

Labour force by nationality group, activity sector and sector of economic activity (Kuwait) (2012)

Nationality group	Kuwaitis		Arabs		Asians		Africans		Europeans		North Americans		South Americans		Australians-Oceania		Total Non-Kuwaitis		Grand total		
	Govt. Sector	Non-Govt. Sector	Govt. Sector	Non-Govt. Sector	Govt. Sector	Non-Govt. Sector	Govt. Sector	Non-Govt. Sector	Govt. Sector	Non-Govt. Sector	Govt. Sector	Non-Govt. Sector	Govt. Sector	Non-Govt. Sector	Govt. Sector	Non-Govt. Sector	Govt. Sector	Non-Govt. Sector	Govt. Sector	Non-Govt. Sector	
Sector of economic Activity	0	408	0	7,343	22,822	12	24,200	24,207	4	575	179	1	22	0	2	2	0	25	26,176	37,444	27,440
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fishing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining and quarrying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing	5,122	277	9,265	487	812	1,309	702	695	946	5	5	1	111	52	2	102	285	1	5	6	1
Electricity, gas and water supply	5,759	3,091	9,458	524	13,400	34,814	782	88,884	81,486	5	150	155	4	172	176	4	214	222	17	18	4
Construction	10,063	0	12,861	1,050	72	14,924	809	28	828	25	25	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
Wholesale and retail trade	85	11,635	11,720	25	79,552	79,977	33	111,327	111,980	0	204	204	1	859	859	0	1,033	1,033	95	95	0
Hotels and restaurants	154	12,080	12,234	115	109,716	109,875	71	108,831	109,082	1	130	131	19	892	817	12	1,073	1,055	79	79	1
Transport, storage and communications	174	1,836	2,010	111	21,510	21,646	185	41,000	41,255	0	200	200	1	220	220	1	237	237	63	63	0
Financial intermediation	6,700	4,465	8,127	881	18,379	18,569	1,487	37,409	38,287	2	18	18	10	100	100	0	11	11	12	12	0
Real estate, renting and business activities	429	9,108	10,437	137	39,743	40,078	196	5,867	6,063	1	72	73	11	144	144	13	242	255	11	11	0
Public administration and defense, compulsory social security	22,056	10	22,076	16,482	5	58,482	22,100	78	22,378	200	0	280	695	1	696	100	0	58	58	0	0
Education	20,473	1,747	22,428	11,122	14,200	25,622	877	5,283	6,288	43	205	288	13	1,005	1,149	118	1,253	1,371	4	38	38
Health and social work	11,280	573	11,853	6,385	4,252	16,827	10,921	6,940	17,761	32	29	43	120	250	178	34	95	343	3	12	6
Other community, social and personal services activities	1,347	2,746	3,863	874	16,815	17,789	14,438	73,813	78,251	6	1,382	1,388	49	700	749	125	2,788	2,913	47	95	20
Private households with employed persons	3	170	173	47	3,380	3,547	147	481,217	481,464	2	55,063	55,065	1	13	14	0	10	10	3	3	0
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	16	25	41	610	765	1,522	905	461	1,266	158	37	125	100	45	89	75	0	6	6	0	0
Net Migrant	583	37,789	38,372	750	118,118	118,870	169	175,728	176,097	13	1,116	1,131	25	1,199	1,224	8	2,527	2,535	141	149	2
Total	263,628	92,711	356,339	82,484	471,125	552,628	48,274	1,128,292	1,176,584	562	62,798	63,260	1,268	4,262	7,602	882	12,409	12,598	142	154	63

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 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).

(c) Population in the labour force: population aged 15 years and above, included in the labour market, either employed (in the government or private sector, as itinerant worker, employed in the domestic sector), or unemployed.

(d) Government sector: any organization of the government (organizations, authority and departments), included within the state budget

(Ministries and government departments; authorities with attached budgets; authorities with independent budgets).

(e) Non-governmental sector: any part of the private sector (a company or an individual) or any authority of the non-governmental sector.

(f) Domestic sector: the household/ family sector, where the work is associated with the residence and its inhabitants, their service and their comfort (including maids, nannies, cooks, drivers, etc.).

Presented data include unemployed population.

Economic activities are categorised according to ISIC(Rev. 3) international classification of economic activity.

Note: figures of expatriates differ slightly between PACI's various sources of data (database; tabulated data).

2. Institution which provides data

The Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI)

3. Period of data coverage: December 2012

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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