

# UAE, Abu Dhabi: Mid-year population estimates by nationality (Emirati/non-Emirati) and sex (1960-2016)

Year	Nationals			Non-nationals			TOTAL		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1960	6,211	4,853	<b>11,064</b>	8,635	209	<b>8,844</b>	14,846	5,062	<b>19,908</b>
1961	7,041	5,543	<b>12,584</b>	11,031	476	<b>11,507</b>	18,072	6,019	<b>24,091</b>
1962	7,871	6,233	<b>14,104</b>	13,427	743	<b>14,170</b>	21,298	6,976	<b>28,274</b>
1963	8,327	6,594	<b>14,921</b>	14,633	896	<b>15,529</b>	22,960	7,490	<b>30,450</b>
1964	8,810	6,976	<b>15,786</b>	15,947	1,080	<b>17,027</b>	24,757	8,056	<b>32,813</b>
1965	9,321	7,380	<b>16,701</b>	17,379	1,302	<b>18,681</b>	26,700	8,682	<b>35,382</b>
1966	9,861	7,808	<b>17,669</b>	18,940	1,570	<b>20,510</b>	28,801	9,378	<b>38,179</b>
1967	10,433	8,261	<b>18,694</b>	20,641	1,893	<b>22,534</b>	31,074	10,154	<b>41,228</b>
1968	11,038	8,740	<b>19,778</b>	22,493	2,281	<b>24,774</b>	33,531	11,021	<b>44,552</b>
1969	12,592	10,115	<b>22,707</b>	28,439	3,269	<b>31,708</b>	41,031	13,384	<b>54,415</b>
1970	14,364	11,707	<b>26,071</b>	35,957	4,685	<b>40,642</b>	50,321	16,392	<b>66,713</b>
1971	16,386	13,549	<b>29,935</b>	45,462	6,714	<b>52,176</b>	61,848	20,263	<b>82,111</b>
1972	18,692	15,681	<b>34,373</b>	57,480	9,621	<b>67,101</b>	76,172	25,302	<b>101,474</b>
1973	21,323	18,148	<b>39,471</b>	72,675	13,787	<b>86,462</b>	93,998	31,935	<b>125,933</b>
1974	24,324	21,003	<b>45,327</b>	91,887	19,757	<b>111,644</b>	116,211	40,760	<b>156,971</b>
1975	27,746	24,308	<b>52,054</b>	116,176	28,309	<b>144,485</b>	143,922	52,617	<b>196,539</b>
1976	30,688	26,971	<b>57,659</b>	136,742	34,044	<b>170,786</b>	167,430	61,015	<b>228,445</b>
1977	33,942	29,926	<b>63,868</b>	160,949	40,941	<b>201,890</b>	194,891	70,867	<b>265,758</b>
1978	37,541	33,204	<b>70,745</b>	189,441	49,236	<b>238,677</b>	226,982	82,440	<b>309,422</b>
1979	41,521	36,841	<b>78,362</b>	222,976	59,211	<b>282,187</b>	264,497	96,052	<b>360,549</b>
1980	45,922	40,877	<b>86,799</b>	262,447	71,209	<b>333,656</b>	308,369	112,086	<b>420,455</b>
1981	49,564	44,595	<b>94,159</b>	271,003	78,390	<b>349,393</b>	320,567	122,985	<b>443,552</b>
1982	53,495	48,651	<b>102,146</b>	279,838	86,295	<b>366,133</b>	333,333	134,946	<b>468,279</b>
1983	57,738	53,076	<b>110,814</b>	288,961	94,997	<b>383,958</b>	346,699	148,073	<b>494,772</b>
1984	62,318	57,904	<b>120,222</b>	298,382	104,577	<b>402,959</b>	360,700	162,481	<b>523,181</b>
1985	67,262	63,171	<b>130,433</b>	308,111	115,124	<b>423,235</b>	375,373	178,295	<b>553,668</b>
1986	70,713	66,578	<b>137,291</b>	324,884	120,320	<b>445,204</b>	395,597	186,898	<b>582,495</b>
1987	74,341	70,169	<b>144,510</b>	342,570	125,751	<b>468,321</b>	416,911	195,920	<b>612,831</b>
1988	78,155	73,953	<b>152,108</b>	361,219	131,427	<b>492,646</b>	439,374	205,380	<b>644,754</b>
1989	82,165	77,941	<b>160,106</b>	380,883	137,359	<b>518,242</b>	463,048	215,300	<b>678,348</b>
1990	86,381	82,144	<b>168,525</b>	401,618	143,559	<b>545,177</b>	487,999	225,703	<b>713,702</b>
1991	90,813	86,574	<b>177,387</b>	423,482	150,039	<b>573,521</b>	514,295	236,613	<b>750,908</b>
1992	95,472	91,243	<b>186,715</b>	446,536	156,811	<b>603,347</b>	542,008	248,054	<b>790,062</b>
1993	100,370	96,164	<b>196,534</b>	470,845	163,889	<b>634,734</b>	571,215	260,053	<b>831,268</b>
1994	105,520	101,350	<b>206,870</b>	496,477	171,286	<b>667,763</b>	601,997	272,636	<b>874,633</b>
1995	110,933	106,815	<b>217,748</b>	523,507	179,016	<b>702,523</b>	634,440	285,831	<b>920,271</b>
1996	116,223	112,360	<b>228,583</b>	540,556	186,657	<b>727,213</b>	656,779	299,017	<b>955,796</b>
1997	121,765	118,193	<b>239,958</b>	558,161	194,624	<b>752,785</b>	679,926	312,817	<b>992,743</b>
1998	127,572	124,329	<b>251,901</b>	576,339	202,931	<b>779,270</b>	703,911	327,260	<b>1,031,171</b>
1999	133,656	130,783	<b>264,439</b>	595,109	211,593	<b>806,702</b>	728,765	342,376	<b>1,071,141</b>
2000	140,030	137,572	<b>277,602</b>	614,490	220,624	<b>835,114</b>	754,520	358,196	<b>1,112,716</b>
2001	146,707	144,714	<b>291,421</b>	634,502	230,040	<b>864,542</b>	781,209	374,754	<b>1,155,963</b>
2002	153,047	150,745	<b>303,792</b>	658,813	244,080	<b>902,893</b>	811,860	394,825	<b>1,206,685</b>
2003	159,661	157,027	<b>316,688</b>	684,055	258,977	<b>943,032</b>	843,716	416,004	<b>1,259,720</b>

2004	166,561	163,571	<b>330,132</b>	710,264	274,783	<b>985,047</b>	876,825	438,354	<b>1,315,179</b>
2005	173,861	170,489	<b>344,350</b>	738,003	291,816	<b>1,029,819</b>	911,864	462,305	<b>1,374,169</b>
2006	181,793	178,385	<b>360,177</b>	793,371	307,930	<b>1,101,301</b>	975,164	486,315	<b>1,461,478</b>
2007	190,369	187,277	<b>377,646</b>	873,504	323,131	<b>1,196,635</b>	1,063,873	510,408	<b>1,574,281</b>
2008	199,232	196,497	<b>395,729</b>	961,173	338,886	<b>1,300,059</b>	1,160,405	535,383	<b>1,695,788</b>
2009	208,387	206,054	<b>414,441</b>	1,057,029	355,203	<b>1,412,232</b>	1,265,416	561,257	<b>1,826,674</b>
2010	224,498	212,985	<b>437,483</b>	1,236,296	420,701	<b>1,656,997</b>	1,460,794	633,686	<b>2,094,480</b>
2011	234,414	220,651	<b>455,065</b>	1,289,871	416,683	<b>1,706,554</b>	1,524,285	637,334	<b>2,161,619</b>
2012	246,390	230,340	<b>476,730</b>	1,415,660	442,180	<b>1,857,840</b>	1,662,050	672,520	<b>2,334,570</b>
2013	255,250	240,120	<b>495,370</b>	1,492,580	465,150	<b>1,957,730</b>	1,747,830	705,270	<b>2,453,100</b>
2014	261,200	246,279	<b>507,479</b>	1,504,940	644,029	<b>2,148,969</b>	1,766,140	890,308	<b>2,656,448</b>
2015	275,950	260,791	<b>536,741</b>	1,555,791	691,958	<b>2,247,749</b>	1,831,741	952,749	<b>2,784,490</b>
2016	282,632	268,903	<b>551,535</b>	1,574,986	781,652	<b>2,356,638</b>	1,857,618	1,050,555	<b>2,908,173</b>

Source: SCAD, Abu Dhabi

## ANNEXED NOTE

### 1. Characteristics of data, definitions and population counting operations in the UAE

Population estimates are drawn using interpolation techniques. They are mid-year estimates.

The first population census was conducted in 1968 by the Council of Developing Trucial States.

After Independence in 1971, a population census of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi was conducted that same year.

The first general population and establishments census in the UAE was conducted in 1975. It was the first census in the region following scientific standards and international recommendations. The other federal censuses were conducted in 1980, 1985, 1995 and 2005.

**Reference days for UAE censuses:** 30/12/1975; 15/12/1980, 16/12/1985, 16/12/1995; 29/10/2001; 06/12/2005.

**Implementation method:** the census was carried out according to de jure methodology, i.e. counting persons using their usual place of residence

**Population of reference:** Emirati nationals usually residing in the country+all foreign residents holding a valid residence permit+resident GCC nationals (nationals of other GCC states don't need a permit to stay in the UAE)

In October 2011, SCAD conducted its first census of population and households.

### 2. Institution which provides data

Statistics centre of Abu Dhabi (SCAD), Abu Dhabi

### 3. Data availability

The data only concerns the Abu Dhabi resident population (nationals and foreign residents).

SCAD statistics on population:

<https://www.scad.ae/en/pages/statistics.aspx?topicid=24>

Abu Dhabi Statistical Yearbooks, chapter "Population and Demography":  
<https://www.scad.ae/en/pages/GeneralPublications.aspx?pubid=79&themeid=7>

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