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	1991	2001	2010	2020
Bahrainis	323,305	405,667	570,687	712,362
GCC	4,728	6,823	8,690	13,299
Other Arabs	17,877	20,050	58,213	73,524
Non-Bahraini Arabs	22,605	26,873	66,903	86,823
Asians	154,090	205,626	562,040	650,996
Africans	345	2,924	19,548	21,502
Europeans	5,992	5,788	11,763	11,750
North Americans	1,303	3,195	4,149	16,415
South Americans	93	70	474	1,787
Oceanians	304	461	1,295	
Non-Arabs	162,127	218,064	599,269	702,450
Total non-Bahrainis	184,732	244,937	666,172	789,273
Total	508,037	650,604	1,236,859	1,501,635

Source: Central Informatics Organization (CIO)/ Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA)

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

In October 2015, the Bahraini e-Government Authority merged with the Central Informatics Organization to form the Information and e-Government Authority (IGA), which manages and oversees all national digital assets.

The IGA maintains, and is part of, the Government Data Network, established in 1994, which links together 300 governmental entities.

Reference dates of censuses:

1941	January 22nd, 1941
1950	March 1950
1959	May 1959
1965	February 13th, 1965
1971	April 1971
1981	n.d.
1991	n.d.
2001	April 7th, 2001
2010	April 27th, 2010
2020	March 17th, 2020

Censuses' implementation methods:

Until 1981: field enumeration (household survey)+de jure methodology, i.e. counting persons using their usual place of residence irrespective of where are they at census times

1991; 2001: field enumeration (household survey)+ first use of administrative records

2010: mixed census, based on both administrative records and a household survey sample of 15,000 Bahraini and non-Bahraini households.

2020 census was conducted solely on the basis of administrative records on the de jure population of the Kingdom.

Population of reference: all individuals (nationals and non-nationals) usually present within the State's borders during time of reference.

Nationality of the person is defined by the passport used to enter the country. A non-Bahraini is considered as such depending on the passport used to enter the country (or obtain the visa)

2. Institution which provides data

Central Informatics Organization/Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA)

3. Data availability

Published results of censuses 2001, 2010 and 2020 are available on IGA's Bahrain Open Data Portal:

<https://www.data.gov.bh/en/ResourceCenter>

<https://www.data.gov.bh/ar/resourcecenter>

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