

**Human Rights and Migration:
Working Together for Safe,
Dignified, and Secure Migration.
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

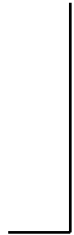
- Female share of international Contracted laborers (%), 2005 31.9

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 ..
- Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime **2004**
- Convention relating to the Status of Refugees ..
- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination **1990**
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights **2006**
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights **2007**
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women **2002**
- Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment **1998**
- Convention on the Rights of the Child **1992**]

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)