

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

	Kuwaitis											
	Never Married		Married		Divorced		Widowed		Not Stated		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
15-19	67,660	62,207	232	2,884	13	181		2	130	130	68,035	65,404
20-24	56,088	42,241	9,285	19,608	744	2,236	2	37	34	25	66,153	64,147
25-29	24,367	17,374	28,730	33,473	2,826	5,072	13	120	47	30	55,983	56,069
30-34	9,132	9,098	35,993	37,208	3,583	5,979	21	256	80	30	48,809	52,571
35-39	3,684	5,214	33,420	33,410	3,048	5,385	58	523	105	23	40,315	44,555
40-44	2,183	3,961	29,946	29,644	2,478	5,076	99	997	87	34	34,793	39,712
45-49	1,400	2,983	26,038	25,274	2,150	4,693	141	1,451	64	29	29,793	34,430
50-54	965	2,249	22,159	20,982	1,719	4,020	234	2,229	58	41	25,135	29,521
55-59	601	1,542	16,660	15,802	1,279	2,911	252	3,115	31	50	18,823	23,420
60-64	335	1,022	12,368	11,591	788	1,877	356	4,410	19	32	13,866	18,932
>64	391	1,041	19,207	12,859	1,077	2,270	1,831	15,461	41	67	22,547	31,698
	166,806	148,932	234,038	242,735	19,705	39,700	3,007	28,601	696	491	424,252	460,459

	Non-Kuwaitis											
	Never Married		Married		Divorced		Widowed		Not Stated		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
15-19	38,739	34,477	371	2,039	3	82		2	4845	4645	43,958	41,245
20-24	81,733	28,735	43,903	17,435	152	638	24	25	5319	4035	131,131	50,868
25-29	171,099	45,457	154,261	75,729	717	1,851	58	125	4614	2565	330,749	125,727
30-34	158,527	38,811	191,593	102,692	1,482	2,512	83	226	80	50	351,765	144,291
35-39	148,868	30,176	194,023	95,049	1,831	2,555	77	324	1018	100	345,817	128,204
40-44	104,259	22,992	158,088	77,228	1,756	2,095	132	500	991	134	265,226	102,949
45-49	76,565	15,821	125,551	56,158	1,770	1,776	117	670	530	125	204,533	74,550
50-54	42333	7,749	90,657	35,501	1,658	1,330	124	840	256	60	135,028	45,480
55-59	18355	3,249	61,032	20,642	1,175	920	147	1,007	94	31	80,803	25,849
60-64	5456	1,160	36,525	10,895	740	479	155	1,125	50	9	42,926	13,668
>64	1402	696	26,509	9,505	737	539	705	3,887	14	16	29,367	14,643
	847,336	229,323	1,082,513	502,873	12,021	14,777	1,622	8,731	17,811	11,770	1,961,303	767,474

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 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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