



KUWAIT



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)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador SALIM al-Abdallah al-Jabir al-Sabah

US Ambassador

Ambassador Alina L. ROMANOWSKI

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

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)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

3 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

1.27% (2020 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

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)

