

# Kuwait: Population by nationality group, sex and administrative region (governorate) of residence (December 2015)

Locality	Gender	Nationality group								Total non-Kuwaitis	Total
		Kuwaitis	Arabs	Asians	Africans	Europeans	N. Americans	S. Americans	Australians/Oceanians		
Capital Governorate	Males	115,876	49,166	134,393	895	869	996	80	79	186,478	302,354
	Females	122,394	22,863	87,425	9,646	800	843	51	47	121,675	244,069
	Total	238,270	72,029	221,818	10,541	1,669	1,839	131	126	308,153	546,423
Hawalli Governorate	Males	110,279	221,669	163,851	1,148	4,393	5,207	331	491	397,090	507,369
	Females	113,565	134,737	139,215	11,390	4,280	4,266	275	405	294,568	408,133
	Total	223,844	356,406	303,066	12,538	8,673	9,473	606	896	691,658	915,502
Al-Ahmadi Governorate	Males	136,924	106,973	331,673	2,019	2,217	5,013	241	207	448,343	585,267
	Females	140,079	54,053	88,632	6,948	1,224	1,919	171	134	153,081	293,160
	Total	277,003	161,026	420,305	8,967	3,441	6,932	412	341	601,424	878,427
Al-jahra Governorate	Males	90,434	111,695	89,669	1,438	210	250	119	68	203,449	293,883
	Females	94,966	85,476	35,648	7,018	187	206	73	49	128,657	223,623
	Total	185,400	197,171	125,317	8,456	397	456	192	117	332,106	517,506
Al-Farwaniya Governorate	Males	112,987	278,078	394,081	2,236	632	650	131	84	675,892	788,879
	Females	118,967	92,576	123,661	8,399	455	482	84	53	225,710	344,677
	Total	231,954	370,654	517,742	10,635	1,087	1,132	215	137	901,602	1,133,556
Mubarak Al-Kabeer Governorate	Males	74,637	9,408	39,956	253	241	239	30	22	50,149	124,786
	Females	76,238	7,399	28,833	4,658	333	215	33	16	41,487	117,725
	Total	150,875	16,807	68,789	4,911	574	454	63	38	91,636	242,511
Not Stated	Males	145	1,894	856	14	35	56	3	5	2,863	3,008
	Females	114	1,552	315	22	22	45	2	1	1,959	2,073
	Total	259	3,446	1,171	36	57	101	5	6	4,822	5,081
Total	Males	641,282	778,883	1,154,479	8,003	8,597	12,411	935	956	1,964,264	2,605,546
	Females	666,323	398,656	503,729	48,081	7,301	7,976	689	705	967,137	1,633,460
	Total	1,307,605	1,177,539	1,658,208	56,084	15,898	20,387	1,624	1,661	2,931,401	4,239,006

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).

**(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 2015**

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.

The “publications” section also proposes a selection of data tables processed thematically in downloadable Excel and PDF format (English and Arabic):

<https://www.paci.gov.kw/stat/GeneralStat.aspx>

The present data is in the “Population” file.

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