
The Bahraini Experience

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Statistical Overview of Contracted Laborers in Bahrain

• Contracted laborers (thousands), 1960: 26.7
• Contracted laborers (thousands), 1990: 173.2
• Contracted laborers (thousands), 2005: 278.2
• Contracted laborers (thousands), 2007: 359.2

• International Contracted laborers as a percentage of total population, 2007: 34.6

• Female share of international Contracted laborers (%), 2005: 31.9
Education and employment of Contracted Laborers in Bahrain

- Percentage of Contracted laborers with less than upper secondary education, 2000-2005: 15.8
- Percentage of Contracted laborers with upper secondary or post-secondary non-tertiary education, 2000-2005: 40.6
- Percentage of Contracted laborers with tertiary education, 2000-2005: 40.2
- Labour force participation rate of Contracted laborers (%), 2000-2005: 61.7
International financial flows: remittances

- Remittance outflows (US$ millions), 2007: 1,483
- Remittance outflows per international Contracted laborers (US$), 2007: 5,018
Selected conventions related to human rights and migration
(by year of ratification).

• International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families 2004
• Convention relating to the Status of Refugees 2006
• International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 1990
• International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 2007
• International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 2002
• Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 1998
• Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment 1992
• Convention on the Rights of the Child
Bahraini Laws and Ministerial decrees

• Law (1) on Prevention of Human Trafficking 2008
• Ministerial Decree (1) National Committee for the prevention of Human Trafficking (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) 2008
• Ministerial Decree (136) Establishing a sector for Preventing Human Trafficking (Ministry of Interior) 2007
• Ministerial Decree (30) Committee for evaluating the Status of victims of Human Trafficking (Ministry of Social Development) 2008
• Law (19) Labor Market organization 2006
• Ministerial Decree (79) Freedom of Contracted Laborers internal movement) 2009
• Law (78) Unemployment Insurance 2006
• Royal Decree (46) Establishing National Human Rights Organization 2009
Social Services
(Ministry of Social Development)

- Dar Al Aman (Shelter for abused contracted laborers- women) 2006
- Bahrain Center for Child Protection 2007
- NGO partnership (2 shelters, NGO Fund, NGO Annual Grants, National Center for NGO Support)
- Registered expat NGO’s 54
- Registered churches and places of worship 19
- Free health services (nominal fees) & education* (ministry of Health & Education)