

Kuwait: Population in Kuwait by nationality (Kuwaiti/ non-Kuwaiti), sex and age group (2021)

	Kuwaitis			Non-Kuwaitis			Total		Total
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	
0-4	83,414	79,546	162,960	56,135	53,590	109,725	139,549	133,136	272,685
5-9	85,289	81,776	167,065	68,530	65,277	133,807	153,819	147,053	300,872
10-14	83,776	81,356	165,132	62,186	58,970	121,156	145,962	140,326	286,288
15-19	75,620	73,648	149,268	47,045	43,945	90,990	122,665	117,593	240,258
20-24	66,968	64,580	131,548	58,796	39,134	97,930	125,764	103,714	229,478
25-29	64,791	63,924	128,715	243,517	85,211	328,728	308,308	149,135	457,443
30-34	53,845	56,100	109,945	304,960	131,543	436,503	358,805	187,643	546,448
35-39	47,090	51,800	98,890	302,034	135,890	437,924	349,124	187,690	536,814
40-44	38,634	43,752	82,386	280,044	121,228	401,272	318,678	164,980	483,658
45-49	33,400	38,542	71,942	205,847	92,266	298,113	239,247	130,808	370,055
50-54	28,444	33,411	61,855	151,150	60,835	211,985	179,594	94,246	273,840
55-59	23,497	28,108	51,605	90,286	33,874	124,160	113,783	61,982	175,765
60-64	16,613	21,812	38,425	40,568	16,610	57,178	57,181	38,422	95,603
65-69	11,990	16,791	28,781	17,588	7,973	25,561	29,578	24,764	54,342
70-74	6,822	10,791	17,613	7,371	4,275	11,646	14,193	15,066	29,259
75-79	4,671	6,865	11,536	3,256	2,427	5,683	7,927	9,292	17,219
80-84	2,909	3,664	6,573	1,438	1,268	2,706	4,347	4,932	9,279
85+	1,865	2,612	4,477	877	1,057	1,934	2,742	3,669	6,411
Total	729,638	759,078	1,488,716	1,941,628	955,373	2,897,001	2,671,266	1,714,451	4,385,717

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.

Another 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's and CSO's population figures. PACI's 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

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 access: September 2022.

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