

Labour force by nationality (Kuwaiti/ non-Kuwaiti), sex and sector of economic activity (2012)

Economic activities	Kuwaitis			Non-Kuwaitis			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	193	243	436	36410	591	37001	36603	834	37437
Fishing	5	1	6	37	7	44	42	8	50
Mining and quarrying	4431	874	5305	2015	80	2095	6446	954	7400
Manufacturing	7160	2250	9410	109664	6402	116066	116824	8652	125476
Electricity, gas and water supply	10864	2936	13800	1861	89	1950	12725	3025	15750
Construction	6246	5474	11720	178109	8798	186907	184355	14272	198627
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and households goods	6382	6632	13014	259253	22185	281438	265635	28817	294452
Hotels and restaurants	700	1330	2030	56352	7285	63637	57052	8615	65667
Transport, storage and communications	6534	2583	9117	56750	3230	59980	63284	5813	69097
Financial intermediation	5121	4182	9303	10721	2411	13132	15842	6593	22435
Real estate, renting and business activities	6888	3524	10412	77482	8341	85823	84370	11865	96235
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	130524	97551	228075	60113	22217	82330	190637	119768	310405
Education	7435	24988	32423	16898	18078	34976	24333	43066	67399
Health and social work	3997	7863	11860	11273	17691	28964	15270	25554	40824
Other community, social and personal service activities	1782	2081	3863	66532	14204	80736	68314	16285	84599
Private households with employed persons	112	61	173	260173	290325	550498	260285	290386	550671
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	8	17	25	2176	717	2893	2184	734	2918
Not Stated	15661	22712	38373	221871	46569	268440	237532	69281	306813
Total	214043	185302	399345	1427690	469220	1896910	1641733	654522	2296255

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.

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.

Date of access: June 2013.