

Kuwait: Kuwaiti population aged 15 years and above by sex, age group and employment status (relation to labour force) (2021)

		In labour force			Out of labour force		TOTAL
		Governmental sector	Non-governmental sector	Unemployed	Retired	Not stated	
					Total household income	Student	
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15-19	M	190	132	26	348	68,308	75,620
	F	30	48	10	88	64,824	73,648
	T	220	180	36	436	133,132	149,268
20-24	M	12,994	2,575	1,230	16,799	42,541	66,968
	F	11,055	1,552	304	12,911	46,935	64,580
	T	24,049	4,127	1,534	29,710	89,476	131,548

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	M	35,087	8,104	2,596	45,787	11,105,245	64,791
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25-29	F	38,513	5,775	1,460	45,748	10,200,368	63,924
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	T	73,600	13,879	4,056	91,535	21,485,611	128,715
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	M	34,520	9,046	1,999	45,565	4,404,663	53,845
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30-34	F	38,556	6,595	1,788	46,939	8,405,694	56,100
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	T	73,076	15,641	3,787	92,504	2,200,357	109,945
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	M	32,346	7,231	1,407	40,984	5,503,141	47,090
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35-39	F	35,289	6,583	1,698	43,570	5,303,958	51,800
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	T	67,635	13,814	3,105	84,554	1,581,099	98,890
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	M	26,489	4,471	1,061	32,021	1,204,402	38,634
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40-44	F	28,361	5,504	1,425	35,290	1,997,844	43,752
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	T	54,850	9,975	2,486	67,311	1,200,246	82,386
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	M	18,012	3,024	1,067	22,103	2,409,861	33,400
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45-49	F	19,119	4,389	1,281	24,789	2,300,885	38,542
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	T	37,131	7,413	2,348	46,892	7,920,746	71,942
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M	9,826	1,943	859	12,628	35,592	28,444	
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50-54 F	9,545	2,932	1,048	13,525	1 1	3 2	33,411
					2,487	1,505	
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T	19,371	4,875	1,907	26,153	2 5	3 3	61,855
					7,762	1,105	
					4 3 9	9 9	
M	3,649	1,058	690	5,397	1 7	8	23,497
					1 0 9	2	
55-59 F	3,417	1,451	801	5,669	1 2	7 2	28,108
					85,209	2,092	
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T	7,066	2,509	1,491	11,066	2 9	7 3	51,605
					95,373	3,002	
					1 6 9	7 4 9	
M	1,252	733	267	2,252	1 3	5	16,613
					7 6	2	
60-64 F	993	762	72	1,827	1 0	7 1	21,812
					25,818	6,213	
					8 2 1	4 2 4	
T	2,245	1,495	339	4,079	2 4	7 1	38,425
					28,324	2,420	
					5 9 7	4 2 6	
M	1,657	1,426	717	3,800	1 9	5	28,257
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> 65 F	886	704	554	2,144	1 0	2 5	40,723
					20,358	5,817	
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T	2,543	2,130	1,271	5,944	2 9	2 7	68,980
					5 3 7	5 8 4	

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M	176,022	39,743	11,919	227,684	130,200,015	4	477,159
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					6	0	
					5	4	
					3	7	
Total F	185,764	36,295	10,441	232,500	136,223,545	3	516,400
					8	3	
					4	6	
					1	4	
					3	7	
					1	8	
T	361,786	76,038	22,360	460,184	266,423,568	7	993,559
					4	3	
					9	6	
					0	5	

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 independant 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).

"Non-governmental sector" is presumably the private sector.

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: December 2022.

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