

Oman: Residence permits by type/purpose and category of issuance (first time/ renewal/ transfer of sponsorship) (2011)

Category of issuance of permit Type/purpose of permit	2011		
	First Time	Renewal	Transfer of Sponsorship
Employment (without family)	347,195	266,198	8,514
Family Joining (family reunion)	2,269	71,899	438
Domestic Servant	49,101	14,209	2,886
Business	672	1,399	0
Total	399,237	353,705	11,838

Source: Royal Oman Police
ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

The Directorate General of Civil Status of the Royal Oman Police is responsible for delivering residence cards (Iqama) to foreign residents in the following categories:

- employed foreign nationals,
- wife and children (below age 21) of employed foreign nationals,
- brothers and sisters of employed foreign nationals (below age 18)
- foreign wife of an Omani national

Nationals of other GCC countries are exempted from the obligation to hold a residence permit.

Employment and family reunion residency permits are valid for 2 years.

2. Institution which provides data

National Center for Statistics and Information (NCSI)

3. Data availability

The present data is published in 2013' 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/SYB2013/20-SocialServices.pdf

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