

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

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

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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