GCC: Foreign populations in the six GCC states (mid-year figures, 2010-2024)

	Bahrain	Kuwait*	Oman	Qatar	Saudi Arabia	UAE
2010	657,856	2,433,691	816,143	N.A.	9,932,323	6,003,140
2011	610,332	2,514,107	1,530,437	N.A.	10,749,738	6,250,690
2012	609,335	2,611,292	1,530,437	N.A.	11,485,315	6,514,991
2013	638,361	2,722,645	1,683,204	N.A.	12,544,603	6,790,777
2014	683,818	2,816,136	1,732,188	N.A.	12,774,237	7,184,260
2015	722,487	2,931,401	1,814,156	N.A.	13,848,311	7,618,340
2016	759,019	3,073,431	1,986,226	N.A.	14,598,886	7,979,782
2017	823,610	3,130,463	2,054,594	N.A.	14,280,375	8,131,525
2018	813,377	3,218,525	2,013,523	N.A.	13,110,645	8,164,997
2019	781,929	3,344,362	1,962,815	N.A.	12,556,628	8,268,140
2020	758,941	3,210,743	1,858,516	N.A.	13,573,923	8,014,862
2021	784,624	2,897,001	1,712,565	N.A.	12,403,714	8,557,624
2022	835,525	3,276,492	1,894,657	N.A.	13,382,962	8,957,263
2023	849,707	3,367,490	2,183,967	N.A.	14,456,802	N.A.
2024	848,934	3,315,086	2,248,503	N.A.	15,665,022	N.A.

*: end of year figures
N.A.: No data available as of 24 March 2026.

Sources:
(1) Bahrain: for detailed sources and metadata please visit: https://gulfmigration.grc.net/bahrain-population-estimates-by-nationality-bahraini-non-bahraini-1991-dec-2024/
(2) Kuwait: for detailed sources and metadata please visit: https://gulfmigration.grc.net/kuwait-population-by-nationality-kuwaiti-non-kuwaiti-1990-dec-2024/
(3) Oman: for detailed sources and metadata please visit: https://gulfmigration.grc.net/oman-mid-year-population-by-nationality-omani-non-omani-2000-2024/
(4) Qatar: No total population data (all age groups) broken down by nationality are officially published.
(5) Saudi Arabia: for detailed sources and metadata please visit: https://gulfmigration.grc.net/saudi-arabia-population-by-nationality-saudi-non-saudi-sex-and-age-group-2024-2/
(6) UAE: No population data broken down by nationality are officially published.
These figures are ***GLMM estimates.***
For the methodology of these estimates, see: https://gulfmigration.grc.net/uae-a-methodology-for-estimating-the-emirati-and-non-emirati-populations-2010-2022/
As of 24 March 2026, no vital statistics (births and deaths data) disaggregated by nationality are available on FCSC’s website for 2023 and 2024.

It is therefore impossible to update our disaggregated population estimates beyond 2022.

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