

Residence permits issued by category of issuance (first issuance or renewal) (Kuwait) (2001-2011)

year of issuance	Category		Total
	First issuance	Renewal	
2001	97.664	526.528	624.192
2002	116.222	512.843	629.065
2003	516.677	203.882	720.559
2004	319.810	610.967	930.777
2005	370.207	687.601	624.192
2006	475.607	786.272	629.065
2007	372.923	891.140	720.559
2008	302.826	1.003.808	930.777
2009	276.073	936.047	1.057.808
2010	347.529	960.412	1.261.879
2011	244.686	1.056.487	1.264.063

Source: Ministry of Interior's records

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Definitions

The table refers to all types of residency permits, i.e. granted under articles 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 of the immigration regulations, first issued or renewed during the given years.

The residency can be valid for a minimum of 1 month to a year (temporary permits granted under article 14 of the immigration regulations), and for a maximum of five years (some of the residence permits granted to public and private sector employees under Articles 17 and 18). When the initial residence document expires, the expatriate will have to keep the same sponsor if the permit has to be renewed. It will have to be renewed first with the Labour Ministry, before renewal of the residence application.

The bidoun, a stateless population, are not included in the residency documents holders. Residency procedures do not apply to GCC nationals.

2. Institution which provides data

Ministry of Interior

3. Period of data coverage

January 1st- December 31st, given years

4. Data availability

a- 2005-2009' data is published in MoI' 2009 Statistical Yearbook, in Chapter "Immigration statistics", available online at:

<http://www.moi.gov.kw/portal/varabic/statistics/stats.htm> Last date of access: September 3rd, 2013. b- 2007-2011' data is tabulated in MoI' 2011 Statistical Yearbook, in Chapter "Immigration statistics" (not available online). The volume may be directly obtained from MoI. c- 2001-2010 data is also available in the "Annual Bulletins of Social Statistics", given years (data is not disaggregated by nationality group or by citizenship of permit holder), available for download in PDF format of Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) website: http://www.csb.gov.kw/Socan_Statistic_EN.aspx?ID=38