

UAE: Population by nationality (Emirati/ Non-Emirati) and Emirate (1980)

Emirate	Nationals	Non-nationals	Total
Abu Dhabi	90,792	361,056	451,848
Dubai	62,516	213,785	276,301
Al Sharjah	60,495	98,822	159,317
Ajman	13,376	22,724	36,100
Umm Al – Quwain	5,845	6,581	12,426
Ras Al Khaima	39,148	34,770	73,918
Al Fujairah	18,372	13,817	32,189
Grand Total	290,544	751,555	1,042,099

NBS, Ministry of Economy.

ANNEXED NOTE

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

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 1975, 1980, 1985, 1995' censuses: unknown

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)

2010' federal census was eventually cancelled but 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.

2005' census data is available at:

<http://www.uaestatistics.gov.ae/EnglishHome/ReportsByDepartmentEnglish/tabid/104/Default.aspx?MenuId=1&NDId=365>

The present data is taken from:

<http://www.uaestatistics.gov.ae/EnglishHome/ReportDetailsEnglish/tabid/121/Default.aspx?ItemId=1869&PTID=104&MenuId=1>

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