

Kuwait: Population by nationality (Kuwaiti/ non-Kuwaiti), sex and age group (December 2017)

	Kuwaiti			Non Kuwaiti			Total		
	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total
0-4	84,257	80,976	165,233	75,071	71,033	146,104	159,328	152,009	311,337
5-9	84,427	81,799	166,226	73,221	70,180	143,401	157,648	151,979	309,627
10-14	78,076	75,767	153,843	57,814	54,367	112,181	135,890	130,134	266,024
15-19	68,035	65,404	133,439	43,958	41,245	85,203	111,993	106,649	218,642
20-24	66,153	64,147	130,300	131,131	50,868	181,999	197,284	115,015	312,299
25-29	55,983	56,069	112,052	330,749	125,727	456,476	386,732	181,796	568,528
30-34	48,809	52,571	101,380	351,765	144,291	496,056	400,574	196,862	597,436
35-39	40,315	44,555	84,870	345,817	128,204	474,021	386,132	172,759	558,891
40-44	34,793	39,712	74,505	265,226	102,949	368,175	300,019	142,661	442,680
45-49	29,793	34,430	64,223	204,533	74,550	279,083	234,326	108,980	343,306
50-54	25,135	29,521	54,656	135,028	45,480	180,508	160,163	75,001	235,164
55-59	18,823	23,420	42,243	80,803	25,849	106,652	99,626	49,269	148,895
60-64	13,866	18,932	32,798	42,926	13,668	56,594	56,792	32,600	89,392
>64	22,547	31,698	54,245	29,367	14,643	44,010	51,914	46,341	98,255
Total	671,012	699,001	1,370,013	2,167,409	963,054	3,130,463	2,838,421	1,662,054	4,500,476

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 2017

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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