Kuwait: Population by nationality (Kuwaiti/ non-Kuwaiti) (1990-Dec.2024)

Year	Kuwaitis	Non-Kuwaitis	Total
1990	578,511	1,573,169	**2,151,680**
1993	657,493	988,134	**1,645,627**
1995	708,115	1,250,679	**1,958,794**
1996	732,403	1,361,486	**2,093,889**
1998	786,010	1,484,855	**2,270,865**
1999	812,255	1,442,699	**2,254,954**
2000	841,790	1,375,468	**2,217,258**
2001	870,283	1,438,819	**2,309,102**
2002	898,285	1,521,643	**2,419,928**
2003	927,686	1,618,998	**2,546,684**
2004	956,234	1,797,422	**2,753,656**
2005	992,217	1,998,972	**2,991,189**
2006	1,023,316	2,159,644	**3,182,960**
2007	1,054,598	2,345,039	**3,399,637**
2008	1,087,552	2,354,261	**3,441,813**
2009	1,118,911	2,365,970	**3,484,881**
2010	1,148,363	2,433,691	**3,582,054**
2011	1,183,185	2,514,107	**3,697,292**
2012	1,212,436	2,611,292	**3,823,728**
2013	1,242,499	2,722,645	**3,965,144**
2014	1,275,857	2,816,136	**4,091,993**
2015	1,307,605	2,931,401	**4,239,006**
2016	1,337,693	3,073,431	**4,411,124**
2017	1,370,013	3,130,463	**4,500,476**
2018	1,403,113	3,218,525	**4,621,638**
2019	1,432,045	3,344,362	**4,776,407**
2020	1,459,970	3,210,743	**4,670,713**
2021	1,488,716	2,897,001	**4,385,717**
2022	1,517,076	3,276,492	**4,793,568**
2023	1,545,781	3,367,490	**4,913,271**
2024	1,566,168	3,315,086	**4,881,254**

Source: PACI and CSB

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Characteristics of data and definitions

1990-2020: The source of data used 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 inc
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).

2021: census data. 2021 census was conducted based on administrative sourcess.

https://census.csb.gov.kw/index_EN
https://census.csb.gov.kw/

2021– : CSB publishes population and other statistics, based on the results of census 2021.
Estimates of Kuwaiti population are based on natural increase (births-deaths) during the year.
Estimates of non-Kuwaiti population are based on natural increase, arrival and departures during the year.

Date of reference: end of year.

2. Institution which provides data

The Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI)
The Central Statistical Bureau
https://www.csb.gov.kw/Default

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

1990-2019: The statistics section of PACI's website

http://www.paci.gov.kw/en/
http://www.paci.gov.kw/

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 and statistics has been inaccessible from outside Kuwait since 2019.

2021- : Central Statistical Bureau (CSB)
https://www.csb.gov.kw/Default
Section "Statistics and Bulletins"; "Population Statistics"; and "Population estimates"
https://www.csb.gov.kw/Pages/Statistics_en?ID=67&ParentCatID=1
Population estimates are also available in CBS Annual Statistical Abstracts (section "General Statistics")
https://www.csb.gov.kw/Pages/Statistics_en.aspx?ID=18&ParentCatID=2

Dec. 2024: Last population data available as of 14 March 2026.

Last date of access: 14 March 2026.

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