

Saudi Arabia: Work permits issued by occupation category (2013)

Occupation of permit holder	2013
Managers and Business Managers	17,759
Specialists in Scientific, Technical and Humanities Fields	574,031
Technicians in Scientific, Technical and Humanities Fields	541,819
Clerical Workers	21,724
Sales Persons	224,624
Service Persons	2,093,041
Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fishing	122,665
Industrial, Chemical and Food Industries	213,935
Engineering Support	3,063,833
Non stated	1,368
TOTAL	6,874,799

Source: Ministry of Labour

1. Definitions

Classification used for occupations is adapted from ISCO 1988.

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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