

# Kuwait: Non-Kuwaiti population by place of birth (in Kuwait/ outside Kuwait) and age group (December 2017)

	Born in Kuwait			Born out of Kuwait					Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	
0-4	60,055	56,895	116,950	15,016	14,138	29,154	75,071	71,033	146,104
5-9	50,029	48,088	98,117	23,192	22,092	45,284	73,221	70,180	143,401
10-14	34,773	33,168	67,941	23,041	21,199	44,240	57,814	54,367	112,181
15-19	24,706	24,184	48,890	19,252	17,061	36,313	43,958	41,245	85,203
20-24	21,492	21,288	42,780	109,639	29,580	139,219	131,131	50,868	181,999
25-29	18,419	16,651	35,070	312,330	109,076	421,406	330,749	125,727	456,476
30-34	20,767	17,841	38,608	330,998	126,450	457,448	351,765	144,291	496,056
35-39	17,652	13,237	30,889	328,165	114,967	443,132	345,817	128,204	474,021
40-44	12,535	8,625	21,160	252,691	94,324	347,015	265,226	102,949	368,175
45-49	9,123	6,430	15,553	195,410	68,120	263,530	204,533	74,550	279,083
50-54	6,210	4,016	10,226	128,818	41,464	170,282	135,028	45,480	180,508
55-59	3,163	1,596	4,759	77,640	24,253	101,893	80,803	25,849	106,652
60-64	1,359	578	1,937	41,567	13,090	54,657	42,926	13,668	56,594
65+	2,088	399	2,487	27,279	14,244	41,523	29,367	14,643	44,010
Total	282,371	252,996	535,367	1,885,038	710,058	2,595,096	2,167,409	963,054	3,130,463

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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