

GCC: Total population and percentage of nationals and non-nationals in GCC countries (national statistics, mid-2019)

Country	Total population	Nationals	Foreign nationals	% nationals	% non-nationals
Bahrain	1,483,756	701,827	781,929	47.3	52.7
Kuwait	4,699,023	1,417,579	3,281,444	30.2	69.8
Oman	4,617,927	2,655,144	1,962,783	57.5	42.5
Qatar	2,799,202	331,651*	2,467,551*	11.8**	88.2**
Saudi Arabia	34,218,169	21,103,198	13,114,971	61.7	38.3
UAE	9,503,738	1,244,638*	8,259,100*	13.1**	86.9**
Total	57,321,815	27,454,037*	29,867,778*	47.9**	52.1**

Source: National institutes of statistics and author's calculations based on data published by National Statistical Institutes (see below)

* Our estimate, based on data published by National Statistical Institutes (see below).

** Ratio is calculated on the basis of population estimates (see below).

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 Open Data Portal, "Documents" section, *Population 2019*, <https://www.data.gov.bh/en/ResourceCenter>

(2) Statistics Service System, Kuwait Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI). *Population*, December 2018 and December 2019.

<https://www.paci.gov.kw/> (inaccessible from outside Kuwait as of 4 October 2022).

The figures are **estimates** for mid-2019, obtained the following way:
 $(P(12/2018)+P(12/2019))/2$.

(3) National Centre for Statistical Information (NCSI). *Population Statistics* 2019, Issue 9, 2020.

<https://www.ncsi.gov.om/Elibrary/Pages/LibraryContentView.aspx>

(4) Disaggregated estimates of the numbers of 1. Qataris and 2. non-Qataris residing in Qatar are not readily available in any published source.

The present figures are **GLMM's estimates**, using:

1. Qatar Planning and Statistics Authority, *Population and social statistics 2019*

https://www.psa.gov.qa/en/statistics/Statistical%20Releases/Population/Population/2019/Population_social_1_2019_AE.xls, which gave the total resident population by sex;

2019. Qatar Planning and Statistics Authority. *Woman and Man in the State of Qatar-A Statistical Profile*, 2020,

https://www.psa.gov.qa/en/statistics/Statistical%20Releases/Social/GeneralSocialStatistics/MenWomenProfile/2020/Woman_Man_2020_EN.pdf, which gave the percentage distribution of population by sex and broad age group for each nationality (Qataris and non-Qataris), by mid-2019.

2020. The Labour Force Survey for the second quarter of 2019

https://www.psa.gov.qa/en/statistics/Statistical%20Releases/Social/LaborForce/2019/Q2/LF_Q2_2019_AE.xlsx, which gave the numbers of Qataris and foreigners aged 15 and above by sex, for Q2 2020.

The figure for the total Qatari population obtained (Qataris aged 15 and above from Labour Force Survey Q2 2019+Qataris aged 0 to 14 years estimated from source b.) was then subtracted from the total population to obtain the figure of foreign residents.

(5) Saudi Arabia Monetary Authority. *Annual Statistics* 2019, table 38.

Population estimates by the General Authority for Statistics (GASat), based on the results of the Population Censuses (1974, 1992, 2004, 2010), on the Demographic Research Bulletin 2016 (2013-2017), and on administrative records: vital statistics records (births and deaths records) and

im/emigration records (General Authority for Statistics).

<https://www.sama.gov.sa/en-US/EconomicReports/pages/yearlystatistics.aspx>

(6) Figures of UAE resident population disaggregated by nationality (Emiratis/non-Emiratis) are unavailable in published sources.

The table's figures are **GLMM's estimates**, using:

1. Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Center (FCSC). Figures of total (non-disaggregated) population for mid-years 2010 to 2019;
<https://fcsc.gov.ae/en-us/Pages/Statistics/Statistics-by-Subject.aspx#/%3Fyear=&folder=Demography%20and%20Social/Population/Population&subject=Demography%20and%20Social>.

UAE population figures include residents (one year and more, holding a UAE ID card), and seasonal workers, present for less than one year (see methodology in:

https://fcsc.gov.ae/_layouts/download.aspx?SourceUrl=%2Fen-us%2FLists%2F_StatisticsSubjectV2%2FAttachments%2F1390%2FSP-15%20Methodology%20for%20Population%20Statistics.pdf)

1. Post-census 2005 disaggregated estimates of Emirati and non-Emirati populations, published for 2006-2009 (end of year) and 2010 (mid-year)

<http://original.fcsa.gov.ae/EnglishHome/ReportDetailsEnglish/tabid/121/Default.aspx?ItemId=1914&PTID=104&MenuId=1> (publication no longer available as of September 2022).

1. Disaggregated figures of births and deaths (end of year figures), for the years 2009 to 2019

<https://fcsc.gov.ae/en-us/Pages/Statistics/Statistics-by-Subject.aspx#/%3Ffolder=Demography%20and%20Social/Vital%20Statistics/Births%20and%20Deaths&subject=Demography%20and%20Social>

The size of the Emirati population was then estimated for the period (mid-2010-mid-2019), using Emirati populations' natural increase only (births-deaths), recalculated for the reference period of the middle of each year. The Emirati population estimates obtained for mid-2011 to mid-2019, therefore, do not take into account Emirati citizens' net migration, and possible naturalisations. These are assumed to be only a few.

Estimates of non-Emirati residents were obtained by subtracting estimates of Emirati citizens from figures of total population.

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