

Kuwait: Population by nationality group, sex and age group (December 2016)

		Kuwaitis			Arabs			Asians			Africans			Europeans			Non-Kuwaitis			North Americans			South Americans			Australians-Oceanians			TOTAL non-Kuwaitis			GRAND		
Age group	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total				
0-4	84,418	88,956	165,374	53,658	51,428	105,086	22,846	21,598	44,444	270	270	540	637	604	1,241	1,256	966	2,222	58	53	111	79	78	157	76,804	74,997	153,801	163,222	155,953	319,175				
5-9	83,857	81,410	165,267	52,249	49,708	101,957	19,972	19,299	39,271	165	154	319	691	658	1,349	1,073	964	2,037	76	84	160	112	79	191	74,338	70,946	145,284	158,195	152,356	310,551				
10-14	75,785	73,667	149,453	40,844	38,106	78,950	13,764	13,106	26,870	111	125	236	537	488	1,085	859	781	1,648	70	60	130	77	57	134	56,262	52,783	108,965	132,848	126,378	258,418				
15-19	67,323	64,547	131,870	33,555	31,543	65,098	8,818	8,390	17,208	153	117	270	319	347	666	771	715	1,486	64	59	123	67	56	123	43,747	41,227	84,974	111,878	105,774	216,844				
20-24	65,100	63,019	128,119	31,519	31,066	62,585	75,978	17,596	93,574	703	3,705	4,408	257	366	623	390	500	890	51	71	122	38	50	88	128,936	53,354	182,290	194,036	116,373	310,409				
25-29	54,078	53,986	108,064	121,683	43,513	165,196	187,175	76,239	263,414	2,012	17,002	19,014	506	775	1,281	727	699	1,426	94	95	189	44	60	104	312,241	138,383	450,624	366,319	192,369	558,688				
30-34	47,291	50,382	97,673	119,832	44,950	164,782	214,464	89,627	304,091	2,285	12,544	14,829	761	938	1,699	1,017	707	1,724	105	92	197	66	59	125	338,530	148,917	487,447	385,821	199,299	585,120				
35-39	38,944	43,136	82,080	99,974	34,358	134,332	227,424	90,406	317,830	1,117	4,267	5,384	864	900	1,764	1,020	571	1,591	81	74	155	79	58	137	339,559	139,634	461,193	369,503	173,770	543,273				
40-44	33,856	38,442	72,298	71,803	24,060	95,863	179,695	76,454	256,149	653	1,444	2,097	814	714	1,428	935	496	1,431	79	54	133	64	48	112	254,143	103,270	357,413	287,999	141,712	429,711				
45-49	29,637	33,579	62,616	56,498	18,421	74,919	138,393	53,919	192,222	413	439	852	950	595	1,545	1,147	470	1,617	76	43	119	80	54	134	197,467	73,941	271,408	226,504	107,520	334,024				
50-54	24,304	28,519	52,823	43,787	14,086	57,873	81,711	29,164	110,875	258	149	407	924	484	1,408	1,297	453	1,750	89	40	129	101	49	150	128,167	44,425	172,592	152,471	72,944	225,415				
55-59	17,545	22,422	39,967	28,233	9,831	38,064	47,419	13,827	61,246	172	102	274	806	373	1,179	1,140	389	1,529	65	25	90	90	29	119	77,925	24,576	102,501	95,470	46,998	142,468				
60-64	13,638	17,774	30,812	17,151	6,510	23,661	22,154	5,909	28,063	87	60	147	498	224	722	685	243	928	34	16	50	53	15	68	40,662	12,977	53,639	53,700	30,751	84,451				
64+	21,507	29,770	51,277	15,902	9,987	25,909	10,503	3,269	13,772	47	33	80	397	241	638	539	224	763	25	8	33	28	17	45	27,521	13,779	41,300	49,828	43,540	92,577				
Total	656,084	681,689	1,337,693	886,768	487,567	1,374,335	1,258,226	518,883	1,769,029	8,446	40,411	48,857	9,861	6,364	15,425	12,856	8,178	21,034	967	774	1,741	978	769	1,687	2,889,382	984,129	3,873,431	2,745,386	1,664,415	4,411,124				

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 2016

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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