

# Permits issued by type (residence/ work) (Saudi Arabia, 1984-2011)

	Residence Permits (a)			Labour permits
	Workers	Accompanying Person	TOTAL	
<b>1984</b>	757,858	45,001	<b>802,859</b>	
<b>1985</b>	527,290	36,457	<b>563,747</b>	
<b>1986</b>	542,005	49,256	<b>591,261</b>	
<b>1987</b>	563,712	77,457	<b>641,169</b>	
<b>1988</b>	555,581	59,971	<b>615,552</b>	
<b>1989</b>	n.a.	n.a.	<b>705,679</b>	
<b>1990</b>	651,566	98,846	<b>750,412</b>	
<b>1991</b>	867,778	52,101	<b>919,879</b>	
<b>1992</b>	1,006,639	55,666	<b>1,062,305</b>	
<b>1993</b>	1,042,240	53,210	<b>1,095,450</b>	
<b>1994</b>	759,602	7,641	<b>767,243</b>	
<b>1995</b>	602,606	16,572	<b>619,178</b>	
<b>1996</b>	897,915	64,320	<b>962,235</b>	
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<b>1998</b>	826,010	50,266	<b>876,276</b>	
<b>1999</b>	627,056	34,471	<b>661,527</b>	
<b>2000</b>	729,900	36,003	<b>765,903</b>	2,439,672
<b>2001</b>	771,101	39,819	<b>810,920</b>	2,369,611
<b>2002</b>	984,775	31,376	<b>1,016,151</b>	2,663,666
<b>2003</b>	923,012	106,561	<b>1,029,573</b>	2,563,800
<b>2004</b>	849,960	29,301	<b>879,261</b>	2,716,573
<b>2005</b>	647,589	3,175	<b>650,764</b>	2,359,301
<b>2006</b>	849,658	234,988	<b>1,084,646</b>	2,541,083
<b>2007</b>	1,162,806	261,055	<b>1,423,861</b>	2,963,039
<b>2008</b>	1,365,937	275,159	<b>1,641,096</b>	3,598,317
<b>2009</b>	n.a.	n.a.	<b>n.a.</b>	3,222,809
<b>2010</b>	1,402,558	237,033	<b>1,639,591</b>	3,345,630
<b>2011</b>	n.a.	n.a.	<b>1,411,688</b>	4,088,093

Sources: (a) General Directorate of Passports, Ministry of Interior; (b) Ministry of Labour

## 1. Data collection methodology

The issuance of the residency and work permits begins with filing an application with the Ministry of Labor.

After its approval, the Ministry of Labor forwards the application to the Ministry of Interior for the issuance of the residency permit.

## 2. Institution which provides data

(a) Central Department of Statistics and Information (CDSI), Ministry and Economy and Planning

(b) Ministry of Labour

### **3. Data availability**

(a) Published in the CDSI' Statistical Yearbooks, in Chapter "Social services"

Statistical Yearbooks until 2010' are available online at:

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/46>

2011' Yearbook is available at: <https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/46>

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(b) Published in Ministry of Labour's Statistical Yearbooks

MoL Yearbooks are available online at

<http://portal.mol.gov.sa/ar/Statistics/Pages/default.aspx> (2004-2012, with labour permits figures since 2000)

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