

Kuwait: Population by nationality (Kuwaiti/ non-Kuwaiti), sex and age group (December 2015)

	Nationality								
	Kuwaiti			Non-Kuwaiti			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Less than 5	84,167	81,130	165,297	79,316	75,699	155,015	163,483	156,829	320,312
5-9	83,395	80,574	163,969	72,378	69,108	141,486	155,773	149,682	305,455
10-14	73,098	71,380	144,478	53,558	49,664	103,222	126,656	121,044	247,700
15-19	67,634	64,486	132,120	43,830	41,004	84,834	111,464	105,490	216,954
20-24	61,698	59,807	121,505	115,480	54,953	170,433	177,178	114,760	291,938
25-29	54,189	54,522	108,711	287,241	142,272	429,513	341,430	196,794	538,224
30-34	45,544	48,744	94,288	320,317	145,759	466,076	365,861	194,503	560,364
35-39	37,905	41,899	79,804	310,955	128,806	439,761	348,860	170,705	519,565
40-44	32,882	37,361	70,243	236,981	98,121	335,102	269,863	135,482	405,345
45-49	28,399	32,795	61,194	188,563	72,587	261,150	216,962	105,382	322,344
50-54	23,120	27,282	50,402	118,541	41,402	159,943	141,661	68,684	210,345
55-59	16,445	21,711	38,156	74,643	22,897	97,540	91,088	44,608	135,696
60-64	12,069	16,311	28,380	37,060	11,972	49,032	49,129	28,283	77,412
65-69	7,582	11,524	19,106	15,282	6,073	21,355	22,864	17,597	40,461
70-74	5,647	7,829	13,476	5,933	3,151	9,084	11,580	10,980	22,560
75-79	4,168	4,808	8,976	2,675	1,900	4,575	6,843	6,708	13,551
80-84	1,975	2,543	4,518	1,046	997	2,043	3,021	3,540	6,561
85+	1,365	1,617	2,982	465	772	1,237	1,830	2,389	4,219
Total	641,282	666,323	1,307,605	1,964,264	967,137	2,931,401	2,605,546	1,633,460	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).

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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