

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

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