

Kuwait: Population by nationality (Kuwaiti/ non-Kuwaiti), sex and age group (December 2013)

Age group	Kuwaitis			Non-Kuwaitis			Total		
	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total
0-4	83,604	80,879	164,483	79,785	76,674	156,459	163,389	157,553	320,942
5-9	80,615	77,762	158,377	70,121	66,814	136,935	150,736	144,576	295,312
10-14	69,408	66,975	136,383	52,134	48,097	100,231	121,542	115,072	236,614
15-19	67,192	64,420	131,612	44,426	40,484	84,910	111,618	104,904	216,522
20-24	58,033	56,438	114,471	96,504	70,886	167,390	154,537	127,324	281,861
25-29	50,913	50,929	101,842	258,653	152,673	411,326	309,566	203,602	513,168
30-34	42,179	44,279	86,458	305,470	141,705	447,175	347,649	185,984	533,633
35-39	35,765	39,946	75,711	266,961	119,662	386,623	302,726	159,608	462,334
40-44	31,239	35,226	66,465	215,372	90,231	305,603	246,611	125,457	372,068
45-49	26,695	30,868	57,563	163,329	63,970	227,299	190,024	94,838	284,862
50-54	20,547	24,834	45,381	104,113	36,710	140,823	124,660	61,544	186,204
55-59	15,156	20,236	35,392	64,306	19,765	84,071	79,462	40,001	119,463
60-64	10,030	14,298	24,328	30,617	10,735	41,352	40,647	25,033	65,680
>65	19,169	24,864	44,033	20,622	11,826	32,448	39,791	36,690	76,481
TOTAL	610,545	631,954	1,242,499	1,772,413	950,232	2,722,645	1,382,958	1,581,582	2,964,540

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.

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).

2. Institution which provides data

The Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI)

3. Period of data coverage: 31 December 2013

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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