

Working age population by nationality group, sex and age group (Kuwait) (2012)

Age group	Kuwaitis			Arabs			Asians			Africans			Non-Kuwaitis Europeans			North Americans		South Americans		Australians-Oceanians			TOTAL non-Kuwaitis			GRAND TOTAL				
	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total			
15-19	66,780	64,271	131,051	33,784	29,264	63,048	8,047	7,176	15,223	193	136	329	314	307	621	727	692	1,419	60	54	114	80	75	155	43,205	37,704	80,909	109,985	101,975	211,960
20-24	56,518	54,736	111,254	50,404	33,280	83,684	49,539	24,064	73,603	789	16,817	17,606	200	333	541	485	506	991	53	72	125	49	52	101	101,527	75,124	176,651	150,645	129,860	280,505
25-29	49,116	49,884	99,000	99,665	46,195	145,860	140,388	69,388	209,776	2,376	28,889	31,265	313	605	918	930	748	1,678	94	60	154	33	51	84	243,799	145,936	389,735	292,915	195,820	488,735
30-34	40,696	42,949	83,645	101,443	39,885	141,328	198,144	83,277	281,421	1,255	10,002	11,257	544	735	1,279	1,168	701	1,869	62	67	129	50	50	100	302,666	134,717	437,383	343,362	177,666	521,028
35-39	35,199	39,364	74,563	77,793	28,661	106,454	173,165	79,817	252,982	619	3,057	3,676	641	708	1,349	985	568	1,553	65	58	123	51	50	101	253,319	112,919	366,238	288,518	152,283	440,801
40-44	30,346	34,424	64,770	61,071	21,230	82,301	146,451	63,279	209,730	398	757	1,155	752	590	1,342	1,183	549	1,732	82	42	124	60	57	117	209,997	86,594	296,591	240,343	120,928	361,271
45-49	25,701	29,766	55,467	51,704	16,596	68,300	99,448	42,257	141,705	294	200	494	778	511	1,289	1,514	536	2,050	85	41	126	77	62	139	153,900	60,283	214,183	179,601	89,969	269,570
50-54	19,562	23,848	43,410	35,874	12,339	48,213	62,664	21,249	83,913	177	121	298	719	408	1,127	1,429	530	1,959	80	29	109	80	47	127	101,023	34,723	135,746	120,585	58,571	179,156
55-59	14,647	19,530	34,177	24,280	8,645	32,925	35,267	9,419	44,686	134	86	220	616	309	925	1,059	357	1,416	51	23	74	62	26	88	61,469	18,865	80,334	76,116	38,395	114,511
TOTAL	338,565	356,772	697,337	536,018	236,095	772,113	913,113	399,926	1,313,039	6,235	60,065	66,300	4,885	4,506	9,391	9,480	5,187	14,667	632	446	1,078	542	470	1,012	1,470,905	706,695	2,177,601	809,470	1,065,462	874,937

Source: PACI

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Characteristics of data and definitions

The source of data used here is the Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI), an independent government body in charge of :

- 1- centralising all population and labour force data in order to manage a fully computerised population register
- 2- issuing mandatory civil identification cards to every resident of the country, regardless of age and nationality.

The other source of demographic and socioeconomic data on Kuwait is the Central Statistical Office (CSO), operating within the Planning Ministry. The CSO has conducted ten population and housing censuses since its inception in 1957.

Since 1995 a marked discrepancy was witnessed between PACI' and CSO' population figures. PACI' database is connected electronically with other administrations and bodies registering demographic events and professional/ residency issues (births and death; departures and arrivals; end of service, residency and ID deliveries, etc.).

PACI's records of residents' movements is thus regularly updated, which limits the risk of population overcount. Therefore, it is more likely that residents were undercounted during CSO- Ministry of Planning's census operations (see: Shah, N. Population of Kuwait. Structure and Dynamics, Kuwait: Kuwait University Academic Publication Council, 2010, chapter 1).

(a) Kuwaiti: the Kuwaiti nationality rests upon a document of Kuwaiti nationality or a certificate proving Kuwaiti nationality issued by the Ministry of Interior of Kuwait.

(b) Non-Kuwaiti: his/ her nationality is determined by the name of the State which issued the passport. The foreign national also entered Kuwait legally and has a stamp of residence.

This category includes the Bidoon, a category of stateless persons living in the Emirate. Kuwait's Bidoon population originates from three broad categories:

- 1) those whose ancestors failed to apply for nationality or lacked necessary documentation at the time of Kuwait's independence in 1961;
- 2) those recruited to work in Kuwait's army or police force during the 1960s who permanently settled in Kuwait, along with their families;
- 3) children of Kuwaiti mothers and stateless or foreign fathers (see Human Rights Watch. Prisoners of the Past. Kuwaiti Bidun and the Burden of Statelessness, June 2011, p. 3).

(c) Nationality group: collected according to the nationality of the head of the household.

Nationalities are grouped according to specific features common to certain population subgroups: language, geographic origin, etc. or according to internationally recognized categories such as: (Arab / non-Arab Asian countries / non-Arab African countries; European countries ... etc.).

(d) Working age population: population aged 15 to 60.

2. Institution which provides data

The Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI)

3. Period of data coverage: December 2012

The database is updated three times a year and the website presents only the most recent data.

4. Data availability

The statistics section of PACI's website (<http://www.paci.gov.kw/en/> (English); <http://www.paci.gov.kw/> (Arabic)) provides population and socio-economic data broken down by nationality (Kuwaiti/ non-Kuwaiti). Some data are displayed by nationality groups.

Analytical tables and data crosstabulations are available for download in PDF, html, .png and Excel (.csv) formats.

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