

# Kuwait: Population by nationality group, sex and age group (Kuwait, December 2014)

Age group	Kuwaitis										Non-Kuwaitis										GRAND TOTAL									
	Arabs		Asians		Africans		Europeans		North Americans		South Americans		Australians-Oceanians		TOTAL non-Kuwaitis		TOTAL													
	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females												
0-4	84,390	81,407	105,797	55,253	53,000	108,253	23,805	22,623	46,428	241	214	455	595	1,184	1,234	1,024	2,258	54	55	109	98	79	177	81,280	77,584	158,864	165,670	158,991	324,661	
5-9	82,042	79,249	161,291	50,290	47,935	98,225	20,325	19,797	40,122	155	161	316	666	641	1,307	1,098	1,037	2,135	54	52	106	104	92	196	72,692	69,715	142,407	154,734	148,964	303,698
10-14	71,173	68,988	140,161	38,752	35,688	74,440	12,881	12,195	25,076	104	124	228	485	466	951	1,016	877	1,893	52	33	85	85	79	164	53,375	49,462	102,837	124,548	118,459	242,998
15-19	67,422	64,478	131,900	34,189	31,632	65,821	9,091	8,450	17,541	191	130	321	352	346	698	808	733	1,541	57	45	102	80	75	155	44,768	41,411	86,179	112,190	105,889	218,079
20-24	59,963	58,129	118,092	31,377	31,742	63,119	49,003	17,950	66,953	718	9,169	9,887	265	374	639	461	585	1,046	55	65	120	60	57	117	101,939	59,942	161,881	161,902	118,071	279,973
25-29	52,337	52,902	105,239	106,360	46,862	153,222	157,425	68,333	225,758	2,685	29,191	31,876	413	704	1,117	756	752	1,508	94	71	165	40	49	89	267,773	145,962	413,735	320,110	198,864	518,974
30-34	44,093	46,669	90,762	108,444	43,656	152,100	200,195	87,583	287,778	1,006	11,587	12,593	608	818	1,426	958	673	1,631	81	70	151	51	67	118	312,143	144,454	456,597	356,236	191,123	547,359
35-39	36,767	40,777	77,544	86,141	31,561	117,702	196,051	88,247	285,098	877	3,660	4,537	723	861	1,584	832	581	1,413	64	45	109	67	52	119	285,555	125,007	410,562	322,322	165,784	488,106
40-44	31,893	36,261	68,154	64,778	22,310	87,088	158,757	69,777	228,534	485	1,145	1,630	855	675	1,530	900	528	1,428	73	39	112	58	57	115	225,906	94,531	320,437	257,799	130,792	388,591
45-49	27,600	31,970	59,570	54,336	17,625	71,961	117,395	49,289	166,684	348	317	665	845	588	1,433	1,182	488	1,670	76	45	121	85	60	145	174,267	68,412	242,679	201,867	100,382	302,249
50-54	21,797	25,917	47,714	38,853	13,915	51,668	68,866	24,945	93,811	218	120	338	787	468	1,255	1,321	489	1,810	75	36	111	83	57	140	110,203	39,130	149,333	132,000	65,847	197,047
55-59	15,617	21,021	36,638	25,846	8,996	34,842	41,136	11,309	52,445	153	110	263	679	343	1,022	990	359	1,349	61	31	92	73	20	93	68,938	21,168	90,106	84,555	42,189	126,744
60-64	11,267	15,564	26,831	15,316	6,104	21,420	17,100	4,979	22,079	74	65	139	450	218	668	648	248	896	32	14	46	51	24	75	33,671	11,652	45,323	44,938	27,216	72,154
>64	19,895	26,269	46,164	13,458	9,145	22,603	8,363	2,797	11,160	37	29	66	388	223	611	480	206	686	19	11	30	24	16	40	22,769	12,427	35,196	42,664	38,696	81,380
Total	626,256	649,001	1,275,857	743,393	399,271	1,142,664	1,001,193	488,274	1,509,467	8,092	56,022	64,114	8,111	7,314	15,425	12,684	8,580	21,264	847	612	1,459	959	784	1,743	1,855,279	960,857	2,816,136	2,481,535	1,610,458	4,091,993

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.

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.

Since 1995 a marked discrepancy was witnessed between PACI' and CSO' population figures. PACI' 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).

(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 2014**

The database is updated three times 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.

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