



Capital:
Kuwait City

Land size:
17,820 km²

Human Development
Index: **50/191**

Oil reserves:
6/189

Gas reserves:
18/181

OVERVIEW

Currency:
Kuwaiti Dinar (KWD)

Official state religion:
Islam

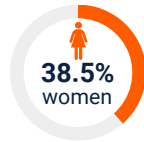
Official language:
Arabic

National symbols:

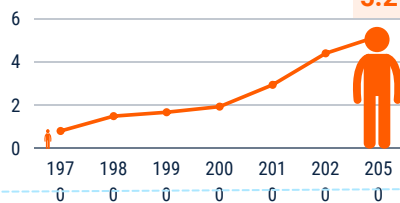


DEMOGRAPHICS

Population (2023):
4.8 million

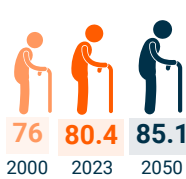


Population 1970-2050 (million):



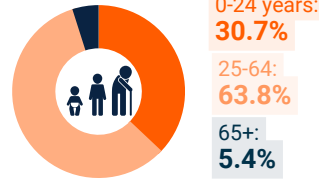
Annual population
growth:
-2.6%

Average life expectancy:



Median
age:
38.3

Population by age:



EDUCATION

15+ literacy rate:
96%

65+ literacy rate:
72.7%

Spending on
education as %
of state budget
8%

University participation
(gross enrolment ratio)

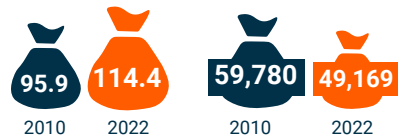


(Source: World Bank, UN Population Division)

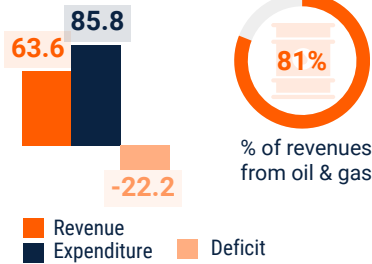
(UNESCO, World Bank, Kuwait's Ministry of Finance)

ECONOMY & TRADE

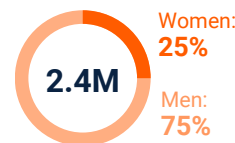
GDP (billion, constant 2015 US\$)
95.9 (2010), 114.4 (2022)



National Budget 2023-2024
(billion US\$)



Labour Force:



Unemployment (2021):
2.2%

(Kuwait's Ministry of Finance)

(World Bank, IMF)

MILITARY

Military force:
Kuwait Military Forces

Size of military:
25,000

Military expenditure
(% of GDP)
4.5%
(2022, SIPRI)

TRADE WITH... THE WORLD

EXPORTS (billion US\$)

GOODS: **63.1**

SERVICES: **9.5**

TOP PARTNERS*

UAE: **1.4%**

China: **1.1%**

Saudi Arabia: **1.1%**

* trade in goods (World Trade Organisation, European Commission, 2023)

IMPORTS (billion US\$)

GOODS: **31.9**

SERVICES: **19.8**

TOP PARTNERS*

China: **20.3%**

European Union: **18.7%**

UAE: **11%**

...THE EUROPEAN UNION

Rank as EU's trading partner:
49th

EU-Kuwait trade (2022)*:
€10 billion (EUR)

Of which imports from the EU:
34.7%

Portion of GCC-EU trade:
5.7%

*trade in goods (European Commission, 2023)

...THE UNITED KINGDOM

Rank as UK's trading partner:
48th

UK-Kuwait trade (2022)*:
£4.7 billion (GBP)

Of which imports from the UK:
51.1%

Portion of GCC-UK trade:
7.7%

*trade in goods (UK Department for International Trade, 2023)

KEY DATES

19 JUNE 1961
Independence from the United Kingdom

25 FEBRUARY: NATIONAL DAY
Abdullah Al-Salim Al-Sabah's ascension to the throne in 1950

26 FEBRUARY: LIBERATION DAY
Liberation of Kuwait from Iraq in 1991 following Saddam Hussein's invasion

GOVERNMENT

Head of State:
Emir Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah
(since 2020)

Crown Prince:
Mishaal Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah

Prime Minister
& the Council of Ministers

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(MAJLIS AL-OMMAH)

50 members
- directly elected

15 ex-officio members
- appointed Ministers, at least one of them must be an elected MP

Of which women:
3.1%

first elections: **1963**
latest elections: **June 2023**