

Kuwait: Non-Kuwaiti population by place of birth (in Kuwait/ outside Kuwait) and age group (December 2021)

	Born in Kuwait			Born out of Kuwait					Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	
0-4	48,697	46,624	95,321	7,438	6,966	14,404	56,135	53,590	109,725
5-9	51,124	48,852	99,976	17,406	16,425	33,831	68,530	65,277	133,807
10-14	41,562	39,701	81,263	20,624	19,269	39,893	62,186	58,970	121,156
15-19	28,284	27,198	55,482	18,761	16,747	35,508	47,045	43,945	90,990
20-24	20,732	21,100	41,832	38,064	18,034	56,098	58,796	39,134	97,930
25-29	19,032	18,382	37,414	224,485	66,829	291,314	243,517	85,211	328,728
30-34	18,085	15,840	33,925	286,875	115,703	402,578	304,960	131,543	436,503
35-39	19,432	15,989	35,421	282,602	119,901	402,503	302,034	135,890	437,924
40-44	15,886	11,586	27,472	264,158	109,642	373,800	280,044	121,228	401,272
45-49	10,781	7,563	18,344	195,066	84,703	279,769	205,847	92,266	298,113
50-54	8,125	5,799	13,924	143,025	55,036	198,061	151,150	60,835	211,985
55-59	4,980	3,141	8,121	85,306	30,733	116,039	90,286	33,874	124,160
60-64	2,283	1,152	3,435	38,285	15,458	53,743	40,568	16,610	57,178
65+	2,468	683	3,151	28,062	16,317	44,379	30,530	17,000	47,530
Total	291,471	263,610	555,081	1,650,157	691,763	2,341,920	1,941,628	955,373	2,897,001

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).

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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