

# Kuwait: Non-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	Domestic sector	Unemployed	Total	Student	Housewife	Retired or has income	Total	Not stated	
M	8	536	71	0	615	37,594	0	0	37,594	8,836	47,045
15-19 F	2	37	26	0	65	35,605	2,892	0	38,497	5,383	43,945
T	10	573	97	0	680	73,199	2,892	0	76,091	14,219	90,990
M	432	24,300	7,461	0	32,193	21,804	0	0	21,804	4,799	58,796
20-24 F	490	2,877	2,321	0	5,688	25,241	2,967	0	28,208	5,238	39,134
T	922	27,177	9,782	0	37,881	47,045	2,967	0	50,012	10,037	97,930
M	2,497	171,088	54,512	4	228,101	10,582	0	0	10,582	4,834	243,517
25-29 F	2,260	14,168	35,571	7	52,006	14,054	12,538	0	26,592	6,613	85,211
T	4,757	185,256	90,083	11	280,107	24,636	12,538	0	37,174	11,447	328,728
M	7,699	226,540	57,343	59	291,641	8,811	0	0	8,811	4,508	304,960
30-34 F	6,480	25,091	61,086	41	92,698	10,295	21,410	0	31,705	7,140	131,543
T	14,179	251,631	118,429	100	384,339	19,106	21,410	0	40,516	11,648	436,503
M	12,937	222,740	54,606	158	290,441	4,216	0	2	4,218	7,375	302,034
35-39 F	10,361	26,158	63,391	103	100,013	5,055	22,892	1	27,948	7,929	135,890
T	23,298	248,898	117,997	261	390,454	9,271	22,892	3	32,166	15,304	437,924
M	13,370	205,194	53,235	208	272,007	1,996	0	6	2,002	6,035	280,044
40-44 F	8,251	21,388	63,730	101	93,470	2,830	18,249	3	21,082	6,676	121,228
T	21,621	226,582	116,965	309	365,477	4,826	18,249	9	23,084	12,711	401,272
M	11,862	149,160	39,057	242	200,321	1,174	0	4	1,178	4,348	205,847
45-49 F	6,263	15,165	50,232	61	71,721	1,765	13,778	1	15,544	5,001	92,266
T	18,125	164,325	89,289	303	272,042	2,939	13,778	5	16,722	9,349	298,113
M	9,687	110,815	26,656	343	147,501	446	0	6	452	3,197	151,150
50-54 F	3,220	11,130	30,201	28	44,579	741	11,456	3	12,200	4,056	60,835
T	12,907	121,945	56,857	371	192,080	1,187	11,456	9	12,652	7,253	211,985
M	8,123	68,481	11,178	753	88,535	83	0	35	118	1,633	90,286
55-59 F	1,620	6,815	13,443	32	21,910	184	8,704	2	8,890	3,074	33,874
T	9,743	75,296	24,621	785	110,445	267	8,704	37	9,008	4,707	124,160
M	5,756	27,213	4,259	556	37,784	19	0	36	55	2,729	40,568
60-64 F	848	2,710	4,481	24	8,063	50	6,134	3	6,187	2,360	16,610
T	6,604	29,923	8,740	580	45,847	69	6,134	39	6,242	5,089	57,178
M	2,662	18,774	1,535	1,229	24,200	8	0	513	521	5,809	30,530
> 65 F	314	1,543	1,668	48	3,573	41	10,082	0	10,123	3,304	17,000
T	2,976	20,317	3,203	1,277	27,773	49	10,082	513	10,644	9,113	47,530
M	75,033	1,224,841	309,913	3,552	1,613,339	86,733	0	602	87,335	54,103	1,754,777
Total F	40,109	127,082	326,150	445	493,786	95,861	131,102	13	226,976	56,774	777,536
T	115,142	1,351,923	636,063	3,997	2,107,125	182,594	131,102	615	314,311	110,877	2,532,313

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).

"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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