



Ministry of Labour Syrian Refugee Unit -- Monthly Progress Report

Syrian Refugee Unit Work Permit Progress Report January 2020

Timeframe	Report includes data gathered through Jan 31, 2020
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Introduction

This report was compiled by the Ministry of Labour's (MOL) Syrian Refugee Unit (SRU) and will provide the following:

- Total work permits issued to Syrian refugees.
- Disaggregation of work permits data by gender, type of permit, and location.
- Camp-specific work permits issuances.

January 1, 2016 to January 31, 2020	179,445 permits issued
January, 2020	2,525 permits issued
January 1, 2020 to January 31, 2020	2,525 permits issued
<i>Of which issued from camps February 2017 to January 31, 2020</i>	40,316 permits issued



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Highlights

- **2,525** WP's were issued in **January** 2020, the situation returned to applying working according to the comprehensive instructions Document related to the employment of Syrian labour which has been published in the Official Gazette in Issue No. 5549 Date of 2/12/2018.
- During January 2020, **1211** flexible WP's were issued in the construction sector under the umbrella of the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions (GFJTU), with total of **32,280** WP's.
- **1,074** flexible WP's were issued in January 2020 in the agriculture sector under the umbrella of the cooperatives, with total of **68,681** WP's.
- The ninth Grace Period for Syrian refugees Work Permits valid until 31 December 2020.
- Ministry of labour has started later in September a grace and correction period on regulation migrant workers in the labour market .
- Group of instructions regarding the formalizing of the labour market in Jordan have been published through the media tools. Demonstrating the terms and procedures.
- The decrease in the number of work permits for January was due to the waiting for the cabinet approval the waiver of work permits fees for Syrian refugees.
- No change on the comprehensive instructions for Syrian refugees in the labour market.



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Analysis

- **Work Permit Issuances by Gender**

Period	Male	Female	Total
January 1, 2016 to January 31, 2020	170,938 (95.2%)	8,507 (4.8%)	179,445
January , 2020	2,421 (95.9%)	104 (4.1%)	2,525
January 1, 2020 to January 31, 2020	2,421 (95.9%)	104 (4.1 %)	2,525

- **Work Permit Issuances by Type**

Type	January 2020	Acc / 2019
First-Time Issuance	453	857
Renewal	1,136	1,451
Change of Workplace	349	708
Social Security Purposes ¹	8	53
Recruitment ²	55	0
Temporary Permits ³	1	110
Retroactively	523	7
total	2,525	3,186

¹For purposes of collecting the social security entitlements, work permits may be renewed.

² Recruitment involves hiring non-Jordanian workers while they are still in their country of origin and bringing them to Jordan for work.

³Based on new instructions and a circular related to employment for cash-for-work projects, short-term work permits were introduced.



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• **Work Permit Issuances by Governorate**

Governorate	# w p January 2020	# w p Acc 2019	Governorate	# w p January 2020	# w p Acc 2019
Amman	511	1,138	Karak	20	7
Madaba	4	14	Ma'an	1	934
Irbid	993	793	Zarqa	394	35
Jerash	534	220	Ma'raq	49	15
Ajloun	2	23	Tafila	0	0
Balqa	17	7	Aqaba	0	7
January 2020	2,525				
Acc 2019	3,186				

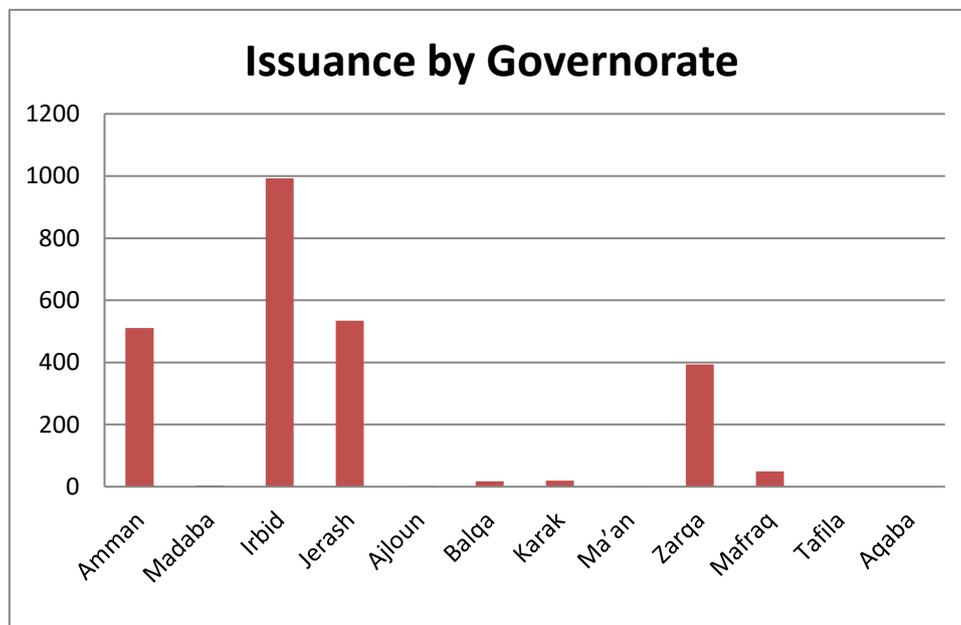


Figure 1: Work Permit Issuances by Governorate January 2020.



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• **Work Permits January 2020 by Economic Activity, comparing with January 2019.**

Economic Activity/Field	January - 2019	%	January- 2020	%	change
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	1,565	33.6%	940	16.2%	-625
Mining and quarrying	170	3.6%	129	2.2%	-41
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
Water supply, sewage, waste management activities	0	0.0%	29	0.5%	29
Construction	1035	22.2%	991	17.1%	-44
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles	125	2.7%	87	1.5%	-38
Transportation and storage	55	1.2%	0	0.0%	-55
Hospitality and food service activities	179	3.8%	101	1.7%	-78
Information and communication	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	-2
Financial and insurance activities	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0



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Real estate activities	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
Professional, scientific and technical activities	6	0.1%	1	0.0%	-5
Administrative and support service activities	6	0.1%	76	1.3%	70
Public administration and defense; compulsory social	17	0.4%	123	2.1%	106
Education	9	0.2%	6	0.1%	-3
Human health and social work activities	3	0.1%	5	0.1%	2
Arts, entertainment and recreation	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
Other service activities	0	0.0%	18	0.3%	18
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services-producing activities of households for own use.	12	0.3%	1	0.0%	-11
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	2	0.0%	18	0.3%	16
Total	3,186	100.0%	2,525	100.0%	-661

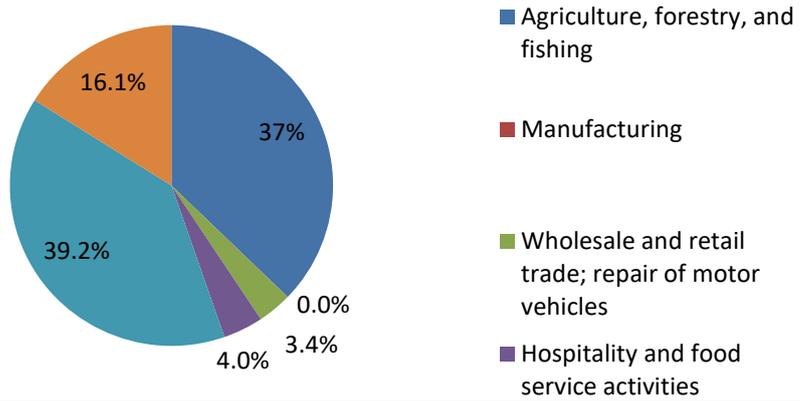
Work Permit Issuances by Economic Activity, January 2020 comparing with, January 2019



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Issuance by Economic Activity (All Governorate)



• Figure 2: Work Permit Issuances by Economic Activity, January 2020.



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• **Work Permit Issuances by Camp acc up to 31/01/2020.**

Camp	Work Permits Issued
Za'atari Camp	27,051
Azraq Camp	11,592
Cyber Camp	84
Mreijeb Camp	1,538
Unknown or Old Record	51
Total	40,316

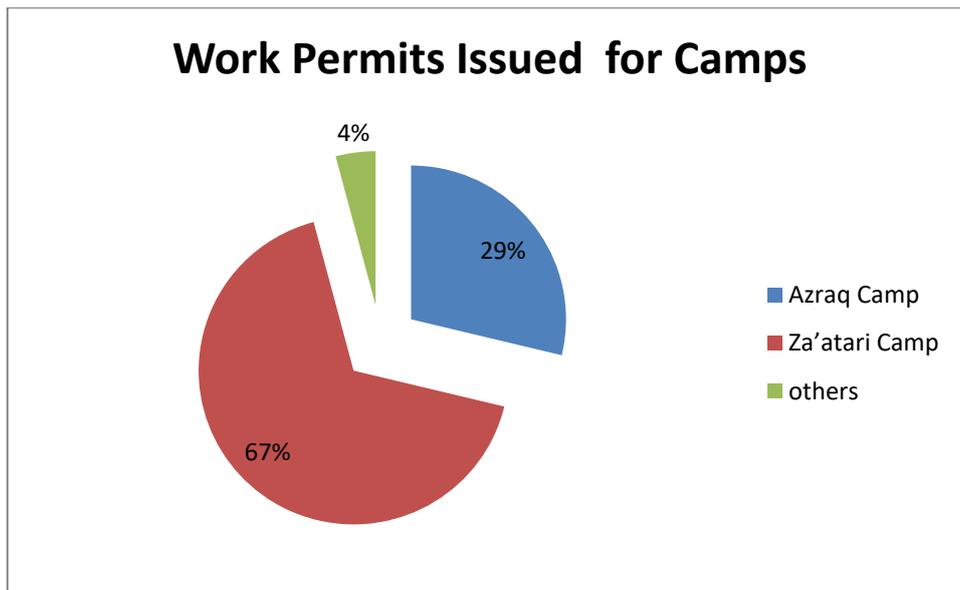


Figure3: Work Permit Issuances by Camp (1/2/2017 to 31/01/2020)