



# Labour Market Indicators

## Kingdom of Bahrain | Second Quarter 2024

- Foreign workers active permits reached 631,763 permits by the end of the second quarter of 2024 representing an increase of 3.8% annually compared to 608,411 permits in the second quarter of 2023.
- The number of new employment work permits issued by LMRA during the second quarter of 2024 was 33,740 showing an annual decrease rate of 5%.
- The share of organisations employing less than 10 workers of employment work permits was 54% of total new employment work permits issued during the second quarter of 2024.

Active Work Permits <sup>1</sup>	Value	Change
Total	631,763	3.8%
Work Permits <sup>2</sup>	Value	Change
New Work Permits	33,740	-5.0%
Renewals	99,279	10.2%
Terminations	23,778	-13.6%
Transfer	16,053	-5.9%
Domestic Permits	Value	Change
New Domestic Permits	7,304	12.6%
Renewals	6,797	7.4%

### Work Permits

- The total number of new permits issued by LMRA during the second quarter of 2024 was 41,792 permits, out of which, 33,740 were employment work permits, 1,566 investor permits, and 6,486 for dependents. The total number of permits issued decreased by 8.6% compared to 45,730 permits issued in the second quarter of 2023.
- The number of permit renewals issued by LMRA during the second quarter was 116,663 renewals, out of which, 99,279 were for employment permits, 2,958 for investors, and 14,426 for dependents. The total number of renewals increased by 8.1% compared to 107,912 in the second quarter of 2023.
- The number of permit terminations processed by LMRA based on request during the second quarter of 2024 was 28,670, out of which 23,778 were for employment work permits, 492 for investors, and 4,400 for dependents.
- The economic sector with the highest number of new work permits for employment permits type continues to be the construction sector with a share of 23% from total employment permits issued, followed by the wholesale and retail trade sector with a share of 20%, then the accommodation and food service activities sector with a share of 14%.

**All percentage growth rates or differences of levels shown in the dashboard represent the change from the same quarter a year before.**

1. Includes only civilian employed persons in the sectors. LMRA is using data from LMRA Expat management System (EMS) to produce the total number of active work permits.
2. Excluding permits for domestic workers and investors.

