

Kuwait: Population by nationality (Kuwaiti/non-Kuwaiti), sex and administrative region (governorate) of residence (December 2015)

Nationality Governorate	Kuwaiti			Non-Kuwaiti			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Capital Governorate	115,876	122,394	238,270	186,478	121,675	308,153	302,354	244,069	546,423
Hawalli Governorate	110,279	113,565	223,844	397,090	294,568	691,658	507,369	408,133	915,502
Al-Ahmadi Governorate	136,924	140,079	277,003	448,343	153,081	601,424	585,267	293,160	878,427
Al-jahra Governorate	90,434	94,966	185,400	203,449	128,657	332,106	293,883	223,623	517,506
Al-Farwaniya Governorate	112,987	118,967	231,954	675,892	225,710	901,602	788,879	344,677	1,133,556
Mubarak Al-Kabeer Governorate	74,637	76,238	150,875	50,149	41,487	91,636	124,786	117,725	242,511
Not Stated	145	114	259	2,863	1,959	4,822	3,008	2,073	5,081
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.

(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 having 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).

2. Institution which provides data

The Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI)

3. Period of data coverage: 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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