

Cancelled residence permits by nationality group of holder (Kuwait) (2005-2013)

Nationality group	year of cancellation								
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Arabs	152,866	117,840	52,307	41,310	54,672	75,189	43,100	42,501	38,123
Europeans/ Americans	11,124	12,065	8,408	7,487	7,402	8,428	7,277	6,680	4,896
Asians	357,053	358,879	260,467	206,823	184,648	226,242	147,772	120,621	87,582
Africans	2,057	2,219	2,710	3,910	5,790	10,134	9,418	8,836	6,252
Total	523,100	491,003	323,892	259,530	252,512	319,993	207,567	178,638	136,853

Source: Ministry of Interior's records

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Definitions

The table refers to all types of residency permits, i.e. granted under articles 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 of the immigration regulations, cancelled during the given years.

A residence visa is cancelled if the holder leaves Kuwait for a continuous period of six months, after termination of his employment period or not. The only exceptions are for those who:

- Are studying abroad
- Are receiving necessary treatment abroad, or
- Are required by virtue of their work to be abroad,

In all three cases, permission has to be obtained before leaving Kuwait.

The bidoun, a stateless population, are not included in the residency documents holders.

Residency procedures do not apply to GCC nationals.

2. Institution which provides data

Ministry of Interior

3. Period of data coverage

January 1st- December 31st, given years

4. Data availability

a- 2005-2009' data is published in MoI' 2009 Statistical Yearbook, in Chapter "Immigration statistics", available online at:

<http://www.moi.gov.kw/portal/varabic/statistics/stats.htm>

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b- 2007-2011' data is tabulated in MoI' 2011 Statistical Yearbook, in Chapter "Immigration statistics" (not available online). The volume may be directly obtained from MoI.