

Residence permits issued by category of issuance (first issuance or renewal) and nationality group of holder (Kuwait) (2005-2011)

Category of issuance	nationality group	year of issuance						
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
First issuance	Arabs	119.420	128.186	75.243	59.114	60.864	80.939	51.108
	Europeans/ Americans	9.693	12.234	10.820	9.380	8.204	9.703	9.424
	Asians	239.534	333.237	283.947	230.467	201.182	246.366	174.145
	Africans	1.560	1.950	2.913	3.865	5.823	10.521	10.009
	Total	370.207	475.607	372.923	302.826	276.073	347.529	244.686
Renewal	Arabs	198.589	228.713	249.202	297.309	298.473	306.582	354.245
	Europeans/ Americans	10.227	12.182	13.536	14.833	14.839	15.883	18.286
	Asians	476.564	542.739	624.439	684.757	609.862	618.254	654.960
	Africans	2.221	2.638	3.963	6.909	12.873	19.693	28.996
	Total	687.601	786.272	891.140	1.003.808	936.047	960.412	1.056.487
Total	Arabs	318.009	356.899	324.445	356.423	359.337	387.521	405.353
	Europeans/ Americans	19.920	24.416	24.356	24.213	23.043	25.586	27.710
	Asians	716.098	875.976	908.386	915.224	811.044	864.620	829.105
	Africans	3.781	4.588	6.876	10.774	18.696	30.214	39.005
	Total	1.057.808	1.261.879	1.264.063	1.306.634	1.212.120	1.307.941	1.301.173

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>

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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.