

Saudi Arabia: Work permits granted for private sector employment, by administrative region (governorate) (2014)

Governorate	Labour permits
Riyadh	2,848,185
Makkah	1,779,868
Madinah	272,905
Al-Qasseem	308,175
Eastern	1,582,864
Assir	248,685
Hail	103,089
Tabouk	63,225
Al-Baha	37,204
Northern Border	34,086
Al-Jouf	54,825
Jazan	85,684
Najran	105,531
Total	7,524,326

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 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

The figures are published in the Ministry of Labour's website (open data section) (in Arabic).

<http://portal.mol.gov.sa/ar/Statistics/Pages/opendata.aspx?m=8>

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