

# Kuwait: Article 24 (Self-Sponsorship) 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	623	696	1,319	639	701	1,340	716	747	1,463	833	793	1,626
Non-Arab Asian countries	189	194	383	186	196	382	185	205	390	198	213	411
Non-Arab African countries	9	8	17	7	11	18	7	12	19	7	14	21
Europe	17	21	38	19	21	40	17	21	38	20	23	43
North America	30	11	41	29	12	41	37	16	53	39	23	62
Central and South America	7	3	10	6	4	10	6	1	7	7	1	8
Australia and Oceania	0	3	3	0	3	3	1	4	5	3	5	8
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>2,179</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.

**Self sponsorship permit:** Expatriates may sponsor themselves under article 24 of the regulations and obtain a residence for two to five years under several conditions

(among which: being aged 60 and more, having worked no less than 25 years in Kuwait, owning a capital of 10000 KD at least; being able to produce a certificate of good conduct, being effectively residing in Kuwait with his/her family, etc.).

This form of residence can be renewed upon expiry. Self-sponsored expatriates may sponsor their wives and children.

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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