

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

	Illiterate	Read and Write	Primary	Interme-diate	Secondary	Diploma	University	Post-Graduate	Not Stated	Total
Males	52	3,673	35,823	0	0	0	0	0	22,638	62,186
10-14 Females	49	3,227	34,223	0	0	0	0	0	21,471	58,970
Total	101	6,900	70,046	0	0	0	0	0	44,109	121,156
Males	88	1,708	5,497	30,975	3,705	0	0	0	5,072	47,045
15-19 Females	81	1,380	4,619	29,043	4,282	0	0	0	4,540	43,945
Total	169	3,088	10,116	60,018	7,987	0	0	0	9,612	90,990
Males	524	16,459	4,666	23,248	6,436	290	338	2	6,833	58,796
20-24 Females	243	5,324	3,533	16,551	7,581	328	708	2	4,864	39,134
Total	767	21,783	8,199	39,799	14,017	618	1,046	4	11,697	97,930
Males	5,469	121,733	12,598	68,141	17,228	3,126	4,464	50	10,708	243,517
25-29 Females	2,074	33,967	7,560	18,431	9,632	1,584	4,771	46	7,146	85,211
Total	7,543	155,700	20,158	86,572	26,860	4,710	9,235	96	17,854	328,728
Males	6,413	142,672	10,311	85,805	25,197	8,744	15,546	327	9,945	304,960
30-34 Females	3,685	57,698	5,652	28,833	13,479	4,062	10,280	240	7,614	131,543
Total	10,098	200,370	15,963	114,638	38,676	12,806	25,826	567	17,559	436,503
Males	7,322	127,289	9,661	80,825	28,853	11,707	18,847	890	16,640	302,034
35-39 Females	3,902	57,066	5,671	27,936	13,977	6,406	12,541	539	7,852	135,890
Total	11,224	184,355	15,332	108,761	42,830	18,113	31,388	1,429	24,492	437,924
Males	6,776	100,753	9,977	64,913	24,847	10,600	16,579	878	44,721	280,044
40-44 Females	3,871	51,118	5,598	25,288	11,515	5,082	8,939	482	9,335	121,228
Total	10,647	151,871	15,575	90,201	36,362	15,682	25,518	1,360	54,056	401,272
Males	6,691	70,629	8,962	45,503	20,888	8,791	12,663	647	31,073	205,847
45-49 Females	4,092	36,726	4,575	20,375	8,155	3,885	6,252	314	7,892	92,266
Total	10,783	107,355	13,537	65,878	29,043	12,676	18,915	961	38,965	298,113
Males	7,829	48,084	8,578	32,733	18,755	7,293	9,480	487	17,911	151,150
50-54 Females	4,114	22,013	2,866	12,708	6,810	2,486	3,958	203	5,677	60,835
Total	11,943	70,097	11,444	45,441	25,565	9,779	13,438	690	23,588	211,985
Males	6,961	25,137	7,111	16,822	12,563	4,850	8,252	448	8,142	90,286
55-60 Females	3,610	10,169	1,708	5,872	4,846	1,553	2,817	135	3,164	33,874
Total	10,571	35,306	8,819	22,694	17,409	6,403	11,069	583	11,306	124,160
Males	3,075	9,569	3,895	7,224	6,080	2,360	5,347	413	2,605	40,568
60-64 Females	2,820	3,878	967	2,420	2,609	866	1,690	96	1,264	16,610
Total	5,895	13,447	4,862	9,644	8,689	3,226	7,037	509	3,869	57,178
Males	3,035	5,922	3,393	4,166	4,326	1,884	5,074	686	2,044	30,530
65 + Females	5,632	2,903	1,105	2,021	2,055	785	1,436	113	950	17,000
Total	8,667	8,825	4,498	6,187	6,381	2,669	6,510	799	2,994	47,530
Males	54,235	673,628	120,472	460,355	168,878	59,645	96,590	4,828	178,332	1,816,963
Total Females	34,173	285,469	78,077	189,478	84,941	27,037	53,392	2,170	81,769	836,506
Total	88,408	959,097	198,549	649,833	253,819	86,682	149,982	6,998	260,101	2,653,469

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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