

Kuwait: Kuwaiti population (10 years and above) by sex, age group, and educational level (2021)

Primary-tertiary	Secondary	Diploma	University	Post-Graduate	Not Stated	Total
0	0	0	0	0	22,165	83,776
0	10,414	0	0	0	20,806	81,356
0	0	0	0	0	42,971	165,132
4,097	15,378	0	0	0	1,989	75,620
9,561	19,196	0	0	0	1,463	73,648
3,658	35,354	0	0	0	3,452	149,268
9,967	23,774	1,596	5,529	18	2,393	66,968
9,941	20,287	1,150	5,692	26	1,607	64,580
9,908	58,661	2,746	11,221	44	4,000	131,548
5,051	16,432	8,155	15,822	851	2,043	64,791
8,604	29,209	7,130	24,549	419	1,612	63,924
3,655	35,721	15,285	40,371	1,270	3,655	128,715

0,723	12,601	9,562	12,926	961	1,833	53,845
5,354	30,301	12,175	20,562	559	1,841	56,100
6,077	25,192	21,737	33,488	1,520	3,674	109,945
1,067	10,839	9,717	9,590	1,127	1,489	47,090
5,505	35,138	13,924	17,207	759	1,917	51,800
7,572	20,027	23,641	26,797	1,886	3,406	98,890
0,756	9,283	6,926	7,088	987	1,271	38,634
5,565	40,606	9,308	15,264	628	1,956	43,752
6,321	16,909	16,234	22,352	1,615	3,227	82,386
0,163	6,038	5,524	5,853	734	1,431	33,400
8,413	45,246	6,324	12,704	478	2,674	38,542
7,576	11,304	11,848	18,557	1,212	4,105	71,942
0,514	5,265	4,790	4,446	624	1,190	28,444
8,881	50,154	4,561	8,893	281	3,174	33,411
8,395	10,376	9,351	13,339	905	4,364	61,855

5,333	5,440	3,983	4,692	455	1,127	23,497
5,473	55,308	4,341	6,552	209	3,775	28,108
2,806	9,788	8,324	11,244	664	4,902	51,605
1,019	3,067	3,087	3,861	616	456	16,613
1,347	68,667	3,922	4,293	213	864	21,812
3,366	5,764	7,009	8,154	829	1,320	38,425
5,834	3,392	4,025	4,865	1,417	1,320	28,257
5,834	65,640	4,292	3,555	458	1,014	40,723
1,668	6,032	8,317	8,420	1,875	2,334	68,980
55,524	111,509	57,365	74,672	7,790	38,707	560,935
10,478	128,619	67,127	119,271	4,030	42,703	597,756
6,002	235,128	124,492	193,943	11,820	81,410	1,158,691

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.

Another 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.

Since 1995 a marked discrepancy was witnessed between PACI's and CSO's population figures. PACI's database is connected electronically with other administrations and bodies registering demographic events and professional/residency issues (births and death; departures and arrivals; end of service, residency and ID deliveries, etc.).

PACI's records of residents' movements is thus regularly updated, which limits the risk of population overcount. Therefore, it is more likely that residents were undercounted during CSO- Ministry of Planning's census operations (see: Shah, N. *Population of Kuwait. Structure and Dynamics*, Kuwait: Kuwait University Academic Publication Council, 2010, chapter 1).

(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 which 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).

(The children of Kuwaiti mothers and non-Kuwaiti fathers (with specific nationality) inherit the father's nationality. They are stateless if the father is stateless).

Classification used for education levels: ISCED.

2. Institution which provides data

The Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI)

3. Period of data coverage: 31 December

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

4. Data availability

The statistics section of PACI's website (<http://www.paci.gov.kw/en/> (English); <http://www.paci.gov.kw/> (Arabic)) provides population and socio-economic data broken down by nationality (Kuwaiti/ non-Kuwaiti). Some data are displayed by nationality groups.

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

PACI website has been inaccessible from outside Kuwait since 2019.

Last date of access: September 2022.

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