

Kuwait



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Government

Chief of State: Amir NAWAF al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah

Head of Government: Prime Minister JABIR AL-MUBARAK al-Hamad al-Sabah

Government Type: Constitutional Monarchy

Capital: Kuwait City

Legislature: Unicameral National Assembly (consists of 65 seats)

Judiciary: Constitutional Court (consists of 5 judges); Supreme (organized into several circuits, each with 5 judges)

Geography

Area

Total: 17,818 sq km

Land: 17,818 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate: Dry desert; intensely hot summers; short, cool winters

Natural Resources: Petroleum, fish, shrimp, natural gas

People & Society

Population: 3 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth 1.27% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity: Kuwaiti 30.4%, other Arab 27.4%, Asian 40.3%, African 1%, other 0.9% (2018 est.)

Language: Arabic (official), English widely spoken business, designated the “language of interethnic communication”) 94.4% (understand spoken language) (2009 est.)

Religion: Muslim (official) 74.6%, Christian 18.2%, other and unspecified 7.2% (2013 est.)

Urbanization:

Urban Population: 100% of total population (2018)

Rate of Urbanization: 1.78% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy: 96.1% (2018)

Italian presence: 474

Economy

Economic Overview: Has a geographically small, but wealthy, relatively open economy with crude oil reserves of about 102 billion barrels – more than 6% of the world’s reserves

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity):

\$289.7 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity):

\$65,800 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$55.17 billion (2017 est.)

Partners: South Korea 18.3%, China 17.4%, Japan 11.5%, India 11.2%, Singapore 6.3%, US 5.7% (2017)

Imports

\$29.53 billion (2017 est.)

Partners: China 13.5%, US 13.3%, UAE 9.5%, Saudi Arabia 5.8%, Germany 5.4%, Japan 5%, India 4.7%, Italy 4.5% (2017)