

Kuwait 2023 Technical Document

Sampling

A dual frame (landline and mobile phone frames) was used to complete 1,071 telephone surveys. About 88% of the completes were from the mobile phone sample whereas landline completes accounted for the remaining 12%.

Target Population/Coverage:

Adult population (15 years of age or older) who have mobile phones for personal calls or live in households with landline. It excludes business phone numbers. The coverage error (percentage of target population not accessible for sampling) is expected to be less than 1%.

Stratification: The landline sampling frame was explicitly stratified by the 6 regions. The mobile sampling frame was implicitly stratified by the four mobile service providers in the market. For the landline sample, allocation across strata was proportional to the 15+ population size in each stratum. For the mobile sample allocation across the strata was proportional to their market shares in terms of the count of mobile numbers they can possibly generate.

Sample Selection:

A simple stratified sample design was used for selection of landline phone samples. In the case of landline, a sample of specified size was drawn using list-assisted Random Digit Dial (RDD) procedures independently within each explicit stratum. In the case of mobile, sample of specified size was drawn using pure Random Digit Dial (RDD) procedures among the mobile sampling frame. All sampled landline and mobile phone numbers were pre-screened for working status.

For respondents contacted by landline telephone, random respondent selection within the household was done by enumerating all adults 15 or older in the household and randomly selecting one. Further they are screened for being able to complete the interview in one of the four languages listed above. For respondents reached on mobile, there was no random selection, just confirmation that they were 15 or older and language to participate in the survey.

For the purpose of data collection, the total initial sample was split into random subsamples (replicate samples) and released sequentially based on the progress of interviewing in different strata. The goal was to release an optimum amount of sample each time to achieve a high response rate while completing the targeted number of interviews within the field period.

Data Collection: August 3, 2023 – September 3, 2023

AAPOR3 response rate: 22%

Weighting: The sample data were weighted to minimize bias in survey-based estimates. The weighting procedure was formulated based on the sample design and was carried out in multiple stages. A probability weight factor (base weight) was constructed to account for selection of telephone numbers from the respective frames and correct for unequal selection probabilities as a result of selecting one adult in landline households and those reached via mobile and for dual users coming from both the landline and mobile frames. At the next step, the base weights were post-stratified to adjust for non-response and to match the weighted sample totals to known target population totals obtained from country-level census data. The standard demographic variables used for post-stratification are: age, gender, education, and region.

Design Effect: 1.33

Margin of error: ± 3.5% (95% confidence level)

Nationals: Population sources used for constructing weights were based on the following:

Nationals - Age, Gender, Education, Region: Public Authority for Civil Information, 2016 population estimates

Age	SAMPLE_UNWTD	SAMPLE_WTD	TARGET
15-29	39.5	43.7	42.9
30-39	30.3	22.0	21.0
40-49	16.2	16.1	15.7
50+	14.0	18.1	20.4
Education	SAMPLE_UNWTD	SAMPLE_WTD	TARGET
Secondary complete and below	31.7	69.9	71.4
College – University complete and plus	68.3	30.1	28.6
Sex	SAMPLE_UNWTD	SAMPLE_WTD	TARGET
Male	52.4	48.7	48.0
Female	47.6	51.3	52.0
Region	SAMPLE_UNWTD	SAMPLE_WTD	TARGET
Kuwait	17.3	18.5	18.0
Hawali	21.8	18.0	17.0
Furawania	18.1	18.2	17.5
Al Ahmadi	24.4	22.2	21.2
Al Juhraa	8.9	11.0	14.6
Grand Mubarrak	9.6	12.1	11.6

Expats: Population sources used for constructing weights were based on the following:

Expats - Age, Gender, Education, Region: Public Authority for Civil Information, 2016 population estimates

Age	SAMPLE_UNWTD	SAMPLE_WTD	TARGET
15-29	28.0	26.9	26.9
30-39	35.9	35.6	35.6
40-49	23.4	23.6	23.6
50+	12.8	13.9	13.9
Sex	SAMPLE_UNWTD	SAMPLE_WTD	TARGET
Male	63.3	70.5	70.5
Female	36.8	29.5	29.5
Region	SAMPLE_UNWTD	SAMPLE_WTD	TARGET
Kuwait	11.6	10.1	10.2
Hawali	20.8	23.2	23.2
Furawania	21.8	30.5	30.5
Al Ahmadi	26.3	21.5	21.5
Al Juhraa	11.3	11.5	11.5
Grand Mubarrak	8.4	3.2	3.2

Total: Population sources used for constructing weights were based on the following:

Ethnicity; 2011 Census based on 15+ (28.9% National 71.1% Expat)

Ethnicity	SAMPLE_UNWTD	SAMPLE_WTD	TARGET
National	25.0	28.1	28.9
Expat	75.0	71.9	71.1