

# Residence permits issued by category of issuance (first issuance or renewal), type/ purpose of permit and sex of holder (2001-2011)

Category of issuance	reference of permit type/ purpose of permit	14			17-18-19			20			22			23-24			Total permits		
		Temporary			Labour			Domestic help			Dependant			Other permits					
		males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total
First issuance	2001	28.187	16.605	44.792	27.018	3.120	30.138	5.116	8.519	13.635	2.476	6.482	8.958	96	45	141	62.893	34.771	97.664
	2002	28.417	20.216	48.633	40.060	4.749	44.809	4.607	8.691	13.298	2.298	7.043	9.341	99	42	141	75.481	40.741	116.222
	2003	16.440	3.372	19.812	305.086	27.959	333.045	36.139	39.232	75.371	25.379	61.753	87.132	904	413	1.317	383.948	132.729	516.677
	2004	86.548	31.531	118.079	128.487	12.356	140.843	17.711	24.256	41.967	5.124	13.584	18.708	143	70	213	238.013	81.797	319.810
	2005	119.118	23.351	142.469	144.588	11.441	156.029	23.127	27.049	50.176	5.640	15.643	21.283	179	71	250	292.652	77.555	370.207
	2006	173.381	64.089	237.470	161.119	12.404	173.523	21.130	25.509	46.639	4.706	12.890	17.596	295	84	379	360.631	114.976	475.607
	2007	89.922	132.117	222.039	8.585	93.737	102.322	20.918	13.916	34.834	10.117	3.448	13.565	73	90	163	129.615	243.308	372.923
	2008	120.348	79.592	199.940	55.226	5.886	61.112	12.021	17.234	29.255	3.133	9.290	12.423	61	35	96	190.789	112.037	302.826
	2009	107.386	63.309	170.695	61.404	5.310	66.714	10.874	16.384	27.258	2.932	8.390	11.322	55	29	84	182.651	93.422	276.073
	2010	146.670	71.315	217.985	80.968	7.925	88.893	11.707	18.770	30.477	2.621	7.382	10.003	105	66	171	242.071	105.458	347.529
	2011	88.203	51.805	140.008	63.265	5.679	68.944	10.194	16.581	26.775	2.362	6.396	8.758	91	110	201	164.115	80.571	244.686
Renewal	2001	18.583	10.222	28.805	313.907	27.619	341.526	40.601	50.871	91.472	18.260	45.094	63.354	967	404	1.371	392.318	134.210	526.528
	2002	7.687	4.748	12.435	311.919	28.971	340.890	36.308	44.493	80.801	22.249	55.577	77.826	527	364	891	378.690	134.153	512.843
	2003	45.663	22.313	67.976	69.203	3.056	72.259	17.944	27.505	45.449	7.498	10.303	17.801	349	48	397	140.657	63.225	203.882
	2004	42.707	9.252	51.959	275.919	24.644	300.563	80.355	89.562	169.917	24.880	62.281	87.161	924	443	1.367	424.785	186.182	610.967
	2005	62.848	11.877	74.725	307.573	27.653	335.226	86.543	93.622	180.165	30.013	66.368	96.381	790	314	1.104	487.767	199.834	687.601
	2006	96.227	19.562	115.789	320.305	30.961	351.266	103.602	98.401	202.003	38.431	77.491	115.922	881	411	1.292	559.446	226.826	786.272
	2007	55.410	18.336	73.746	408.907	36.382	445.289	127.937	117.014	244.951	39.042	86.858	125.900	845	409	1.254	632.141	258.999	891.140
	2008	52.196	18.684	70.880	491.239	44.840	536.079	116.849	123.767	240.616	48.498	106.517	155.015	770	448	1.218	709.552	294.256	1.003.808
	2009	27.513	6.388	33.901	466.450	46.782	513.232	99.001	110.756	209.757	57.688	120.214	177.902	757	498	1.255	651.409	284.638	936.047
	2010	55.919	9.733	65.652	406.014	47.306	453.320	110.746	132.125	242.871	64.042	123.159	187.201	771	597	1.368	637.492	312.920	950.412
	2011	49.764	9.476	59.240	487.291	55.450	542.741	103.130	132.173	235.303	71.479	146.192	217.671	894	638	1.532	712.558	343.929	1.056.487
Total	2001	46.770	26.827	73.597	340.925	30.739	371.664	45.717	59.390	105.107	20.736	51.576	72.312	1.063	449	1.512	455.211	168.981	624.192
	2002	36.104	24.964	61.068	351.979	33.720	385.699	40.915	53.184	94.099	24.547	62.620	87.167	626	406	1.032	454.171	174.894	629.065
	2003	62.103	25.685	87.788	374.289	31.015	405.304	54.083	66.737	120.820	32.877	72.056	104.933	1.253	461	1.714	524.605	195.954	720.559
	2004	129.255	40.783	170.038	404.406	37.000	441.406	98.066	113.818	211.884	30.004	75.865	105.869	1.067	513	1.580	662.798	267.979	930.777
	2005	181.966	35.228	217.194	452.161	39.094	491.255	109.670	120.671	230.341	35.653	82.011	117.664	969	385	1.354	780.419	277.389	1.057.808
	2006	269.608	83.651	353.259	481.424	43.365	524.789	124.732	123.910	248.642	43.137	90.381	133.518	1.176	495	1.671	920.077	341.802	1.261.879
	2007	145.332	150.453	295.785	417.492	130.119	547.611	148.855	130.930	279.785	49.159	90.306	139.465	918	499	1.417	761.756	502.307	1.264.063
	2008	172.544	98.276	270.820	546.465	50.726	597.191	128.870	141.001	269.871	51.631	115.807	167.438	831	483	1.314	900.341	406.293	1.306.634
	2009	134.899	69.697	204.596	527.854	52.092	579.946	109.875	127.140	237.015	60.620	128.604	189.224	812	527	1.339	834.060	378.060	1.212.120
	2010	202.589	81.048	283.637	486.982	55.231	542.213	122.453	150.895	273.348	66.663	130.541	197.204	876	663	1.539	879.563	418.378	1.297.941
2011	137.967	61.281	199.248	550.556	61.129	611.685	113.324	148.754	262.078	73.841	152.588	226.429	985	748	1.733	876.673	424.500	1.301.173	

Source: Ministry of Interior's records

## ANNEXED NOTE

### 1. Definitions

**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 or renewed after Ministry of Labour issues a work permit.

**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](http://www.csb.gov.kw/Socan_Statistic_EN.aspx?ID=38)