

Premium Residency Program — Saudi Arabia's Talent & Investor Residency Track

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Saudi Arabia's Premium Residency scheme grew from 73 permits in 2019 to a record 8,074 in 2024, but evidence shows uptake concentrated among wealthy investors rather than its dedicated 'Talent' category.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	0/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

[Premium Residency Center, Government of Saudi Arabia](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

[Gulf News](#) — record 8,074 premium residency permits in 2024 — accessed 2026-07-08

[Argaam](#) — 1,238 international investors obtain Saudi Premium Residency — accessed 2026-07-08

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