

Saudi Arabia: Work permits issued by economic activity sector (2010-2011)

Economic activity sector of work permit' holder	year	
	2010	2011
Agriculture, Forests, Hunting and Fishing	97,414	135,689
Mines, Oil, Gas and Quarries	13,691	11,355
Manufacturing industries	342,181	418,885
Electricity, Gas and Water	10,483	7,340
Construction	1,762,186	2,263,656
Retails and Hotels	636,953	691,985
Transports and Storage	92,733	133,215
Finance, Insurance, Real estate services and Businesses	51,272	55,550
Collective, Social, and Personal services	323,033	370,418
Non stated	15,684	0
TOTAL	3,345,630	4,088,093

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)

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