

GCC: Some estimates of foreign residents in GCC states by country of citizenship (selected countries, last available date, 2015-2018)

Nationality	Bahrain (mid-2018)	Kuwait (end 2018)	Oman (mid-2017)	Qatar (c.2016)	UAE (c. 2015)
Afghanistan	22			3,500 – 4,000	150,000
Azerbaijan	22			120	7,000
Bangladesh	133,375	281,131	718,856	280,000	700,000
Bhutan	74				
China	1,011			>10,000	200,000
India	316,784	1,012,104	766,735	650,000	2,600,000
Indonesia	744	2,946*	14,155	43,000	85,000
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	243			30,000	400– 500,000***
Japan	140			944	2,603
Kazakhstan	21			200	5,000 – 6,000
Korea, Republic of	147			2,000	10,000
Kyrgyzstan	47			330	
Malaysia	211			4,848	6,000 – 7,000
Myanmar	175				
Nepal	16,757	70,378	16,580	>350,000	300,000
Pakistan	58,877	109,427	268,868	125,000	1,200,000
Philippines	36,796	213,989	45,213	260,000	525,530
Singapore	40			300	>2,000
Sri Lanka	5,922	93,749	20,003	145,256	300,000
Taiwan	9				400
Thailand	1,698			4,500	10,000
Turkey	1,610			8,000	10,000
Uzbekistan	52				
Viet Nam	86			2,000	
Asia		1,868,208			
Algeria	102			5,000	10,000
Egypt	24,569	670,524	46,970	200,000	400,000***
Iraq	472			8,976	52,000
Jordan	7,791			40,000	200,000
Kuwait	36				

Lebanon	987			24,000	100,000***
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	55				
Mauritania	54				5,000
Morocco	1,489				
Oman	174				
Qatar	19				
Saudi Arabia	396	127,604			
Sudan	1,113			50,000	75,000
Syria	3,599	160,120		54,000	
Tunisia	712			20,000	
United Arab Emirates	19				
West bank and Gaza strip	277			20,000	150,000
Yemen	5,720				90,000
Arab countries		1,261,062			
Benin	4			82	
Cameroon	204				
Central African Rep.	130				
Chad	12				200
Eritrea	35			10,000	3,000
Ethiopia	1,160	18,905*	13,572	22,000	90,000
Gambia	106			135	
Ghana	771	2,231*		5,000	500
Ivory Coast	5	3,036*			
Kenya	1,618			14,000	40,000
Liberia				40	
Madagascar	2	3,589*			
Mali	12				
Mauritius	27				
Nigeria	115			7,500	
Senegal	22			a few hundreds	700 – 800
Seychelles	27				
Somalia	58				70,000
South Africa	436			6,000	100,000
Tanzania, United Rep. of	88		17,077		
Uganda	756		20,886	3,000	
Zambia	4				
Zimbabwe	57				
Africa		47,227			
Albania	63			1,200	200 – 300
Austria	42			500	2,500

Belarus	56	200	2,500
Belgium	61	600	3,000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	16		1,000 – 2,000
Bulgaria	319	500	
Croatia	21	500	
Cyprus	94		1,000
Czech Republic	24	100	1,500
Denmark	34	900	3,000 – 4,000
Finland	9	200	1,180
France	389	5,000	25,000
Germany	212	2,000	12,000
Greece	141	2,200	5,000
Hungary	35	300	2,500
Ireland	288	2,000	7,000
Italy	200	2,100	10,000
Latvia	3	10	300
Macedonia		1,000	
Moldova, Rep. of	12	154	
Netherlands	75	1,432	5,000
Norway	12	160	1,184
Poland	82	700 – 800	2,348
Portugal	93	1,500	
Romania	136	2,500	
Russian Federation	144	2,000	
Serbia and Montenegro	9	2,000	5,000
Slovakia	37	100	1,000
Slovenia	4		100 – 150
Spain	107	3,500	12,000
Sweden	102	527	4,000
Switzerland	148	250	2,430
Ukraine	159	1,000	5,000
United Kingdom	4,190	25,000	120,000
Europe		18,076	
United States	897	>11,000**	50,000
Canada	428	9,000	40,000
North America		20,513	
Argentina	7	400	
Brazil	91	1,500	
Chile	12		270
Colombia	42	200	
Cuba	7	600	

Dominican Republic	3		44	2,000-3,000
Ecuador	8		100	
El Salvador	7		100	
Mexico	48		400	3,000 – 3,500
Peru	7			300
Venezuela	43		337	1,200
South and Latin America		1,813		
Australia	297		5,500	16,000
New Zealand	134		989	444
Australia and Oceania		1,626		
Other/Unclassified	11,429		105,679	21
Total foreign nationals	648,873	3,218,525	2,054,594	n.a.

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

* Domestic labourers only.

**Only Military personnel. Data for overall US population in Qatar not available

*** 2013 data.

Blank cell means data was not available.

Estimates for Saudi Arabia were not included here.

See section POP 1.2 in the Saudi Arabia page for some estimates and ranges of foreign residents by country of nationality.

2. Characteristics and sources of data/ estimates:

Bahrain:

Expatriate management system (EMS) of LMRA, quarterly data. Figures were calculated by the author using the following datasets:

http://blmi.lmra.bh/2018/06/data/ems/Table_07a.xls (workers) and

http://blmi.lmra.bh/2018/06/data/ems/Table_60.xls (family dependents).

These estimates of foreign residents are inferred from figures of expat visa issuances (GCC workers are not included).

EMS data include domestic workers but exclude work visas for artists and certain other categories of workers in non-civilian organisations (Armed Forces, for instance).

Kuwait:

Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) data (administrative records).

<https://www.paci.gov.kw/stat/>

Oman:

NCSI. Population Statistics, Issue 7, 2018.

Data is taken from administrative records.

Qatar:

Data from foreign embassies and press sources (national or foreign officials), in:

SNOJ, J. Population of Qatar by nationality – 2017 report, Priya DSouza Consultancy, February 2017.

<http://priyadsouza.com/population-of-qatar-by-nationality-in-2017/>

However, the current figures were found to match official records from the Qatari Interior Ministry (residency documents).

Figures for the total foreign population cannot be included, since the estimates miss certain countries, and were released for various dates of reference.

UAE:

Data from foreign embassies and press sources (national or foreign officials), in:

Snoj, Jure. "UAE's population- by nationality", BQ Magazine, Doha, April 12, 2015.

<http://www.bq-magazine.com/economy/socioeconomics/2015/04/uae-population-by-nationality>

(link dead). For details on the original publication, see:

<https://gulfmigration.org/uae-estimates-of-population-residing-in-the-uae-by-country-of-citizenship-selected-countries-2014/>

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