

UAE: Population by nationality (Emirati/ Non-Emirati) and Emirate (1985)

Emirate	Nationals	Non-nationals	Total
Abu Dhabi	135,982	430,054	566,036
Dubai	76,692	294,096	370,788
Al Sharjah	79,403	148,914	228,317
Ajman	19,253	35,293	54,546
Umm Al – Quwain	8,841	10,444	19,285
Ras Al Khaima	49,317	47,261	96,578
Al Fujairah	26,626	17,127	43,753
Grand Total	396,114	983,189	1,379,303

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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