

Kuwait: Non-Kuwaiti population by place of birth (in Kuwait/ outside Kuwait) and age group (December 2015)

	Born in Kuwait			Born out of Kuwait			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Less than 5	62,199	59,307	121,506	17,117	16,392	33,509	79,316	75,699	155,015
5-9	47,911	45,991	93,902	24,467	23,117	47,584	72,378	69,108	141,486
10-14	30,191	28,696	58,887	23,367	20,968	44,335	53,558	49,664	103,222
15-19	25,654	24,974	50,628	18,176	16,030	34,206	43,830	41,004	84,834
20-24	17,904	17,718	35,622	97,576	37,235	134,811	115,480	54,953	170,433
25-29	20,899	19,798	40,697	266,342	122,474	388,816	287,241	142,272	429,513
30-34	20,223	16,938	37,161	300,094	128,821	428,915	320,317	145,759	466,076
35-39	15,996	11,569	27,565	294,959	117,237	412,196	310,955	128,806	439,761
40-44	10,892	7,587	18,479	226,089	90,534	316,623	236,981	98,121	335,102
45-49	8,466	5,770	14,236	180,097	66,817	246,914	188,563	72,587	261,150
50-54	4,935	2,971	7,906	113,606	38,431	152,037	118,541	41,402	159,943
55-59	2,366	1,103	3,469	72,277	21,794	94,071	74,643	22,897	97,540
60-64	1,336	356	1,692	35,724	11,616	47,340	37,060	11,972	49,032
65-69	708	159	867	14,574	5,914	20,488	15,282	6,073	21,355
70-74	535	73	608	5,398	3,078	8,476	5,933	3,151	9,084
75-79	245	43	288	2,430	1,857	4,287	2,675	1,900	4,575
80-84	107	28	135	939	969	1,908	1,046	997	2,043
85+	54	28	82	411	744	1,155	465	772	1,237
Total	270,621	243,109	513,730	1,693,643	724,028	2,417,671	1,964,264	967,137	2,931,401

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.

The other 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' and CSO' population figures. PACI' 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 2015

The database is updated three times 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.

The "publications" section also proposes a selection of data tables processed thematically in downloadable Excel and PDF format (English and Arabic):

<https://www.paci.gov.kw/stat/GeneralStat.aspx>

The present data is in the "Population" file.

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