

UAE: Estimates of total population by sex, sex ratios and annual demographic growth rates (1970-2010)

	Males	Females	Total	Sex ratio (males/100 females)	Growth rates
1970			248,000		
1971			287,000		14.6
1972			332,000		14.6
1973			385,000		14.8
1974			446,000		14.7
1975	386,308	171,692	557,887	225	22.4
1976	410,691	183,309	594,000	224	6.3
1977	467,082	205,918	673,000	227	12.5
1978	528,549	233,451	762,000	226	12.4
1979	598,852	265,148	864,000	226	12.6
1980	719,399	322,601	1,042,099	223	18.7
1981	734,315	337,685	1,072,000	217	2.8
1982	769,357	364,643	1,134,000	211	5.6
1983	803,340	395,660	1,199,000	203	5.6
1984	838,322	429,678	1,268,000	195	5.6
1985	895,403	483,597	1,379,303	185	8.4
1986	922,301	495,699	1,418,000	186	2.8
1987	975,952	524,048	1,500,000	186	5.6
1988	1,099,145	486,855	1,586,000	226	5.6
1989	1,099,623	577,377	1,677,000	190	5.6
1990	1,128,176	644,824	1,773,000	175	5.6
1991	1,235,294	639,706	1,875,000	193	5.6
1992	1,309,301	673,699	1,983,000	194	5.6
1993	1,388,310	708,690	2,097,000	196	5.6
1994	1,471,992	745,008	2,217,000	198	5.6
1995	1,606,777	804,223	2,411,041	200	8.4
1996	1,648,327	821,673	2,470,000	201	2.4
1997	1,733,239	856,761	2,590,000	202	4.7
1998	1,820,126	896,874	2,717,000	203	4.8
1999	1,917,870	937,130	2,855,000	205	5.0
2000	2,015,515	979,485	2,995,000	206	4.8
2001	2,138,132	1,028,868	3,167,000	208	5.6
2002	2,263,508	1,085,492	3,349,000	209	5.6
2003	2,406,132	1,144,868	3,551,000	210	5.9
2004	2,553,060	1,207,940	3,761,000	211	5.7

2005	2,805,849	1,300,151	4,106,427	216	8.8
2006	3,533,293	1,478,707	5,012,834	239	19.9
2007	4,533,277	1,685,723	6,219,000	269	21.6
2008	6,040,251	2,033,749	8,074,000	297	26.1
2009	6,120,888	2,079,112	8,200,000	294	1.5
2010	6,161,768	2,102,232	8,264,070	293	1.6

Source: National Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Economy

ANNEXED NOTE

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

The estimates by sex were calculated on the basis of aggregated population and sex ratios' times series available since 1975.

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 day for 2005' census: 6 December 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)

Period of reference for estimates: end of year estimates, except census years (census' reference period) and 2010: mid-year estimate

2010' federal census was due to take place in April but finally cancelled. It was only conducted in Abu Dhabi Emirate which includes Al-Ain.

NBS estimated UAE's resident population (nationals and non-nationals) on the basis of administrative records, using the component method: addition of natural increase and net migration since the last census year (2005).

The net migration was calculated as follows:

Net migration = (residence permits issued for the first time- residence permits that have been cancelled and not renewed)+(arrivals of GCC nationals- departures of GCC nationals), on the basis of Ministry of Interior's records.

The Emirates Identity Authority (EIDA), an independent federal authority established in 2004, is currently in charge of recording all UAE residents, national and expatriates in order to set up a Population Register and an ID card program. The process is stil ongoing.

2. Institution which provides data

National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)

3. Data availability

Population statistics are available on NBS's website:

<http://www.uaestatistics.gov.ae/EnglishHome/tabid/96/Default.aspx>

<http://www.uaestatistics.gov.ae/Home/tabid/38/Default.aspx>

Data are classified by subject and statistical publications are available on PDF or Excel format. Population data disaggregated by nationality (Emirati/non-Emirati) are scarce.

For population estimates for 2006-2010 and methodology of estimates see:

<http://www.uaestatistics.gov.ae/ReportPDF/Population%20Estimates%202006%20-%202010.pdf>

Aggregated data (total population, 1970-2010) were taken from NBS's data portal

<http://dataportal.nbs.gov.ae/en/>

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