

Residence permits by type/ purpose of permit 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
ARAB COUNTRIES									
Iraq	100	195	4.086	6	79	10.484	0	312	15.262
Syria	1.681	5.257	52.115	78	302	75.845	3	273	135.554
Lebanon	481	1.095	17.492	49	29	23.301	3	136	42.586
Jordan	613	2.720	17.733	30	19	33.752	3	211	55.081
Yemen	104	882	4.193	0	383	5.167	2	31	10.762
Palestine	1	2	20	0	0	556	0	0	579
Algeria	18	58	256	1	1	509	1	1	845
Egypt	14.092	46.077	283.172	30	1.490	137.500	12	319	482.692
Morocco	78	206	1.535	0	50	1.594	0	32	3.495
Tunisia	82	897	889	0	6	984	3	2	2.863
Libya	1	21	18	0	0	108	1	0	149
Palestinian from Egypt	61	199	2.522	2	0	3.262	0	107	6.153
Palestinian from Lebanon	6	29	429	1	5	481	0	11	962
Palestinian from Syria	2	12	156	0	3	194	0	5	372
Palestinian from Iraq	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
Non-Kuwaiti	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	6
Saudi	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	17.320	57.650	384.619	197	2.367	293.744	28	1.440	757.365
ASIA									
Afghanistan	362	127	9.471	4	653	3.044	23	5	13.689
Uzbekistan	1	29	18	0	0	65	0	1	114
Kyrgyzstan	3	7	18	0	0	23	0	0	58
Tajikistan	0	0	3	0	0	19	0	0	34
Kazakhstan	0	0	13	0	0	21	0	0	34
Mongolia	0	4	0	0	2	7	3	0	16
Turkey	124	65	1.287	0	7	786	1	2	2.272
Iran	510	708	24.261	51	508	16.365	5	230	42.638
Malaysia	5	41	120	0	0	253	22	0	441
Japan	4	27	35	1	0	54	0	0	126
Indonesia	139	701	1.338	0	10.668	1.177	9	4	14.036
Philippines	2.435	3.542	54.126	1	93.761	7.795	31	51	161.742
Pakistan	2.414	2.661	95.933	19	2.447	26.512	31	23	120.940
India	14.148	20.846	312.449	43	252.168	92.805	16	50	692.525
China	705	101	2.792	0	2	287	15	1	3.903
Taiwan	0	5	2	0	0	4	8	0	19
South Korea	115	15	738	0	0	243	7	0	1.118
Singapore	0	11	12	0	0	19	16	1	59
Bangladesh	4.737	6.725	114.379	4	57.377	6.936	9	4	190.171
Thailand	173	93	1.968	0	6	177	41	5	2.463
Sri Lanka	2.147	595	18.763	0	84.049	4.270	24	12	109.860
Nepal	1.578	211	24.897	0	28.545	254	1	0	55.486
Bhutan	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	23
North Korea	492	7	3.058	0	0	11	3	0	3.571
Vietnam	66	6	496	0	13	17	0	0	598
Cambodia	0	8	0	0	1	4	34	0	47
Myanmar	15	4	323	0	2	5	0	0	349
Other Asian Nationalities	1	6	46	0	0	28	5	0	87
Total	30.174	36.556	656.550	123	530.211	161.194	322	389	1.415.519
EUROPE									
Britain	70	224	2.134	1	3	1.724	1	20	4.177
Ireland	4	12	112	0	0	21	0	1	213
France	10	149	299	1	0	444	2	3	908
Holland	4	9	114	1	0	163	0	1	292
Belgium	1	9	45	0	0	39	0	0	94
Italy	14	30	196	0	0	160	2	3	405
Malta	0	1	16	0	0	6	0	0	23
Sweden	3	8	85	0	0	170	0	2	268
Norway	0	7	19	1	0	30	0	0	57
Switzerland	1	11	16	0	0	18	0	0	46
Austria	0	15	30	0	0	30	0	2	107
Germany	13	41	219	3	0	268	5	3	552
Spain	10	24	83	0	0	81	2	1	201
Portugal	4	7	85	0	2	40	0	0	138
Denmark	2	5	80	0	0	109	2	0	198
Greece	16	9	65	0	1	46	0	0	137
Cyprus	2	2	13	0	0	16	0	0	33
Czech Republic	0	21	27	0	0	30	2	0	80
Hungary	5	18	105	0	0	86	3	0	217
Slovakia	5	18	25	0	0	54	0	0	102
Finland	0	4	9	0	0	18	0	0	31
Lithuania	0	1	6	0	1	7	0	0	15
Poland	6	24	104	0	0	116	5	2	257
Russia and USSR	12	137	153	0	1	442	5	3	753
Ukraine	8	19	79	0	0	197	0	0	303
Moldova	4	0	20	0	0	9	0	0	33
Belarus	1	1	19	0	0	37	0	0	58
Bosnia-Herzegovina	3	41	93	0	0	68	9	0	214
Macedonia	3	6	37	0	0	19	3	0	68
Croatia	4	6	33	0	0	15	0	0	58
Serbia	12	19	101	0	0	79	0	0	211
Yugoslavia	0	6	55	1	0	42	0	0	104
Romania	50	39	300	0	1	227	0	0	617
Bulgaria	5	198	162	0	0	124	4	0	493
Albania	2	6	12	0	0	46	2	0	68
Kosovo	1	6	4	0	0	12	0	0	23
Armenia	9	8	130	0	0	97	2	0	246
Georgia	11	5	55	0	0	26	2	0	99
Azerbaijan	1	7	13	0	0	45	0	0	66
Other European Nationalities	0	8	38	1	0	28	0	0	75
Total	296	1.161	5.191	9	9	5.282	51	41	12.040
AFRICA									
Ethiopia	1.197	62	3.154	0	72.594	266	2	4	77.279
Eritrea	10	107	259	0	202	545	3	9	1.135
Sudan	185	227	2.759	0	348	1.022	3	7	4.551
Senegal	5	35	27	0	5	11	60	45	183
Gambia	0	5	3	0	0	7	18	0	37
Guinea	0	2	16	0	1	19	9	0	47
Mauritania	13	51	12	0	4	56	6	0	142
Mali	3	2	14	0	42	12	21	0	94
Niger	1	17	36	0	0	63	22	0	139
Burkina Faso	1	2	9	0	1	9	20	0	42
Benin	6	17	36	0	37	37	59	0	158
Liberia	0	20	56	0	3	116	0	5	200
Sierra Leone	31	13	46	0	5	27	0	0	122
Togo	2	6	14	0	2	10	9	0	81
Ivory Coast	0	0	10	0	8	9	6	0	33
Nigeria	10	111	126	0	4	233	63	0	547
South Africa	30	64	344	0	1	195	0	1	635
Swaziland	1	7	1	0	0	12	0	0	21
Zimbabwe	10	6	31	0	1	24	0	0	72
Chad	1	11	76	0	7	55	12	0	162
Cameroon	0	0	17	0	0	3	0	0	24
Somalia	117	0	962	0	36	2.125	38	0	3.661
Djibouti	0	9	10	0	1	23	0	0	49
Madagascar	22	0	1	0	1.199	3	0	0	1.225
Mauritius	19	3	4	0	2	8	5	0	41

Ghana	27	15	395	0	297	43	14	0	791
Uganda	4	3	18	0	239	12	4	0	280
Malawi	0	10	0	0	0	15	0	0	25
Tanzania	1	7	25	0	1	22	13	0	69
Kenya	5	27	122	0	9	96	2	0	261
Comore Islands	1	4	31	0	1	28	12	1	78
Seychelles Islands	1	2	4	0	1	9	0	0	17
Other African Nationalities	1	20	29	0	3	59	11	0	123
Total	1.704	1.237	8.649	0	75.069	5.223	406	36	92.324
AMERICA AND OCEANIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
U.S.A	449	586	7.207	9	4	4.987	5	20	13.267
Canada	68	290	2.326	9	1	3.796	7	33	6.530
Dominican Republic	4	22	77	0	1	179	0	2	285
Venezuela	2	9	88	0	0	125	0	0	224
Colombia	1	2	47	0	0	43	0	1	94
Trinidad and Tobago	1	0	11	0	0	12	0	0	24
Granada	0	6	4	0	0	7	0	0	17
Jamaica	0	4	7	0	1	5	0	0	17
Mexico	2	3	13	0	0	42	0	0	60
Brasil	24	16	71	0	0	86	0	1	198
Bolivia	0	2	12	0	0	40	0	1	55
Peru	1	4	7	0	0	7	0	0	19
Ecuador	0	0	8	0	0	12	0	1	21
Argentina	5	4	53	0	0	25	0	1	88
Australia	9	49	351	0	0	645	0	4	1.058
New Zealand	9	5	121	0	0	175	0	1	311
Fiji Islands	2	6	43	0	0	5	0	0	56
Other American and Oceanian Nationalities	3	13	39	0	3	52	0	1	111
Total	580	1.021	10.485	18	10	10.243	13	66	22.436
U.N.	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	6
Unknown Nationalities	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
GRAND TOTAL	50.074	97.629	1.065.494	347	607.667	475.688	820	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.