

Kuwait: Total employed population (public, private, domestic sectors), by nationality (Kuwaiti/ non-Kuwaiti) and sex (Q4 2014-Q1 2025)

	Total employed Kuwaitis			Non-Kuwaitis			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2014 Q4	150,835	187,462	338,297	1,529,403	497,363	2,026,766	1,680,238	684,825	2,365,063
2015 Q1	164,291	189,547	353,838	1,589,097	528,520	2,117,617	1,753,388	718,067	2,471,455
2015 Q2	154,276	188,141	342,417	1,578,655	494,371	2,073,026	1,732,931	682,512	2,415,443
2015 Q3	152,799	186,504	339,303	1,573,676	529,763	2,103,439	1,726,475	716,267	2,442,742
2015 Q4	154,415	190,207	344,622	1,645,827	527,346	2,173,173	1,800,242	717,553	2,517,795
2016 Q1	155,899	193,145	349,044	1,693,061	522,410	2,215,471	1,848,960	715,555	2,564,515
2016 Q2	155,671	193,121	348,792	1,727,126	524,487	2,251,613	1,882,797	717,608	2,600,405
2016 Q3	156,194	195,481	351,675	1,769,203	527,981	2,297,184	1,925,397	723,462	2,648,859
2016 Q4	157,249	197,557	354,806	1,761,703	521,971	2,283,674	1,918,952	719,528	2,638,480
2017 Q1	156,557	197,047	353,604	1,757,179	517,330	2,274,509	1,913,736	714,377	2,628,113
2017 Q2	158,099	200,755	358,854	1,808,391	517,089	2,325,480	1,966,490	717,844	2,684,334
2017 Q3	159,390	202,146	361,536	1,842,814	514,237	2,357,051	2,002,204	716,383	2,718,587
2017 Q4	159,805	205,755	365,560	1,836,328	510,336	2,346,664	1,996,133	716,091	2,712,224
2018 Q1	160,485	208,690	369,175	1,865,929	512,304	2,378,233	2,026,414	720,994	2,747,408
2018 Q2	162,395	212,409	374,804	1,876,191	509,245	2,385,436	2,038,586	721,654	2,760,240
2018 Q3	163,787	214,541	378,328	1,885,200	509,864	2,395,064	2,048,987	724,405	2,773,392
2018 Q4	164,437	216,215	380,652	1,902,238	528,068	2,430,306	2,066,675	744,283	2,810,958
2019 Q1	165,502	219,096	384,598	1,914,032	537,383	2,451,415	2,079,534	756,479	2,836,013
2019 Q2	166,301	222,452	388,753	1,929,921	547,352	2,477,273	2,096,222	769,804	2,866,026
2019 Q3	166,238	223,660	389,898	1,908,051	550,392	2,458,443	2,074,289	774,052	2,848,341
2019 Q4	167,816	227,020	394,836	1,912,140	557,928	2,470,068	2,079,956	784,948	2,864,904
2020 Q1	168,845	228,581	397,426	1,914,594	552,207	2,466,801	2,083,439	780,788	2,864,227
2020 Q2	168,489	228,172	396,661	1,870,680	531,932	2,402,612	2,039,169	760,104	2,799,273
2020 Q3	168,172	227,872	396,044	1,790,327	520,249	2,310,576	1,958,499	748,121	2,706,620
2020 Q4	172,253	234,422	406,675	1,742,551	512,558	2,255,109	1,914,804	746,980	2,661,784
2021 Q1	174,044	237,420	411,464	1,686,485	500,815	2,187,300	1,860,529	738,235	2,598,764
2021 Q2	176,995	242,589	419,584	1,655,723	493,656	2,149,379	1,832,718	736,245	2,568,963
2021 Q3	178,836	245,350	424,186	1,612,886	474,889	2,087,775	1,791,722	720,239	2,511,961
2021 Q4	181,818	248,310	430,128	1,580,274	465,706	2,045,980	1,762,092	714,016	2,476,108
2022 Q1	183,544	251,281	434,825	1,587,004	476,243	2,063,247	1,770,548	727,524	2,498,072
2022 Q2	185,155	253,404	438,559	1,619,907	512,163	2,132,070	1,805,062	765,567	2,570,629
2022 Q3	184,953	253,850	438,803	1,692,626	556,934	2,249,560	1,877,579	810,784	2,688,363
2022 Q4	186,845	255,802	442,647	1,754,166	593,474	2,347,640	1,941,011	849,276	2,790,287
2023 Q1	187,447	257,375	444,822	1,791,288	617,184	2,408,472	1,978,735	874,559	2,853,294
2023 Q2	188,204	258,860	447,064	1,807,111	622,919	2,430,030	1,995,315	881,779	2,877,094
2023 Q3	188,927	259,901	448,828	1,821,890	626,539	2,448,429	2,010,817	886,440	2,897,257
2023 Q4	191,235	262,803	454,038	1,835,690	629,499	2,465,189	2,026,925	892,302	2,919,227
2024 Q1	192,712	264,855	457,567	1,844,496	634,396	2,478,892	2,037,208	899,251	2,936,459
2024 Q2	188,432	263,163	451,595	1,842,125	633,640	2,475,765	2,030,557	896,803	2,927,360
2024 Q3	189,014	262,390	451,404	1,846,581	631,325	2,477,906	2,035,595	893,715	2,929,310
2024 Q4	189,417	260,171	449,588	1,863,501	636,452	2,499,953	2,052,918	896,623	2,949,541
2025 Q1	190,819	259,414	450,233	1,861,598	645,144	2,506,742	2,052,417	904,558	2,956,975

Source: Central Statistical Bureau (CSB), Labour Market Information System (LMIS), Integrated Database

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Characteristics of data and definitions

Kuwait's Labour Market Information System (KLMIS) was developed by the Central Statistical Bureau (CSB), in collaboration with relevant other government agencies.

<https://lmis.csb.gov.kw/ar/Default.aspx>;

<https://lmis.csb.gov.kw/En/Docs/KLMI%20Report%20English%20-%20Final%20Version.pdf>.

KLMIS's Integrated database, updated on a quarterly basis, tabulates basic data on nationals' and foreign migrants' employment, taken from four administrative sources:
the Civil Service Commission (CSC) (public sector's statistics);
the Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) (public entities which are not included in the Civil Service Commission records);
the Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) (statistics on workers in the private sector);
Ministry of Interior (MoI) (domestic workers).

The employed persons are defined as individuals aged 15 years and over who:
a. Work for a company, the government, or any other person outside the family during the past seven days.
b. Worked for their own projects or for family projects in the last seven days.
c. Did not work in the last seven days, but they were absent from their usual work.

Information on LMIS's data sources is taken from:
Al Daas, M. Labor Statistics for evidence-based policies,
https://www.iaos-isi.org/images/IAOS2017-19/2016Conference/P5C/Mona_Al_daas_aper.pdf, p. 3.

2. Institution which provides data

The Central Statistical Bureau (CSB)

<https://www.csb.gov.kw/>

https://www.csb.gov.kw/default_en

3. Data availability

Kuwait: Central Statistical Bureau. Integrated Database – LMIS

<https://lmis.csb.gov.kw/>

https://lmis.csb.gov.kw/default_En

Data are available in Arabic and English, by quarter, for every year since 2014.

https://lmis.csb.gov.kw/IntegratedDataView_En

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