

Kuwait: Population by nationality group (2018)

	Total
Kuwaitis	1,403,113
Arabs	1,261,062
Asians	1,868,208
Africans	47,227
Europeans	18,076
N. Americans	20,513
S. Americans	1,813
Australians/ Oceanians	1,626
Total non-Kuwaitis	3,218,525
Total	4,621,638

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.

(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.

(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 three times a year and the website presents only the most recent data.

4. Data availability

Data can be downloaded from the “statistics” section of PACI’s website (<http://www.paci.gov.kw/en/> (English); <http://www.paci.gov.kw/> (Arabic)) section “Statistical reports”

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

A selection of tables is available in the sections “General Stats” (<https://www.paci.gov.kw/stat/GeneralStat.aspx>) and “Analytic Statistics” (<https://www.paci.gov.kw/stat/SubCategory.aspx?ID=7>)

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