

# Kuwait: Inactive population by nationality (Kuwaiti/ non-Kuwaiti), inactivity status and sex (2013)

		Student	Housekeeper	Retired/ with means	Total
Kuwaitis	males	97,334	0	54,216	151,550
	females	114,837	69,672	29,317	213,826
	total	212,171	69,672	83,533	365,376
Non-Kuwaitis	males	77,949	0	749	78,698
	females	83,111	192,659	41	275,811
	total	161,060	192,659	790	354,509
TOTAL	males	175,283	0	54,965	230,248
	females	197,948	262,331	29,358	489,637
	total	373,231	262,331	84,323	719,885

Source: PACI  
ANNEXED NOTE

## 1. Characteristics of data and definitions

The source of data used here is the Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI), an independent government body in charge of :

- 1- centralising all population and labour force data in order to manage a fully computerised population register
- 2- issuing mandatory civil identification cards to every resident of the country, regardless of age and nationality.

The other source of demographic and socioeconomic data on Kuwait is the Central Statistical Office (CSO), operating within the Planning Ministry. The CSO has conducted ten population and housing censuses since its inception in 1957.

**(a) Kuwaiti:** the Kuwaiti nationality rests upon a document of Kuwaiti nationality or a certificate proving Kuwaiti nationality issued by the Ministry of Interior of Kuwait.

**(b) Non-Kuwaiti:** his/ her nationality is determined by the name of the State having issued the passport. The foreign national also entered Kuwait legally and has a stamp of residence.

This category includes the Bidoon, a category of stateless persons living in the Emirate. Kuwait's Bidoon population originates from three broad categories:

- 1) those whose ancestors failed to apply for nationality or lacked necessary documentation at the time of Kuwait's independence in 1961;
- 2) those recruited to work in Kuwait's army or police force during the 1960s who permanently settled in Kuwait, along with their families;
- 3) children of Kuwaiti mothers and stateless or foreign fathers (see Human Rights Watch. Prisoners of the Past. Kuwaiti Bidun and the Burden of

Statelessness, June 2011, p. 3).

**(c) Population in the labour force:** population aged 15 years and above, included in the labour market, either employed (in the government or private sector, as itinerant worker, employed in the domestic sector), or unemployed.

**(d) Population out of the labour force:** population aged 15 years and above, not contributing to any economic activity and not included in the labour market, among which the students, the housewives, the retired persons or self-sufficients.

## **2. Institution which provides data**

The Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI)

## **3. Period of data coverage: December 2013**

The database is updated three times a year and the website presents only the most recent data.

## **4. Data availability**

Analytical tables and data crosstabulations are available for download in PDF, html, .png and Excel (.csv) formats.

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