

Labour force by nationality (Kuwaiti/non-Kuwaiti), activity sector and sector of economic activity (Female workers) (2013)

Nationality Group	Kuwaitis			Non-Kuwaitis			Total		
Economic Activity/ sector	Governmental	Non-governmental	Total	Governmental	Non-governmental	Total	Governmental	Non-governmental	Total
Agriculture hunting and forestry	3	244	247	10	565	575	13	809	822
Mining and quarrying	823	82	905	26	51	77	849	133	982
Manufacturing	250	1,929	2,179	44	5,870	5,914	294	7,799	8,093
Electricity, gas and water supply	3,059		3,059	88	3	91	3,147	3	3,150
Construction	25	5,812	5,837	8	9,020	9,028	33	14,832	14,865
Wholesale and retail trade	40	7,149	7,189	57	23,915	23,972	97	31,064	31,161
Hotels and restaurants	90	1,301	1,391	9	7,982	7,991	99	9,283	9,382
Transport, storage and communications	919	1,611	2,530	905	2,363	3,268	1,824	3,974	5,798
Financial intermediation	853	3,392	4,245	93	2,269	2,362	946	5,661	6,607
Real estate, renting and business activities	368	3,525	3,893	34	10,370	10,404	402	13,895	14,297
Public administration and defence, compulsory social security	102,922	9	102,931	23,343	22	23,365	126,265	31	126,296
Education	23,153	1,456	24,609	5,588	13,771	19,359	28,741	15,227	43,968
Health and social work	7,489	364	7,853	10,902	7,460	18,362	18,391	7,824	26,215
Other community, social and personal service activities	436	1,695	2,131	491	25,049	25,540	927	26,744	27,671
Private households with employed persons		60	60	29	296,563	296,592	29	296,623	296,652
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	5	13	18	599	186	785	604	199	803
Not Stated	280	23,155	23,435	428	34,723	35,151	708	57,878	58,586
Total	140,715	51,797	192,512	42,654	440,182	482,836	183,369	491,979	675,348

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 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.).

The “domestic sector” data is merged with the “non-governmental sector”. A proxy estimate of workers in the domestic sector can be inferred from the number of workers in the category “Private households with employed persons”, or see table

<http://gulfmigration.eu/employed-population-by-nationality-kuwaiti-non-kuwaiti-activity-sector-and-sex-2013/> .

Presented data include unemployed population.

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

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 2013

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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