The family Visa is granted by the concerned authority at its discretion, and

at the request of a local sponsor and on his responsibility, to the relatives of the Omani national and the relatives of the foreigner who are not included in the categories eligible for Family Joining Visa.

Employment visas are valid for 2 years.

Visit visas are valid for 3 months.

2. Institution which provides data

National Center for Statistics and Information (NCSI)

3. Data availability

The present data is published in 2011' Statistical Yearbook, section "Social Services and Security", available online on NCSI's website. Each thematic section is presented in PDF format.

The "Social Services" section is available at:

http://www.ncsi.gov.om/NCSI_website/book/SYB2011/20-SocialServices.pdf

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