

GCC: Total population and percentage of nationals and non-nationals in GCC countries (national statistics, 2017-2018) (with numbers)

Country (date)	Total population	Nationals	Foreign nationals	% nationals	% non-nationals
Bahrain (mid-2017)	1,501,116	677,506	823,610	45.1	54.9
Kuwait (November 2018)	4,640,415	1,398,952	3,241,463	30.1	69.8
Oman (November 2018)	4,656,133	2,606,585	2,049,548	56.0	44.0
Qatar (end October 2018)	2,743,932	348,479**	2,395,453**	12.7*	87.3*
Saudi Arabia (mid-2018)	33,413,660	20,768,627	12,645,033	62.2	37.8
UAE (end 2016)	9,121,176	1,153,576**	7,967,600**	12.6***	87.4***
Total****	56,076,432	26,953,725	29,122,707	48.1	51.9

Source: National institutes of statistics and author's calculations based on NIS' data (see below)

* Ratio is calculated on the basis of data available for 2015 (see below)

** Our estimate

*** Ratio is calculated on the basis of Emirati population's estimates (see below)

**** Total provides the sum and ratio of population numbers at different dates. It is not exactly the total population at any of these dates.

1- Definition:

Non-nationals are:

- 1- persons bearing nationality of a foreign State other than the GCC State of residence, or bearing no proof of nationality from any given state (stateless persons and holders of refugee status and travel document in a third country);
- 2- Holders of residence permit residing in the given GCC country at date of census, as per definition of residence used in each of the countries.

Figures by nationality for Qatar and the UAE are estimates.

2- Sources of data:

(1) Bahrain Central Informatics Organisation (CIO), CIO's website, "Statistics" and "Population" sections

<http://www.data.gov.bh/en/ResourceCenter>

(2) Kuwait Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI), homepage as of 12 November 2018 <https://www.paci.gov.kw/Default.aspx>

(3) National Centre for Statistical Information (NCSI), homepage as of 10 November 2018, <https://www.ncsi.gov.om/Pages/NCSI.aspx>

(4) Qatar Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics, homepage as of 11 Nov. 2018, data for end of October 2018.

<https://www.mdps.gov.qa/en/statistics1/Pages/default.aspx>.

The percentage distribution of population by broad age group for mid-2015, by sex and nationality was available in 2016' Woman and Man in the State of Qatar-A Statistical Profile.

https://www.mdps.gov.qa/en/statistics/Statistical%20Releases/Social/GenrealSocialStatistics/MenWomenProfile/2016/Woman_Man_2016_En.pdf

The Labour Force Survey for the first quarter of 2015 gave the numbers of Qataris and foreigners aged 15 and above for March 2015, which were used to estimate the number of residents aged below 15 years, by nationality.

https://www.mdps.gov.qa/en/statistics/Statistical%20Releases/Social/LaborForce/2015/Q1/LF_Q1_2015.xls

The total population figure obtained is 2,402,774 (306,187 Qataris + 2,096,587 non-Qataris), which is very close to census 2015's total population figure: 2,404,775.

The difference comes from the rounded-up percentages used for the calculation.

(5) Saudi Arabia General Authority for Statistics, population estimates based on the results of Demographic Survey 2016,

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/43>.

(6) UAE Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority (FCSA), estimates of intercensal population (end of 2006-mid-2010)

<http://original.fcsa.gov.ae/EnglishHome/ReportDetailsEnglish/tabid/121/Default.aspx?ItemId=1914&PTID=104&MenuId=1>

Emirati population's average annual growth rate was calculated for the period (2006-2009); the Emirati population was then estimated for 2016 (end of the year), on that basis.

The respective shares of Emirati and non-Emirati populations were then calculated, using FCSA's figure of the total resident population for the end of 2016.

http://fcsa.gov.ae/_layouts/download.aspx?SourceUrl=%2Fen-us%2FLists%2FD_StatisticsSubjectV2%2FAttachments%2F757%2Fpopulation%202016.xlsx