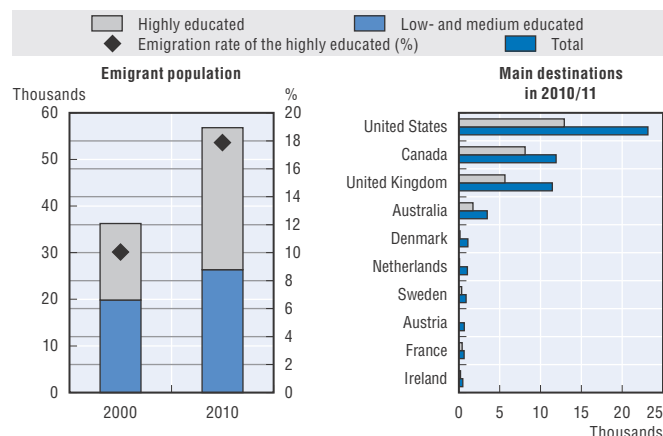


Total population 2013 (millions)	3.4	Kuwait compared to:	World	Region
Population growth 2013 (annual, in %)	3.6	Human Development Index (HDI)	46/187	5/19
GDP per capita 2013 (current USD)	52 197	GDP per capita	11/209	2/19
GDP growth 2012 (annual, in %)	8.3	Emigration rate	128/203	7/19
Poverty rate (USD PPP 2 a day, in %)	..	Emigration rate of the highly educated	32/144	1/16

Age structure of the population (2013): "0-14": 25%; "15-64": 73%; "65+": 2%

Emigrant population (15+) living in OECD countries



Emigrant population: Persons born in Kuwait living abroad

	2010/11									2000/01
	OECD and selected non-OECD destinations			OECD destinations			Intra-regional			OECD destinations
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Total
Population 15+										
Emigrant population (thousands)	34.6	25.5	60.1	33.0	24.5	57.5	..	..	..	37.1
Recent emigrants (thousands)	..	..	..	7.8	4.9	12.6	..	..	..	10.9
15-24 (%)	23.1	19.9	21.7	22.2	19.9	21.2	..	..	..	35.7
25-64 (%)	76.5	79.6	77.8	77.6	79.5	78.4	..	..	..	64.0
65+ (%)	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	..	..	..	0.4
Low educated (%)	14.8	15.4	15.1	15.3	15.8	15.5	..	..	..	17.0
Highly educated (%)	52.5	54.4	53.3	53.0	54.4	53.6	..	..	..	45.2
Total emigration rates (%)	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.5	..	..	..	2.5
Emigration rates of the highly educated (%)	20.9	16.0	18.4	20.2	15.5	17.9	..	..	..	10.0

Main OECD and selected non-OECD destinations in 2010/11

Population 15+	Total		Recent emigrants (%)	Women (%)	Highly educated (%)	15-24 (%)	Total in 2000/01 (Thousands)
	Thousands	%					
United States	23.2	38.5	15.8	43.0	55.7	19.5	18.6
Canada	11.9	19.8	16.1	47.6	68.2	25.4	7.4
United Kingdom	11.4	19.0	43.6	39.8	49.2	22.5	4.9
Australia	3.7	6.1	28.1	42.0	46.5	23.9	1.9
Egypt	1.9	3.2	..	35.6	42.4	38.2	..
Denmark	1.3	2.1	4.4	42.2	11.3	21.7	0.9
Netherlands	1.0	1.7	..	51.2	6.6	7.6	..
Sweden	0.9	1.5	39.3	41.1	36.7	21.1	0.8
Austria	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
France	0.6	1.0	34.6	46.5	62.0	21.5	0.6

Indicators of the labour market situation of persons born in Kuwait living in OECD countries

	2000/01			2010/11		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Population 15-64						
Employment rate (%)	56.8	37.0	48.7	61.9	41.5	53.2
Unemployment rate (%)	8.8	11.6	9.7	11.1	14.6	12.3
Participation rate (%)	62.2	41.8	53.8	69.6	48.5	60.6
Total employed (thousands)	12.4	5.6	18.0	20.4	10.2	30.6
Employment rate of the highly educated (%)	72.6	50.1	63.9	76.3	52.2	65.9
Unemployment rate of the highly educated (%)	4.9	9.3	6.3	7.6	12.3	9.2
Highly educated in low-and medium-skilled jobs (%)	..	..	33.3	..	..	29.0
Highly educated employed (thousands)	7.3	3.2	10.5	13.2	6.9	20.1
Distribution of employment by occupation (%), population 15+						
Highly skilled occupations	..	..	47.8	54.3	54.8	55.6
<i>Of which: Health professionals</i>	..	..	..	..	..	8.5
<i>Of which: Teaching professionals</i>	..	..	..	..	..	7.1
Medium-skilled occupations	..	..	49.9	41.6	42.2	40.4
Low-skilled occupations	..	..	2.3	4.1	3.0	4.0

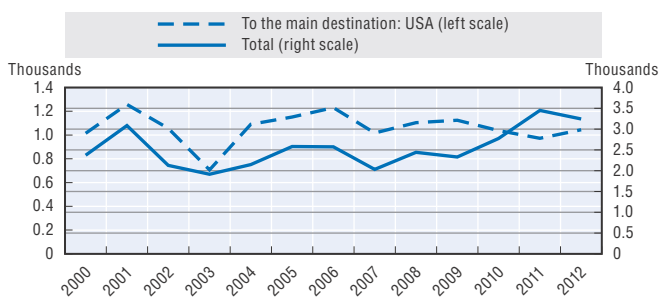
Main OECD destinations by education level in 2010/11 (population 15+)

Highly educated emigrants (thousands)	Change since 2000/01 (%)	Low educated emigrants (thousands)	Change since 2000/01 (%)		
United States	12.9	+38.6	United Kingdom	3.4	+219.9
Canada	8.1	+141.4	United States	1.5	-11.0
United Kingdom	5.6	+186.8	Canada	1.1	-36.7
Australia	1.7	+196.7	Denmark	0.6	+46.9
France	0.4	+72.7	Netherlands	0.5	..
Total	30.5	+85.6	Total	8.8	+42.6

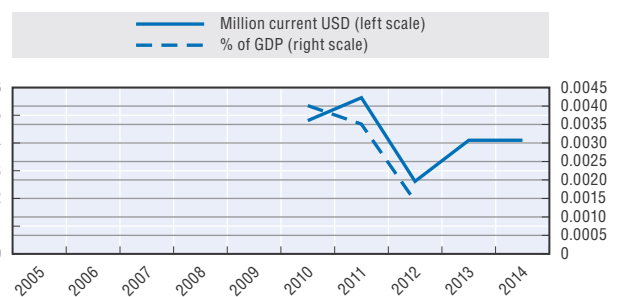
International students from Kuwait in OECD countries

Five main destinations	2008	2010	2012
United States	1 825	2 420	3 605
United Kingdom	1 265	1 643	1 816
Australia	240	268	494
Canada	228	204	165
Slovak Republic	413	214	101
Total	4 288	5 008	6 428

Legal migrant flows to the OECD



Remittance flows



Ten main OECD countries of destination for legal migrants in 2012 (numbers, % of the total flows to the country): USA (1 044, 0%), GBR (1 000, 0%), CAN (655, 0%), DEU (217, 0%), JPN (190, 0%), ESP (29, 0%), FRA (18, 0%), AUS (18, 0%), NLD (14, 0%), CHE (10, 0%).

Desire to emigrate, 2007-13

	Women	15-24	Highly educated	Employed	Total
Persons who would move permanently, if they had the opportunity to do so (%)	6	6	11	10	7
<i>Of which: Persons who are planning to move permanently in the next 12 months (%)</i>					17
<i>Of which: Persons who have already made any preparations for this move (e.g. visa application) (%)</i>					40

Three main desired countries of destination: Egypt (24%), United States (15%), Saudi Arabia (7%).



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