# Syrian Refugee Unit Work Permit Progress Report April *2019*

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| Timeframe | Report includes data gathered through April 30, 2019 |
| Report compiled by | Syrian Refugee Unit at the Ministry of Labour |
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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.

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| January 1, 2016 to April 30, 2019 | **142,520** permits issued |
| April, 2019 | **3,500** permits issued |
| January 1, 2019 to April 30, 2019 | **13,366** permits issued |
| *Of which issued from camps February 2017 to* April 30, 2019 | ***29,670****permits issued* |

## Highlights

* **3,500** WP’s were issued in April 2019, with small decrease when compared with last month March 2019 of **3,634** WP’s, but with significant decrease compared with March 2018 of **4,310** WP’s.
* During April 2019, **883** flexible WP’s were issued in the construction sector under the umbrella of the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions (GFJTU), with total of **23,378** WP’s.
* **968** flexible WP’s were issued in April 2019 in the agriculture sector under the umbrella of the cooperatives, with total of **51,209** WP’s.
* The eighth Grace Period for Syrian refugees Work Permits valid until 31 December 2019.
* Following the Council of Ministers approval on the automatic renewal of Syrians work Permits issued in 10/1/2019, related mechanism and procedures for work permits renewal are currently under development.

## Analysis

### Work Permit Issuances by Gender

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| Period | Male | Female | Total |
| January 1, 2016 to April 30, 2019 | 135,976  (95.5%) | 6,544  (4.5%) | 142,520 |
| April, 2019 | 3,273  (93.6%) | 227  (6.4%) | 3,500 |
| January 1, 2019 to April 30, 2019 | 12,432  (93%) | 934  (7 %) | 13,366 |

* **Work Permit Issuances by Type**

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| Type | March 2019 | Acc / 2019 |
| First-Time Issuance | 677 | 3,022 |
| Renewal | 1,961 | 6,612 |
| Change of Workplace | 571 | 2,562 |
| Social Security Purposes[[1]](#footnote-2) | 50 | 161 |
| Recruitment[[2]](#footnote-3) | 0 | 0 |
| Temporary Permits[[3]](#footnote-4) | 11 | 620 |
| Retroactively | 230 | 389 |

* **Work Permit Issuances by Governorate**

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| Governorate | # w p  April  2019 | # w p  Acc  2019 | Governorate | # w p  April  2019 | # w p  Acc  2019 |
| Amman | 1,520 | 5,181 | Karak | 48 | 175 |
| Madaba | 28 | 67 | Ma’an | 22 | 52 |
| Irbid | 855 | 3,372 | Zarqa | 748 | 3,023 |
| Jerash | 165 | 994 | Mafraq | 83 | 248 |
| Ajloun | 5 | 25 | Tafila | 2 | 54 |
| Balqa | 24 | 175 | Aqaba | 0 | 0 |
| **April 2019** | **3,500** | | | | |
| **Acc 2019** | **13,366** | | | | |

Figure 1: Work Permit Issuances by Governorate April 2019.

### Work Permits March 2019 by Economic Activity, comparing with March 2018.

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| **Economic Activity/Field** | **April -2018** | **%** | **April -2019** | **%** | **change** |
| Agriculture, forestry, and fishing | 1,479 | 34.3% | 1,002 | 28.6% | -477 |
| Mining and quarrying | 2 | 0.0% | 2 | 0.1% | 0 |
| Manufacturing | 741 | 17.2% | 655 | 18.7% | -86 |
| Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning | 1 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.0% | 0 |
| Water supply, sewage, waste management activities | 4 | 0.1% | 3 | 0.1% | -1 |
| Construction | 1101 | 25.5% | 939 | 26.8% | -162 |
| Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles | 435 | 10.1% | 310 | 8.9% | -125 |
| Transportation and storage | 8 | 0.2% | 11 | 0.3% | 3 |
| Hospitality and food service activities | 379 | 8.8% | 427 | 12.2% | 48 |
| Information and communication | 3 | 0.1% | 5 | 0.1% | 2 |
| Financial and insurance activities | 1 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | -1 |
| Real estate activities | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.0% | 1 |
| Professional, scientific and technical activities | 11 | 0.3% | 13 | 0.4% | 2 |
| Administrative and support service activities | 14 | 0.3% | 11 | 0.3% | -3 |
| Public administration and defense; compulsory social | 59 | 1.4% | 66 | 1.9% | 7 |
| Education | 12 | 0.3% | 5 | 0.1% | -7 |
| Human health and social work activities | 7 | 0.2% | 2 | 0.1% | -5 |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 |
| Other service activities | 24 | 0.6% | 38 | 1.1% | 14 |
| Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services-producing activities of households for own use. | 10 | 0.2% | 9 | 0.3% | -1 |
| Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies | 19 | 0.4% | 0 | 0.0% | -19 |
| **Total** | **4,310** | 100.0% | **3,500** | 100.0% | -810 |

Work Permit Issuances by Economic Activity, April 2019 comparing with, April 2018

* Figure 2: Work Permit Issuances by Economic Activity, April 2019.
* **Work Permit Issuances by Camp acc up to 30/4/2019.**

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| Camp | Work Permits Issued |
| Za’atari Camp | 20,112 |
| Azraq Camp | 9,154 |
| Cyber Camp | 68 |
| Mreijeb Camp | 1,107 |
| Unknown or Old Record | 54 |
| Total | **30,495** |

Figure3: Work Permit Issuances by Camp (1/2/2017 to 30/4/2019)

1. For purposes of collecting the social security entitlements, work permits may be renewed. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Recruitment involves hiring non-Jordanian workers while they are still in their country of origin and bringing them to Jordan for work. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Based on new instructions and a circular related to employment for cash-for-work projects, short-term work permits were introduced. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)