

Kuwait: Population aged 15 and above by nationality (Kuwaiti/ non-Kuwaiti), sex and activity status (relation to labour force) (December 2014)

	Kuwaitis			Non-Kuwaitis			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
In the labour force	224,489	197,836	422,325	1,552,436	481,837	2,034,273	1,776,925	679,673	2,456,598
Out of the labour force	156,166	222,121	378,287	80,495	282,259	362,754	236,661	504,380	741,041
Not stated	7,996	0	7,996	15,001	0	15,001	22,997	0	22,997
Total	388,651	419,957	808,608	1,647,932	764,096	2,412,028	2,036,583	1,184,053	3,220,636

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.

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.

(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 having 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).

(c) Population in the labour force: population aged 15 years and above, included in the labour market, either employed (in the government or private sector, as itinerant worker, employed in the domestic sector), or unemployed.

(d) Population out of the labour force: population aged 15 years and above, not contributing to any economic activity and not included in the labour market, among which the students, the housewives, the retired persons or self-sufficients.

2. Institution which provides data

The Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI)

3. Period of data coverage: December 2014

The database is updated three times a year and the website presents only the most recent data.

4. Data availability

Analytical tables and data crosstabulations are available for download in PDF, html, .png and Excel (.csv) formats.

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