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Introduction

The population, housing and establishments census of 2005 has been conducted as an acknowledgement to the keenness of the United Arab Emirates, to identify the demographic characteristics and all other interrelated economic and social characteristics together with defining the general characteristics of buildings, housing units and establishments.

The Ministry of Economy has duly conducted the population census based on the cabinet decision number (2/97) of 2005.

General census for population, housing and establishments is considered the major statistical process, and is defined as the comprehensive process for compiling, processing, tabulating and disseminating demographic, economic and social data connected to population at a specific time.

The census which includes both the housing units and establishments is a concurrent process to population census aiming to determine numbers, distribution and characteristics of existing housing units and establishments

Significance of census emanates from the fact that it is a comprehensive image of the population during a specific time period, which will provide a comprehensive data-base that will assist in conducting studies and research related to general characteristics of population.

Project Schedule

The general census for population, housing and establishments of 2005 was carried out according to the following schedule:

1. Preparatory phase

Preparatory phase has started on 1/3/2005 and ended on 30/6/2005 whereby certain tasks have been carried out including preparation of census budget, drawing organization structure, designing questionnaire forms, guides, training manuals, selection of staff, drawing and marking administrative divisions.

2. Field work phase

Field executive phase started on 15/7/2005 and ended on 31/12/2005 whereby certain tasks have been accomplished including training of workers, handing over working zones, delivery and distribution of printed materials, P.D.A. systems and listing of buildings, housing units, establishments and counting of people.

3. Data processing and analysis phase

This phase is still ongoing which includes the census data processing, tabulation and analysis.

Scope of UAE Population Census

Census includes all the people (nationals and non-nationals) who are residing in the UAE, on the night of December 6th 2005. This includes the following:

- ❖ People living in households counted in their households.
- ❖ Nationals abroad for any reason are counted within their families living in UAE. Those working in the embassies and consulates are counted via Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- ❖ The non-nationals abroad with valid residency permits are counted in their families living in UAE.
- ❖ Students living in the dormitory are counted in specified dormitory.
- ❖ People who are permanently residing in hospitals, prisons and nursing homes are counted in such institutions. Only visitors (visit visa) are excluded.
- ❖ People who are permanently residing in hotels and alike are counted in such institutions. Only visitors (visit visa) are excluded.
- ❖ People who are permanently residing in police headquarters and military bases who don't have families living in UAE are counted in such institutions. Those who have families living within UAE are counted in their households.

Excluded Groups from the Census*

The census of 2005 does not include the following groups:

- ❖ All the members of the non-national households that were not available in the UAE during the census fieldwork period.
- ❖ The members of non-national households that live in the neighboring countries but residing in UAE.
- ❖ People with invalid residency visas living in UAE.
- ❖ Non-nationals working in national vessels in regional and international waters with valid residency visas who don't have families residing in UAE.
- ❖ All members of the households that refused to cooperate.

* They are estimated to be (335,615)

Visitors

Visitors were not included in this census. Referring to the statistics obtained from Ministry of Interior publications, the maximum number of visitors in 2005 (765,682) was in December. The minimum number of visitors in 2005 (597,583) was in June for the same year. The number of visitors increased from 6,877,864 in 2004 to 8,031,782 in 2005. So the increment between the two years is 16.8%.

The Preliminary Results of Buildings, Housings, and Establishments 2005

According to Table (1) the results can be summarized as the following:

- ❖ Total number of buildings in the country is 336,815. Whereas 34.9% (117,469) of them are in the emirate of Abu Dhabi*, which is the highest among other emirates.
- ❖ Total number of housing units in the country is 863,860. Whereas 60.8% of them are in the emirates of Abu Dhabi and Dubai.
- ❖ Total number of Establishments in the country is 192,247. Whereas 38.1% (73,294) of them are in the emirate of Dubai, which is the highest among other emirates.

UAE Population

This census is based on counting the people according to their permanent residence** regardless where they are staying during the census period. i.e. the people absent from their families during the census period are counted in their families. Visitors and temporary guests of the family are excluded. Based on the above mentioned approach the population of UAE as of December 6th 2005 is 3,769,080.

Population census doesn't include groups of non-nationals and they are estimated as 335,615.

In total the UAE population is 4,104,695.

* Abu Dhabi Emirate: Includes capital region, Al-Ain region and western region.

** This approach is called De Jure population.

Population Census Preliminary Results 2005*

Since the detailed demographic structure of excluded groups is not available, the population census results cover only those counted during the reference period of the census. This figure; as mentioned before, is 3,769,080

Population Distribution by Gender and Nationality 2005

According to Table (2) the results can be summarized as the following:

- ❖ Total number of UAE population as counted in the census is 3,769,080*
- ❖ Total number of males is 2,547,043, which is 67.6 % of the total population that were counted in the reference period.
- ❖ Total number of females is 1,222,037, which is 32.4 % of the total population that were counted in the reference period.
- ❖ Total number of nationals is 824,921, which is 21.9% of the total census population (3,769,080) that were counted in the reference period, and it is 20.1% of the total UAE population (4,104,695).
- ❖ Total number of national males is 418,057, which is 50.7% of the total nationals.
- ❖ Total number of national females is 406,864, which is 49.3% of the total nationals.
- ❖ Total number of non-nationals is 2,944,159, which is 78.1% of the total population that were counted in the reference period, and it is 79.9% (3,279,774)of the total UAE population.
- ❖ Total number of non-national males is 2,128,986, which is 72.3%.
- ❖ Total number of non-national females is 815,173, which is 27.7%.

* The census population is (3,790,080).

Population Distribution by Gender and Emirates, 2005

According to Table (3) the results can be summarized as the following:

- ❖ The emirate of Abu Dhabi is the most populated with 34.3% of census population.
- ❖ The emirate of Dubai is the second highest with 31.8% of the census population.
- ❖ The percent of males for the census population is 67.6% and the percent for females is 32.4%.
- ❖ The emirate of Dubai has the highest rate of males with 73.4%, and the percent of females is 26.6%.
- ❖ For the rest of the emirates the percent of males ranges from 61% to 66%. The percent of females range from 34% to 39%.

Population Distribution by Age and Nationality, 2005

According to Table (4) and Table (5) the results can be summarized as the following:

- ❖ Nationals less than 14 years old constitute 38.1% of the census population. Nationals less than 20 years old constitute 51.1% of the census population.
- ❖ For the non-nationals 48.8% of them belong to the age group 25 to 40 years.
- ❖ Overall 52.9% of the total populations are within 20 and 39 years old.
- ❖ For the age group 65 and over nationals are more than non-nationals.

UAE Population (10 years and over) by Education Level and Nationality

According to Table (6) and Table (7) the results could be summarized as following:

- ❖ Illiteracy rate in the country is 9%. Which is approximately the same between nationals and non-nationals.
- ❖ Nationals with only high school certificates are 31.5%. For the non-nationals this percentage is around 23.8%.
- ❖ Nationals with university degree (Bachelor and above) are 11%, and for the non-nationals this percentage is 18.4%.
- ❖ Percent of illiterate national females is almost twice of national males, on the other hand percent of illiterate non-national males is more than females.

Tables

Table (1)

The Preliminary Results of Buildings, Housings, and Establishments 2005

Emirates	No. Buildings	No. Housing Units	No. Establishments
Abu Dhabi	117,469	287,189	50,425
Dubai	79,214	237,728	73,294
Sharjah	57,153	201,033	36,584
Ajman	17,898	50,237	11,427
Umm Al Quwain	8,741	10,988	2,238
Ras Al Khaimah	40,143	50,321	12,016
Fujairah	16,197	26,364	6,263
Total	336,815	863,860	192,247

Table (2)

Population Preliminary Results 2005

Nationals			Non nationals			Total		
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
418,057	406,864	824921	2,128,986	815,173	2,944,159	2,547,043	1222037	*3,769,080
50.6	49.3	21.9	72.3	27.7	78.1	67.6	32.4	100

* These results do not include 335,615 that are not counted in the census

Table (3)
Population Preliminary Results 2005 by Emirate

Emirates	Male	Female	Total
Abu Dhabi	850,069	442,050	1,292,119
Dubai	881,022	319,287	1,200,309
Sharjah	473,653	251,206	724,859
Ajman	120,290	69,559	189,849
Umm Al Quwain	27,816	17,940	45,756
Ras Al Khaimah	120,741	76,830	197,571
Fujairah	73,452	45,165	118,617
Total	2,547,043	1,222,037	*3,769,080
%	67.6	32.4	100

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Table (4)
Population Preliminary Results 2005 by Age and Nationality

Serial no.	Age group	Nationals			Non nationals			Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1	4-0	55,063	52,210	107,273	83,481	77,615	161,096	138,544	129,825	268,369
2	9-5	53,035	50,212	103,247	81,864	74,478	156,342	134,899	124,690	259,589
3	14-10	53,981	50,193	104,174	70,208	62,132	132,340	124,189	112,325	236,514
4	19-15	55,135	51,652	106,787	64,938	54,412	119,350	120,073	106,064	226,137
5	24-20	51,039	52,783	103,822	185,376	91,299	276,675	236,415	144,082	380,497
6	29-25	39,448	41,150	80,598	375,334	127,223	502,557	414,782	168,373	583,155
7	34-30	25,492	26,490	51,982	405,197	115,226	520,423	430,689	141,716	572,405
8	39-35	20,101	21,511	41,612	329,843	85,385	415,228	349,944	106,896	456,840
9	44-40	14,651	16,349	31,000	226,693	56,029	282,722	241,344	72,378	313,722
10	49-45	12,422	13,863	26,285	149,360	33,584	182,944	161,782	47,447	209,229
11	54-50	10,248	9,934	20,182	92,399	19,246	111,645	102,647	29,180	131,827
12	59-55	7,887	6,335	14,222	42,726	8,319	51,045	50,613	14,654	65,267
13	64-60	6,198	4,542	10,740	13,086	3,609	16,695	19,284	8,151	27,435
14	69-65	5,315	3,270	8,585	4,019	1,896	5,915	9,334	5,166	14,500
15	74-70	3,658	2,697	6,355	1,829	1,274	3,103	5,487	3,971	9,458
16	+75	3,753	3,000	6,753	1,687	2,504	4,191	5,440	5,504	10,944
17	Not Stated	631	673	1,304	946	942	1,888	1,577	1,615	3,192
Total		418,057	406,864	824,921	2,128,986	815,173	2,944,159	2,547,043	1,222,037	*3,769,080

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Table (5)

Population Preliminary Results 2005 by Age and Nationality*

Serial no.	Age group	Nationals			Non nationals			Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1	0-4	13.2%	12.8%	13.0%	3.9%	9.5%	5.5%	5.4%	10.6%	7.1%
2	5-9	12.7%	12.3%	12.5%	3.8%	9.1%	5.3%	5.3%	10.2%	6.9%
3	10-14	12.9%	12.3%	12.6%	3.3%	7.6%	4.5%	4.9%	9.2%	6.3%
4	15-19	13.2%	12.7%	12.9%	3.1%	6.7%	4.1%	4.7%	8.7%	6.0%
5	20-24	12.2%	13.0%	12.6%	8.7%	11.2%	9.4%	9.3%	11.8%	10.1%
6	25-29	9.4%	10.1%	9.8%	17.6%	15.6%	17.1%	16.3%	13.8%	15.5%
7	30-34	6.1%	6.5%	6.3%	19.0%	14.1%	17.7%	16.9%	11.6%	15.2%
8	35-39	4.8%	5.3%	5.0%	15.5%	10.5%	14.1%	13.7%	8.7%	12.1%
9	40-44	3.5%	4.0%	3.8%	10.6%	6.9%	9.6%	9.5%	5.9%	8.3%
10	45-49	3.0%	3.4%	3.2%	7.0%	4.1%	6.2%	6.4%	3.9%	5.6%
11	50-54	2.5%	2.4%	2.4%	4.3%	2.4%	3.8%	4.0%	2.4%	3.5%
12	55-59	1.9%	1.6%	1.7%	2.0%	1.0%	1.7%	2.0%	1.2%	1.7%
13	60-64	1.5%	1.1%	1.3%	0.6%	0.4%	0.6%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%
14	65-69	1.3%	0.8%	1.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
15	70-74	0.9%	0.7%	0.8%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
16	75+	0.9%	0.7%	0.8%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.5%	0.3%
17	Not Stated	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table (6)**UAE Population (10 years and over) by Education Level and Nationality***

serial	Educational Level	Nationals			Non nationals			Total
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
1	Illiterate	18,486	35,752	54,238	199,615	39,440	239,055	293,293
2	Literate	27,707	29,855	57,562	298,493	76,564	375,057	432,619
3	Primary School	53,347	45,988	99,335	290,857	79,649	370,506	469,841
4	Preparatory School	70,968	53,641	124,609	321,071	94,822	415,893	540,502
5	Secondary School	98,462	95,361	193,823	430,727	194,339	625,066	818,889
6	Diploma	8,286	8,358	16,644	81,942	36,583	118,525	135,169
7	University	27,919	32,764	60,683	301,311	127,075	428,386	489,069
8	Post Graduate	4,185	2,077	6,262	38,160	13,687	51,847	58,109
9	Not Stated	599	646	1,245	1,465	921	2,386	3,631
Total		309,959	304,442	614,401	1,963,641	663,080	2,626,721	3,241,122

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Table (7)

UAE Population (10 years and over) Relative Distribution by Education Level and Nationality*

serial	Educational Level	Nationals			Non nationals			Total
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
1	Illiterate	6.0%	11.7%	8.8%	10.2%	5.9%	9.1%	9.0%
2	Literate	8.9%	9.8%	9.4%	15.2%	11.5%	14.3%	13.3%
3	Primary School	17.2%	15.1%	16.2%	14.8%	12.0%	14.1%	14.5%
4	Preparatory School	22.9%	17.6%	20.3%	16.4%	14.3%	15.8%	16.7%
5	Secondary School	31.8%	31.3%	31.5%	21.9%	29.3%	23.8%	25.3%
6	Diploma	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	4.2%	5.5%	4.5%	4.2%
7	University	9.0%	10.8%	9.9%	15.3%	19.2%	16.3%	15.1%
8	Post Graduate	1.4%	0.7%	1.0%	1.9%	2.1%	2.0%	1.8%
9	Not Stated	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Charts

Chart (1)

UAE Population by Age Group and Nationality 2005

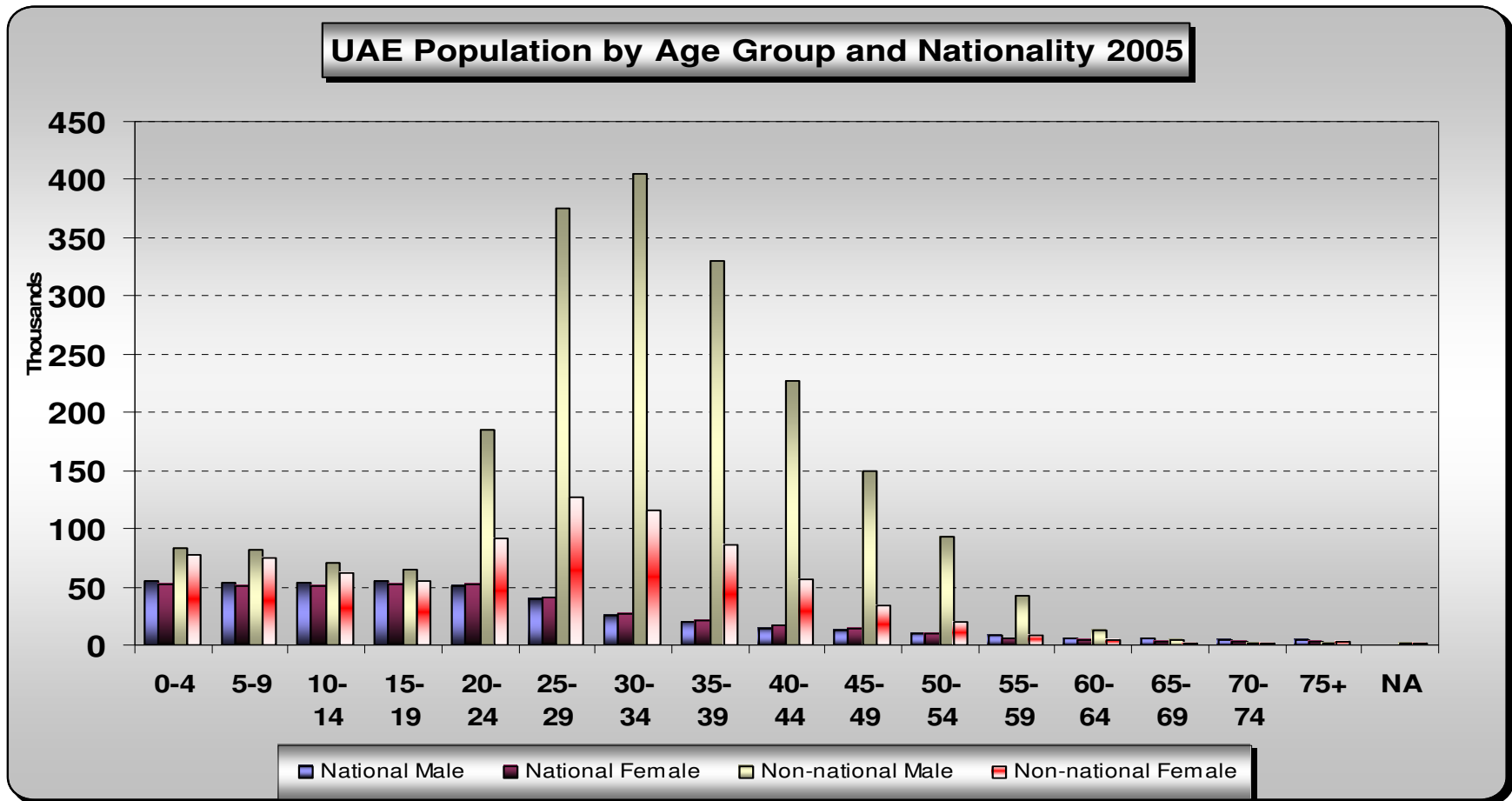


Chart (2)

Population (10 years and over) by Nationality and Educational Level

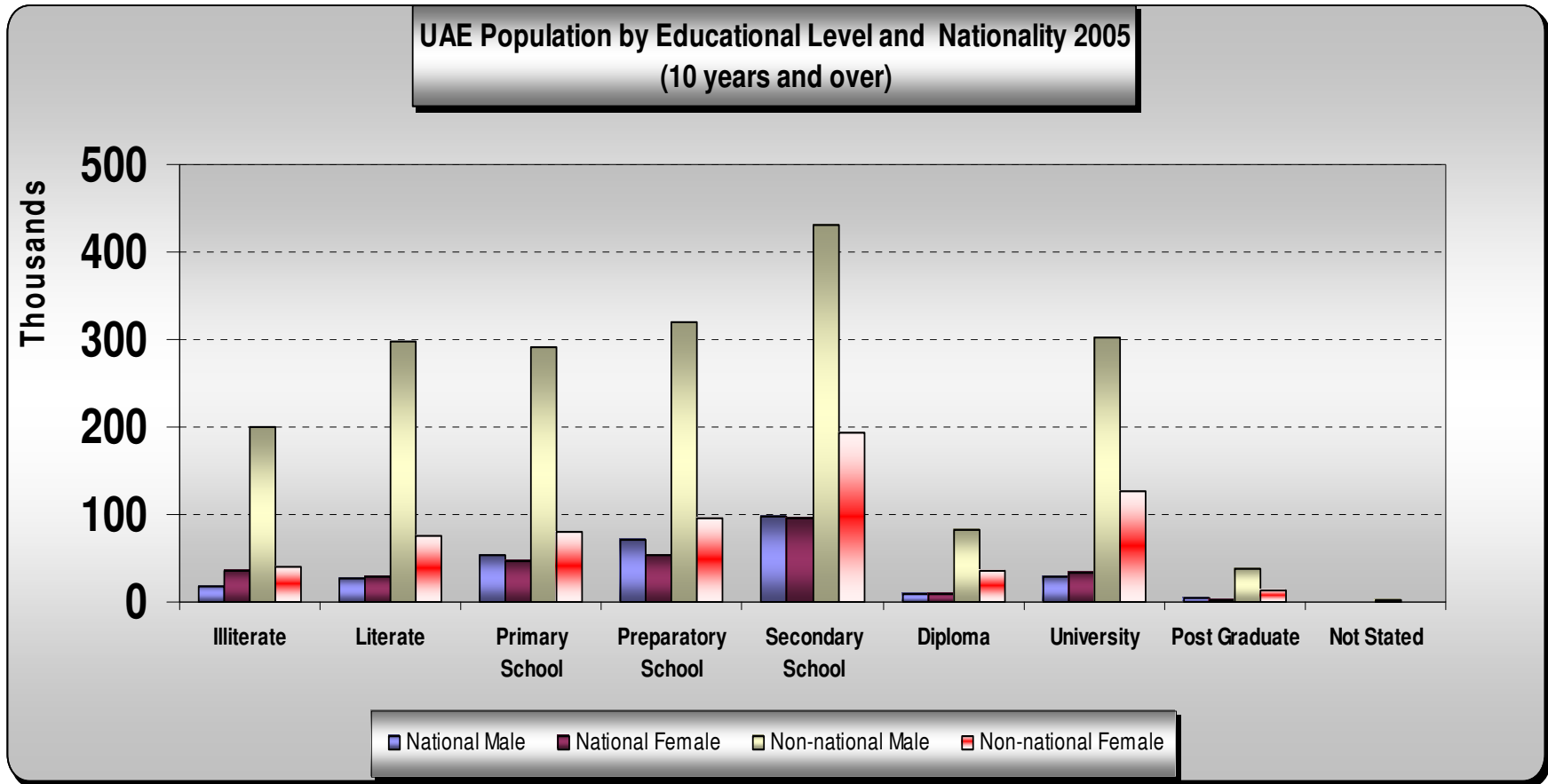


Chart (3)

UAE Population by Nationality and Educational Level %

