

Saudi Arabia: Work permits granted by administrative region (governorate) (2013)

Governorate	Labour permits
Riyadh	2,539,800
Makkah	1,521,470
Madinah	247,681
Al-Qasseem	372,031
Eastern	1,449,990
Assir	228,113
Hail	107,468
Tabouk	53,484
Al-Baha	34,610
Northern Border	34,826
Al-Jouf	56,575
Jazan	84,458
Najran	144,293
Total	6,874,799

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)

2013'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%202013.pdf>

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