

POP 3.1 Kuwait: Population aged 10 and above by nationality (Kuwaiti/ non-Kuwaiti), sex and highest education level reached (December 2016)

	Kuwaitis			Non-Kuwaitis			Total		
	males	females	Total	males	females	Total	males	females	Total
Illiterate	2,267	21,773	24,040	68,536	39,285	107,821	70,803	61,058	131,861
Reads and writes	4,099	7,006	11,105	696,514	286,809	983,323	700,613	293,815	994,428
Elementary	97,375	79,240	176,615	125,193	72,029	197,222	222,568	151,269	373,837
Intermediate	136,435	111,715	248,150	501,764	186,149	687,913	638,199	297,864	936,063
Secondary	97,141	100,401	197,542	183,033	96,695	279,728	280,174	197,096	477,270
Diploma	41,834	53,848	95,682	40,576	18,729	59,305	82,410	72,577	154,987
University degree	46,719	83,643	130,362	85,073	51,426	136,499	131,792	135,069	266,861
Postgraduate	3,552	1,583	5,135	4,721	1,747	6,468	8,273	3,330	11,603
NA	58,387	60,034	118,421	230,750	85,317	316,067	289,137	145,351	434,488
Total	487,809	519,243	1,007,052	1,936,160	838,186	2,774,346	2,423,969	1,357,429	3,781,398

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 which 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).

(The children of Kuwaiti mothers and non-Kuwaiti fathers (with specific nationality) inherit the father's nationality. They are stateless if the father is stateless).

(c) NA: education level is unclear or not reported.

Classification used for education levels: ISCED.

2. Institution which provides data

The Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI)

3. Period of data coverage: December 2016

The database is updated twice a year and the website presents only the most recent data.

4. Data availability

Analytical tables and data crosstabulations are available for download in PDF, html, .png and Excel (.csv) formats.

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