673,957 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR in Jordan

318,236 In working age (or 47.2% of the population)

Men mostly work in agriculture & construction
Women prefer home-based activities

Cumulative number of work permits issued:

- Total: 288,876
- Syrian refugees: 271,250
- Non-Jordanians: 17,626

- Syrian refugees’ work is regulated by Jordanian Labour Law as it applies to non-Jordanian workers
- Syrian refugees can work in the occupations open to foreigners; many sectors of work are not available to them until now
- Syrian refugees can register and operate a business

Agricultural Cooperative facilitates access to work permits

‘Freelance’ work permits in construction through the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions

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2018 November New decision issued to allow Syrian refugees to register & operate home-based businesses

2020 Ministry of Labour announced the list of occupations allowed to non-Jordanian workers by economic activity and allow issuance of flexible work permits for those occupations

2021 Social security registration is mandatory for flexible work permit holders

Zaatari Office for Employment
14,473 Work Permit

Azraq Centre for Employment
4,209 Work Permit

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