

# Kuwait: Article 18 (Non-Governmental Labour) residence permits granted by nationality group and sex of holder (2010-2013)

	2010			2011			2012			2013		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Arab countries	344,316	21,905	366,221	354,411	22,876	377,287	366,187	23,818	390,005	392,758	26,370	419,128
Non-Arab Asian countries	549,264	50,063	599,327	568,235	53,481	621,716	600,257	60,039	660,296	643,489	66,162	709,651
Non-Arab African countries	2,135	990	3,125	2,547	1,335	3,882	3,240	1,706	4,946	3,910	2,049	5,959
Europe	3,215	1,256	4,471	3,420	1,281	4,701	3,476	1,364	4,840	3,605	1,532	5,137
North America	7,861	1,942	9,803	7,679	1,985	9,664	7,379	2,142	9,521	6,415	1,940	8,355
Central and South America	349	75	424	344	71	415	342	79	421	328	85	413
Australia and Oceania	453	133	586	413	123	536	403	115	518	426	112	538
Other	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>907,594</b>	<b>76,364</b>	<b>983,958</b>	<b>937,050</b>	<b>81,152</b>	<b>1,018,202</b>	<b>981,285</b>	<b>89,263</b>	<b>1,070,548</b>	<b>1,050,932</b>	<b>98,250</b>	<b>1,149,182</b>

Source: Ministry of Interior  
ANNEXED NOTE

## 1. Definitions

Residency procedures do not apply to GCC nationals.

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

Data presented in the table are stock data: all the non-national residents holding a residence permit on December 31st, the given year. The table excludes the Bedoon, the non-Kuwaiti GCC citizens and those in irregular situation.

Permits 17, 18, 19 and 20 are only granted after Ministry of Labour issues a work permit.

Totals for the year 2012 presented here differ slightly from totals in other tables pertaining to this year published in the database.

## 2. Institution which provides data

Central Statistical Bureau (CSB), Ministry of Planning.

## 3. Period of data coverage

December 31st, given years.

## 4. Data availability

The present data is taken from the report "Migration Statistics 2013", published by the CSB.

The report processes Ministry of Interior's (Directorate of Migration's) raw figures of permits granted to foreign residents by type/ purpose of permit,

sex and regional origin of holder, for the years 2010 to 2013.  
The report (in Arabic, PDF format with Excel tables) is available on CSB's website (Population Statistics, then Migration Statistics)  
[http://www.csb.gov.kw/Socan\\_Statistic.aspx?ID=56](http://www.csb.gov.kw/Socan_Statistic.aspx?ID=56)

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