

Saudi Arabia: Number of residency permits issued by year (1984-2017)

	Number of residency permits issued
1984	802,859
1985	563,747
1986	591,261
1987	641,169
1988	615,552
1989	705,679
1990	750,412
1991	919,879
1992	1,062,305
1993	1,095,450
1994	767,243
1995	619,178
1996	962,235
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1998	876,276
1999	661,527
2000	765,903
2001	810,920
2002	1,016,151
2003	1,029,573
2004	879,261
2005	650,764
2006	1,084,646
2007	1,423,861
2008	1,641,096
2009	n.a.
2010	1,639,591
2011	1,411,688
2012	1,922,012
2013	1,839,861
2014	1,962,443
2015	2,212,635
2016	1,823,332
2017	1,842,824

Sources: General Directorate of Passports, Ministry of Interior.

1. Data collection methodology

The Ministry of Interior issues the residency permit, for workers and for family dependents.

2. Institution which provides data

CDSI/ General Authority for Statistics (GASat)

3. Data availability

(a) Published in the CDSI/GASat Statistical Yearbooks, in Chapter “Social services” until 2016 and in section “Population and Demography” in 2017 Statistical Yearbooks are available online at:

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/930>

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