

# Residence permits by type/ purpose of permit, sex and country of citizenship of holder (2009) (some nationalities)

Country of citizenship	14		17		18		19		20		22		23		24		TOTAL ALL PERMITS		TOTAL
	Temporary permits		Governmental sector permits		Private sector permits		Business		Domestic help		Dependant permits		Study		Self residence permits		males	females	
ARAB COUNTRIES	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	total
Iraq	59	28	185	48	3,695	629	4	0	43	35	3,502	7,095	0	0	68	184	7,476	35	15,495
Syria	848	146	3,574	1,227	49,579	2,682	88	2	346	37	38,819	41,568	2	0	87	110	85,343	45,772	131,115
Lebanon	143	72	644	430	14,823	4,233	50	3	9	24	8,038	14,741	2	1	75	57	23,784	19,561	43,345
Jordan	221	63	1,376	946	13,567	3,892	26	1	7	5	11,126	19,462	5	2	107	98	26,435	23,669	50,104
Palestine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Egypt	3,478	350	28,107	13,996	259,305	8,815	19	3	1,468	102	42,748	68,310	12	6	121	177	335,258	91,759	427,017
Other Arabs	168	57	1,568	906	10,045	2,432	5	0	565	101	4,771	9,108	26	3	135	46	17,283	12,653	29,936
Total Arab nationalities	4,917	716	35,374	17,553	351,014	21,883	192	9	2,438	304	101,004	160,284	47	12	593	672	495,579	201,433	697,012
OTHER COUNTRIES																			0
Iran	275	41	494	197	26,989	1,316	55	0	591	58	5,421	11,124	6	1	149	82	33,980	12,819	46,799
Philippines	270	969	1,493	1,565	22,661	20,866	0	0	538	55,455	2,149	4,620	15	17	1	41	27,119	62,733	109,852
Pakistan	1,164	31	2,636	189	94,832	750	41	0	2,889	42	8,834	16,779	23	4	15	4	109,634	17,789	127,423
India	4,081	1,107	7,893	8,480	251,845	15,313	45	1	153,454	76,270	24,773	51,731	13	2	14	32	442,118	152,936	595,054
Bangladesh	2,055	91	6,315	61	118,920	3,632	2	0	68,464	1,717	2,467	4,884	3	0	2	1	198,228	10,386	208,614
Sri Lanka	221	1,139	370	114	10,860	3,690	0	0	12,638	68,653	984	2,722	14	0	0	13	25,867	76,331	101,418
Other nationalities	1,237	2,244	2,903	1,017	43,839	6,361	27	3	4,734	106,260	8,356	14,125	389	140	71	58	61,556	130,208	191,764
TOTAL ALL NATIONALITIES	14,220	6,338	57,478	29,176	920,160	73,011	362	13	245,738	308,759	153,988	266,269	510	176	845	903	1,393,301	684,645	2,077,946
GRAND TOTAL	20,558		86,654		993,171		375		554,497		420,257		686		1,748		2,077,946		2,077,946

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.

**Temporary permit:** An expatriate may be granted temporary residence under article 14 of the immigration regulations in special cases where he does not need or cannot get ordinary residence.

This allows the expatriate to stay for up to one year, for personal emergencies such as illness, or after resignation from employment in order to settle financial affairs or a court case.

**Dependent permit:** spouse, children or elderly dependent relatives can join visa holder (sponsor) in Kuwait, if the expatriate has obtained a residency and is earning a minimum of KD250 a month (private and government sector alike).

A working wife cannot sponsor her husband as a dependent. Also, sons over the age of 21 years cannot be sponsored as dependants, though adult daughters and parents may be permitted. Dependent family members are not allowed to work on a Dependent Visa, unless they transfer it into a work visa under Kuwaiti sponsorship. This can be done only after 6 to 12 months of holding a dependent visa.

Every children including new born babies must hold a residency permit. The application for the infant's residence must be made within 60 days of the birth

The Dependent Visa holder is permitted to stay as long as the sponsor holds a valid visa.

**Self residence 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.

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

## **2. Institution which provides data**

Ministry of Interior

## **3. Period of data coverage**

December 31st, 2009

## **4. Data availability**

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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