

Kuwait: Population by nationality group and sex (2018)

	Males	Females	Total	% females
Kuwaitis	686,475	716,638	1,403,113	51.1
Arabs	855,136	405,926	1,261,062	32.2
Asians	1,364,546	503,662	1,868,208	27.0
Africans	9,752	37,475	47,227	79.4
Europeans	9,866	8,210	18,076	45.4
N. Americans	12,487	8,026	20,513	39.1
S. Americans	1,035	778	1,813	42.9
Australians/ Oceanians	946	680	1,626	41.8
Total non-Kuwaitis	2,253,768	964,757	3,218,525	30.0
Total	2,940,243	1,681,395	4,621,638	36.4

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.

(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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