

Kuwait: Population by nationality group and sex (2021)

	Males	Females	Total	% <i>females</i>
Kuwaitis	729,638	759,078	1,488,716	51.0
Arabs	811,621	398,634	1,210,255	32.9
Asians	1,100,082	512,150	1,612,232	31.8
Africans	10,223	28,792	39,015	73.8
Europeans	7,654	7,126	14,780	48.2
N. Americans	10,206	7,263	17,469	41.6
S. Americans	1,094	834	1,928	43.3
Australians/ Oceanians	748	574	1,322	43.4
Total non- Kuwaitis	1,941,628	955,373	2,897,001	33.0
Total	2,671,266	1,714,451	4,385,717	39.1

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 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 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 attempted access: September 2022.

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