

Saudi Arabia: Work permits granted by administrative region (governorate) (2012)

Governorate	Labour permits
Riyadh	1,692,236
Makkah	957,245
Madinah	163,231
Al-Qasseem	293,953
Eastern	1,146,432
Assir	157,872
Hail	96,862
Tabouk	43,694
Al-Baha	26,390
Northern Border	22,963
Al-Jouf	44,542
Jazan	47,987
Najran	117,688
Total	4,811,095

Source: Ministry of Labour

1. Definitions

Classification used for economic activity is adapted from ISIC 3.1

2. Data collection methodology

The issuance of the residency and work permits begins with filing an application with the Ministry of Labor.

After its approval, the Ministry of Labor forwards the application to the Ministry of Interior for the issuance of the residency permit.

3. Institution which provides data

Ministry of Labour

4. Data availability

Published in Ministry of Labour's Statistical Yearbooks

MoL Yearbooks (in Arabic) are available online at

<http://portal.mol.gov.sa/ar/Statistics/Pages/default.aspx> (all issues since 2004)

2012's Yearbook:

<http://portal.mol.gov.sa/ar/Statistics/Documents/%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%83%D8%AA%D8%A7%D8%A8%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%AD%D8%B5%D8%A7%D8%A6%D9%8A%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B3%D9%86%D9%88%D9%8A%20%D9%84%D8%B9%D8%A7%D9%85%202012%D9%85%20.pdf>

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