

# Kuwait: Non-Kuwaiti population born in Kuwait by nationality group, sex and age group (2021)

	Arabs			Asians			Africans			Europeans			North Americans			South Americans			Australians/Oceanians		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
0-4	33,130	31,797	64,927	14,371	13,752	28,123	387	336	723	340	306	646	384	344	728	52	48	100	33	41	74
5-9	37,641	36,196	73,837	12,573	11,775	24,348	171	176	347	256	284	540	389	333	722	52	41	93	42	47	89
10-14	31,110	29,745	60,855	9,714	9,197	18,911	90	101	191	228	250	478	318	320	638	56	46	102	46	42	88
15-19	21,876	21,286	43,162	5,941	5,466	11,407	53	44	97	147	149	296	193	181	374	48	50	98	26	22	48
20-24	17,301	17,663	34,964	3,183	3,118	6,301	36	46	82	67	108	175	81	110	191	48	38	86	16	17	33
25-29	16,641	16,126	32,767	2,110	1,854	3,964	51	103	154	69	83	152	96	148	244	44	44	88	21	24	45
30-34	16,171	14,066	30,237	1,528	1,345	2,873	49	106	155	91	78	169	176	192	368	40	34	74	30	19	49
35-39	17,058	14,146	31,204	1,953	1,475	3,428	47	57	104	126	102	228	182	154	336	40	33	73	26	22	48
40-44	13,505	10,225	23,730	2,064	1,154	3,218	24	19	43	114	73	187	137	93	230	14	9	23	28	13	41
45-49	9,041	6,741	15,782	1,483	704	2,187	12	14	26	107	36	143	109	62	171	18	2	20	11	4	15
50+	15,207	9,508	24,715	1,941	991	2,932	28	10	38	158	68	226	392	162	554	71	13	84	59	23	82
Total	228,681	207,499	436,180	56,861	50,831	107,692	948	1,012	1,960	1,703	1,537	3,240	2,457	2,099	4,556	483	358	841	338	274	612

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).

**(c) Nationality group:** collected according to the nationality of the head of the household.

Nationalities are grouped according to specific features common to certain population subgroups: language, geographic origin, etc. or according to internationally recognized categories such as: (Arab / non-Arab Asian countries / non-Arab African countries; European countries ... etc.).

## **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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