

Kuwait: Population by nationality (Kuwait/ non-Kuwaiti), sex and age group (December 2016)

Age group	Kuwaitis			Non-Kuwaitis			TOTAL		
	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total
0-4	84,418	80,956	165,374	78,804	74,997	153,801	163,222	155,953	319,175
5-9	83,857	81,410	165,267	74,338	70,946	145,284	158,195	152,356	310,551
10-14	75,786	73,667	149,453	56,262	52,703	108,965	132,048	126,370	258,418
15-19	67,323	64,547	131,870	43,747	41,227	84,974	111,070	105,774	216,844
20-24	65,100	63,019	128,119	128,936	53,354	182,290	194,036	116,373	310,409
25-29	54,078	53,986	108,064	312,241	138,383	450,624	366,319	192,369	558,688
30-34	47,291	50,382	97,673	338,530	148,917	487,447	385,821	199,299	585,120
35-39	38,944	43,136	82,080	330,559	130,634	461,193	369,503	173,770	543,273
40-44	33,856	38,442	72,298	254,143	103,270	357,413	287,999	141,712	429,711
45-49	29,037	33,579	62,616	197,467	73,941	271,408	226,504	107,520	334,024
50-54	24,304	28,519	52,823	128,167	44,425	172,592	152,471	72,944	225,415
55-59	17,545	22,422	39,967	77,925	24,576	102,501	95,470	46,998	142,468
60-64	13,038	17,774	30,812	40,662	12,977	53,639	53,700	30,751	84,451
>64	21,507	29,770	51,277	27,521	13,779	41,300	49,028	43,549	92,577
Total	656,084	681,609	1,337,693	2,089,302	984,129	3,073,431	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 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 2016

The database is updated three times a year and the website presents only the most recent data.

4. Data availability

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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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