

Population by nationality (Kuwait/ non-Kuwaiti), sex and age group (Kuwait, December 2014)

Age group	Kuwaitis			Non-Kuwaitis			TOTAL		
	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total
0-4	84,390	81,407	165,797	81,280	77,584	158,864	165,670	158,991	324,661
5-9	82,042	79,249	161,291	72,692	69,715	142,407	154,734	148,964	303,698
10-14	71,173	68,988	140,161	53,375	49,462	102,837	124,548	118,450	242,998
15-19	67,422	64,478	131,900	44,768	41,411	86,179	112,190	105,889	218,079
20-24	59,963	58,129	118,092	101,939	59,942	161,881	161,902	118,071	279,973
25-29	52,337	52,902	105,239	267,773	145,962	413,735	320,110	198,864	518,974
30-34	44,093	46,669	90,762	312,143	144,454	456,597	356,236	191,123	547,359
35-39	36,767	40,777	77,544	285,555	125,007	410,562	322,322	165,784	488,106
40-44	31,893	36,261	68,154	225,906	94,531	320,437	257,799	130,792	388,591
45-49	27,600	31,970	59,570	174,267	68,412	242,679	201,867	100,382	302,249
50-54	21,797	25,917	47,714	110,203	39,130	149,333	132,000	65,047	197,047
55-59	15,617	21,021	36,638	68,938	21,168	90,106	84,555	42,189	126,744
60-64	11,267	15,564	26,831	33,671	11,652	45,323	44,938	27,216	72,154
>64	19,895	26,269	46,164	22,769	12,427	35,196	42,664	38,696	81,360
Total	626,256	649,601	1,275,857	1,855,279	960,857	2,816,136	2,481,535	1,610,458	4,091,993

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 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) Nationality group: collected according to the nationality of the head of the household.

Nationalities are grouped according to specific features common to certain population subgroups: language, geographic origin, etc. or according to internationally recognized categories such as: (Arab / non-Arab Asian countries / non-Arab African countries; European countries ... etc.).

2. Institution which provides data

The Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI)

3. Period of data coverage: 31 December 2014

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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