

## KUWAIT

**Region:** Arab States

**Income group:** High income

**Summary:** Kuwait has reported 5 metadata sources, which collect information on international migration statistics. Two survey based sources are **General Census of Population, Dwelling and Establishments** and **Labour Force Survey**. Three administrative records are **Border/Admission Statistics** and **Register of Migrant (Foreign) Workers**. The Central Statistical Bureau carries out all sources.

Geographically all the sources cover whole country, however different population groups:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the **General Census of Population, Dwelling and Establishments**; the **Labour Force Survey**; and the **Register of Migrant (foreign) Workers**)*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the **General Census of Population, Dwelling and Establishments**; the **Labour Force Survey**; and the **Register of Migrant (foreign) Workers**)*
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad (covered by the **General Census of Population, Dwelling and Establishments**)*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad (covered by the **General Census of Population, Dwelling and Establishments**)*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the **General Census of Population, Dwelling and Establishments**; the **Labour Force Survey**; and the **Estimation**)*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the **General Census of Population, Dwelling and Establishments**; the **Labour Force Survey**, **Register of Migrant (foreign) Workers**; and the **Estimation**)*
- *Refugees (covered by the **General Census of Population, Dwelling and Establishments**)*
- *Asylum seekers (covered by the **General Census of Population, Dwelling and Establishments**)*
- *Entry nationals returning from residence abroad (covered by the **Border/Admission Statistics**)*
- *Exit nationals going abroad to live (covered by the **Border/Admission Statistics**)*
- *Exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc. (covered by the **Border/Admission Statistics**)*
- *Foreigners entering country to live (covered by the **Border/Admission Statistics**)*
- *Foreigners entering country for temporary purposes, such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc. (covered by the **Border/Admission Statistics**)*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The **General Census of Population, Dwelling and Establishments** was last processed in 2011. The **Labour Force Survey** is carried out every year from 1973. The **Register of Migrant (foreign) Workers** is held annually since 1995. The **Estimation** is carried out every year from 2010.

The **Labour Force Survey** and the **Register of Migrant (foreign) Workers** cover persons aged 15 years and over. The **Border/Admission Statistics** and the **Estimation** collect information on persons of all ages.

The four essential demographic characteristics covered by the Census, the **Labour Force Survey**, and the Register of Migrant Workers are age, sex, marital status, and educational attainment. In the Census and the **Labour Force Survey**, the data on household size can be found additionally. The **Border/Admission Statistics** and the **Estimation** generate the data on sex only.

International migration characteristics covered by the **Labour force Survey**, the Register of Migrant Workers, and the **Estimation** are nationality and foreign workers in the country. The Census covers country of birth, country of citizenship, and country of previous residence for foreigners. In the **Border/Admission Statistics**, the data on reason for coming to country and year of arrival is generated.

Labour related characteristics such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and disability are available in the Census. The **Labour Force Survey** contains the biggest variety of

questions related to labour characteristics, such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual earnings per month, wage or earnings rate per time period, and hours usually worked. The **Labour Force Survey** also obtains the data on benefits from employer including paid vacation, subsidized housing, free or subsidized food, and clothing. The **Register of Migrant (Foreign) Workers** generates data on industry/economic sector and occupation. In the **Estimation** employment status only can be found.

Definitions of “*international migrant workers*”, “*nationals living abroad*”, “*employment*”, “*overseas visitor*”, and “*country of residence*” are applied in sources. The definition of “*employment*” used in the **Labour Force Survey** is the standard ILO definition.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment and education, both internationally and nationally adapted classifications are used in the sources except the **Border/Admission Statistics** where the classifications are not used.

Micro data files are unavailable in all sources for research and analysis outside the agency.

#### Metadata sources:

Type of source	Name of the source	Agency Responsible	Periodicity of data collection	Year the source started	Year of the last source
Q1. Population Census	General Census of Population, Dwelling and Establishments	Central Statistical Bureau	-	-	2011
Q2. Household Survey	Labour Force Survey	Central Statistical Bureau	Every year	1973	-
Q3. Border/Admission Statistics	Border/Admission Statistics	Central Statistical Bureau	-	-	-
Q6. Administrative Sources	Register of Migrant (Foreign) Workers	Central Statistical Bureau	Yearly	1995	-
Q7. Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country	Estimation	Central Statistical Bureau	Yearly	2010	-

#### Findings:

The latest **General Census of Population, Dwelling and Establishments** was processed in 2011 by the Central Statistical Bureau, covering the whole country. There are nine population groups examined in the Census:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country,*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country,*

- *Refugees, and*
- *Asylum seekers.*

The Census obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of these population groups, such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. The questions raised in the assessment on the topic of international migration related characteristics are country of birth, country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners. The ***General Census of Population, Dwelling and Establishments*** covers labour related characteristics of all current household members, such as:

- Employment status,
- Occupation,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment, and
- Disability.

In the ***General Census of Population, Dwelling and Establishments***, "*employment*" includes employee, employer, own-account worker, and unpaid or contributing family worker.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, both internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO-08 (where one digit is used to release the data),
- ISIC rev 3 (where one digit is used to release the data),
- National adaptation of ICSE, and
- ISCED-1997.

Micro data is unavailable for research and analysis outside the agency.

The ***Labour Force Survey*** commenced in 1973 and is held every year by the Central Statistical Bureau. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following four population groups aged 15 years and over.

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, and*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country.*

The Survey obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of each person in a household, such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size.

Statistics on international migration related characteristics presented through the source are nationality and foreign workers in the country. For the population groups assessed in the ***Labour Force Survey***, the data on labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 15 years and over is available, particularly for:

- Employment status,
- Occupation,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Individual earnings per month,
- Wage or earnings rate per time period, and
- Hours usually worked.

The survey also includes questions on the possible benefits received from the employer, such as paid vacation, subsidized housing, free or subsidized food, and clothing.

In the **Labour Force Survey**, "**international migrant workers**" refer to non-Kuwaiti workers. "**National living abroad**" is the Kuwaiti person who leaves the country more than six months during the survey period.

"**Employment**" refers to persons who worked at least one hour for paid or non-paid during previous 7 days starting from interviewing date for a company, government, or someone in his household, or worked on his own account or in a business enterprise belonging to him or someone in his household. It includes persons who were absent from his work during the past 7 days starting from interviewing date.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, both internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO-08 (where four digits are used to release the data),
- National adaptation of ISIC-based on ISIC rev 4 (where four digits are used to release the data),
- ICSE-1993, and
- ISCED-2011.

Micro data is unavailable for research and analysis outside the agency.

**Border/Admission Statistics** are obtained from the Central Statistical Bureau. It processes the following five population groups of all ages.

- *Entry nationals returning from residence abroad;*
- *Exit nationals going abroad to live;*
- *Exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.;*
- *Foreigners entering country to live; and*
- *Foreigners entering country for temporary purposes, such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.*

The Statistics cover data on demographic characteristics such as sex. Statistics on the international migration related characteristics presented through the source are reason for coming to country and year of arrival.

In the **Border/Admission Statistics**, "**overseas visitor**" refers to persons come in or out State (Kuwait) for any reasons. "**Country of residence**" is a country where persons stay irrespective to the reasons for arrival and departure. "**International migrant workers**" are defined as non-Kuwaiti.

The source does not collect information to classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education. Micro data is unavailable for research and analysis outside the agency.

**Register of Migrant (foreign) Workers** is data of government/public and private employment services. The Central Statistical Bureau carries it out and releases on yearly basis from 1995. The source appraises whole country and collects data on the following three population groups aged 15 years and over.

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country, and*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country.*

In the register, data can be found on demographic characteristics such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment. International migration related characteristics accessible through the source are nationality and foreign workers in the country. For the population groups assessed in the source, the data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for industry/economic sector and occupation.

In the administrative record, "**international migrant workers**" refer to non-Kuwaiti workers. "**Employment**" refers to all permanent paid workers who are currently registered in the source.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, both internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- National adaptation of ISCO-based on ISCO-08 (where four digits are used to release the data)
- National adaptation of ISIC-based on ISIC - Rev 4 (where four digits are used to release the data)
- National adaptation of ICSE (For paid workers only)
- ISCED-2011

Micro data is unavailable for research and analysis outside the agency.

The Migration Statistics Bulletin is the estimation of international migrant workers carried out by the Central Statistical Bureau on yearly basis from 2010. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following two population groups of all ages.

- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country and*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country.*

It accumulates data on demographic characteristics of people such as sex. *Statistics on international migration* related characteristics are also obtained, precisely on reason for migration, nationality and foreign workers in the country. Labour related characteristic covered in the estimation are employment status.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, both internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO-08 (where one digit is used to release the data)
- National adaptation of ISIC (where two digits are used to release the data)

## Q1. Population Census

### *SOURCE*

**Title of source:** General Census of population, dwelling and establishments

**Year of last census:** 2011

**Agency responsible:** Central Statistical Bureau

### *COVERAGE*

**Geographical coverage:** Whole country

**Population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, nationals (citizens) living abroad, nationals (citizens) living and working abroad, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country, refugees, asylum seekers, other foreigners

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country

### *TOPIC COVERED*

**Demographic characteristics:** Age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, household size.

**International migration related characteristics:** Country of birth, country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:**

- **Country of birth:** All persons
- **Country of citizenship:** All persons
- **Country of previous residence for foreigners:** All persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** N.A

**Information about household members left to live abroad:** No

**Labour related characteristics of all current household members:** Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, disability

- **Age coverage:** N.A.

**Remittances related characteristics:** N.A.

**Information on immigrants and return migrants:** No

- **Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the household last time is obtained:** N.A.

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** No

### ***CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS***

**Definition of international migrant workers:** N.A.

**Definition of national (citizen) living abroad:** N.A.

**Definition of employment:** It includes employee, employer, own-account worker, unpaid or contributing family worker.

### ***CLASSIFICATION***

**Classification used for occupation:** ISCO-08

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 1

**Classification used for industry:** ISIC rev 3

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 1

**Classification used for status in employment:** National adaptation of ICSE

**Classification used for status in education:** ISCED-1997

### ***DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION***

**Data collection method:** Face-to-face interview by census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI), e-census

**Compulsory participation of households:** Yes

**Official estimate of under-coverage rate:** No

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publications, electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.), Web site ([www.csb.gov.kw](http://www.csb.gov.kw))

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** Yes

**Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency:** No

## Q2. Household Survey

### *SOURCE*

**Title of survey:** Labour Force Survey

**Agency responsible:** Central Statistical Bureau

### *PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE*

**Periodicity of data collection:** Every year

**Year the survey first started:** 1973

**Geographical coverage:** Whole country

**Population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living

**Age coverage:** 15 years old and over

### *TOPIC COVERED*

**Demographic characteristics:** Age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, household size.

**International migration related characteristics:** Nationality, foreign workers in the country

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.

**Information about household members left to live abroad:** No

**Labour related characteristics of all current household members:** Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual earnings per month, wage or earnings rate per time period, hours usually worked

**Benefits received from the employer:** Paid vacation, subsidized housing, free or subsidized food, and clothing

**Remittances related characteristics:** No

**Information on immigrants and return migrants:** No

- **Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the household last time is obtained:** N.A.

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** No

**Information on persons who left to live or work abroad (recruitment, communication, assistance etc.):** No

### *CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS*

**Definition of international migrant workers:** It refers to non-Kuwaiti workers

**Definition of national (citizen) living abroad:** It refers to Kuwaiti persons who leave the country more than six months during the survey period

**Definition of employment:** It refers to persons who worked at least one hour for paid or non-paid during previous 7 days starting from interviewing date for a company, government, or someone in his household, or worked on his own account or in a business enterprise belonging to him or someone in his household. It includes persons who were absent from his work during the past 7 days starting from interviewing date.

### **CLASSIFICATION**

**Classification used for occupation:** ISCO-08

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 4

**Classification used for industry:** National adaptation of ISIC-Based on ISIC rev 4

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 4

**Classification used for status in employment:** ICSE-1993

**Classification used for status in education:** ISCED-2011

### **DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION**

**Data collection method:** Face-to-face interview by census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI), face-to-face computer assisted interview by census enumerator (CAPI)

**Compulsory participation of households:** No

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publication (Labour Force Survey 2014), electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.), Web site Address of the web site ([www.csb.gov.kw](http://www.csb.gov.kw))

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** Yes

**Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency:** No

### **SAMPLE DESIGN**

**Sample frame used:** N.A.

**Completed sample size:** N.A.

**Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate:** N.A.

## **Q3. Border/Admission Statistics**

### **SOURCE**

**Title of source:** Border/Admission Statistics

**Agency responsible:** Central Statistical Bureau

### **PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE**

**Periodicity of data collection:** N.A.

**Year the statistics first started:** N.A.

**Population coverage:** Entry nationals returning from residence abroad; exit nationals going abroad to live; exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.; foreigners entering country to live; foreigners entering country for temporary purposes, such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Entry nationals returning from residence abroad; exit nationals going abroad to live; exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.; foreigners entering country to live; foreigners entering country for temporary purposes, such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.

**Age coverage:** All ages

### ***CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS COVERED***

**Demographic characteristics:** Sex

**Migration related characteristics:** Reason for coming to country, year of arrival

**Labour related characteristics:** N.A.

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** Yes

- **Name and reason:** N.A.

### ***CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS***

**Definition of overseas visitor:** It refers to persons come in or out State (Kuwait) for any reasons.

**Definition of country of residence:** It is a country where persons stay irrespective to the reasons for arrival and departure.

**Definition of international migrant workers:** It refers to non-Kuwaiti

### ***CLASSIFICATION***

**Classification used for occupation:** N.A.

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** N.A.

**Classification used for industry:** N.A.

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** N.A.

**Classification used for status in employment:** N.A.

**Classification used for status in education:** N.A.

### ***DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION***

**Data collection method:** The way which Central Statistical Bureau has ordered

**Dissemination of results:** Electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.), Web site Address of the web site

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** No

**Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency:** No

## Q6. Administrative Sources

### *SOURCE*

**Title of source:** Register of Migrant (Foreign) Workers

**Agency responsible:** Central Statistical Bureau

**Kind of source:** Register of migrant (foreign) workers - Data from government/public employment services and private employment services

### *PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE*

**Periodicity of data release:** Every year

**Year the source first started:** 1995

**Geographical coverage:** Whole country

**Population coverage:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country

**Age coverage:** 15 years old and over

### *DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE*

**Demographic characteristics:** Age, sex, marital status, educational attainment

**Migration related characteristics:** Nationality, foreign workers in the country

**Labour related characteristics:** Industry/economic sector, occupation

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** No

### *CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS*

**Definition of international migrant workers:** It refers to non-Kuwaiti workers

**Definition of short-term migrant workers:** N.A.

**Definition of a national living abroad:** N.A.

**Definition of employment:** It refers to all permanent paid workers who are currently registered in the source.

**Definition of individual earnings:** N.A.

### *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** National adaptation of ISCO-based on ISCO-08

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 4

**Classification used for industry:** National adaptation of ISIC-based on ISIC - Rev 4

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 4

**Classification used for status in employment:** National adaptation of ICSE (For paid workers only)

**Classification used for status in education:** ISCED-2011

#### ***DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION***

**Compulsory registration for the population groups covered:** Yes

**Official estimate of coverage rate:** Yes

- **Estimate coverage rate of total employed population:** 95%
- **Estimate coverage rate of foreign migrant workers living in the country:** 95%

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publications, electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.). Web site Address of the web site ([www.csb.gov.kw](http://www.csb.gov.kw))

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** No

**Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency:** No

### **Q7. Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country**

#### ***SOURCE***

**Title of source:** Migration Statistics Bulletin

**Reference year:** 2014

**Agency responsible:** Central Statistical Bureau

#### ***PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE***

**Periodicity of data release:** Every year

**Year the source first started:** 2010

**Geographical coverage:** Whole country

**Population coverage:** Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country

**Age coverage:** All ages

#### ***TOPIC COVERED***

**Demographic characteristics:** Sex

**International migration related characteristics:** Reason for migration, nationality, foreign workers in the country

**Labour related characteristics:** Employment status

**Remittances related characteristics:** N.A.

## ***CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS***

**Definition of migrant workers:** It includes migrant workers.

**Definition of short-term migrant workers:** N.A.

**Definition of a national (citizen) living abroad:** N.A.

**Definition of employment:** N.A.

**Definition of household income:** N.A.

## ***CLASSIFICATION***

**Classification used for occupation:** ISCO-08

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 1

**Classification used for industry:** National adaptation of ISIC

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 2

**Classification used for status in employment:** N.A.

**Classification used for status in education:** N.A.

## ***DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION***

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publications Title, date, etc. of the printed publication, electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.), Web site

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** No