

Residence permits by type/ purpose of permit, sex and country of citizenship of holder (2011) (some nationalities)

Country of citizenship	14		17		18		19		20		22		23		24		TOTAL ALL PERMITS		TOTAL									
	Temporary permits	males	females	Governmental sector permits	males	females	Private sector permits	males	females	Business	males	females	Domestic help	males	females	Dependant permits	males	females		Study	males	females	Self residence permits	males	females	males	females	total
ARAB COUNTRIES	63	27	118	55	3,541	643	5	0	40	30	3,557	7,030	0	0	67	184	7,400	7,978	15,378									
Iraq	1,211	169	3,935	1,313	48,822	2,761	74	2	296	36	30,178	42,963	2	0	110	129	84,628	47,373	132,001									
Syria	269	110	654	428	13,401	4,162	46	2	9	22	8,204	14,862	0	0	80	62	22,663	19,648	42,311									
Lebanon	354	109	1,527	1,083	13,954	3,257	27	1	11	4	11,818	20,823	1	2	114	90	27,786	25,269	53,155									
Jordan	48	16	129	113	2,314	823	4	0	3	5	1,621	2,850	0	0	185	17	4,224	3,824	8,048									
Palestine	7,595	514	30,732	14,978	264,118	9,536	21	5	1,413	89	49,326	78,946	8	5	132	173	353,345	104,246	457,591									
Egypt	230	100	1,609	965	8,192	1,689	1	0	734	98	3,666	7,228	38	3	30	46	14,580	10,129	24,629									
Other Arabs	9,750	1,045	38,704	18,935	354,342	22,871	178	10	2,515	284	108,370	174,711	49	10	638	701	514,546	218,567	733,113									
Total Arab nationalities																												
OTHER COUNTRIES	491	52	467	232	23,648	1,351	53	0	509	53	5,398	11,302	4	5	141	87	30,711	13,082	43,793									
Iran	469	1,363	1,732	1,757	23,967	23,890	0	0	690	78,656	2,362	4,990	17	16	1	46	29,230	110,726	139,956									
Philippines	1,839	41	2,531	199	87,477	830	22	0	2,622	37	9,294	17,687	29	3	17	3	103,831	18,800	122,631									
Pakistan	8,374	1,208	9,106	11,633	270,800	16,989	46	1	165,251	77,117	28,625	58,880	16	2	15	32	402,233	165,062	647,295									
India	5,080	342	6,380	319	111,214	3,422	4	0	60,531	1,384	2,519	4,413	7	0	3	2	185,658	9,882	195,540									
Bangladesh	482	1,176	306	186	12,818	4,248	0	0	15,620	71,862	1,054	2,966	21	0	0	11	30,381	80,449	110,830									
Sri Lanka	3,361	2,209	3,095	1,163	52,784	7,551	24	4	7,595	100,544	8,632	14,706	436	150	71	66	75,908	134,393	210,301									
Other nationalities																												
TOTAL ALL NATIONALITIES	29,846	7,436	62,321	34,424	937,050	81,152	327	15	255,333	337,937	166,254	288,863	579	186	886	948	1,452,586	750,961	2,203,557									
GRAND TOTAL		37,282		96,745		1,018,202		342		593,270		455,117		765		1,834		2,203,557										

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, 2011

4. Data availability

2011' data is tabulated in MoI' 2011 Statistical Yearbook, in Chapter "Immigration statistics" (not available online). The volume may be directly obtained from MoI.