

Oman: Residence permits by type/purpose and category of issuance (first time/ renewal/ transfer of sponsorship) (2012)

Category of issuance of permit Type/purpose of permit	2012		
	First Time	Renewal	Transfer of Sponsorship
Employment (without family)	417,334	344,583	2,955
Family Joining (family reunion)	2,712	75,311	155
Domestic Servant	57,337	15,079	1,121
Business	662	2,065	0
Total	478,045	437,038	4,231

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.

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 NSCI'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

2013' SYB is available at:

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