

United Arab Emirates

Ethnicity in United Arab Emirates

Group selection

The population in the UAE is composed of Emirati Arabs - who make up only 18% of the total population - and foreigners from South Asia (60%), Egyptians (10.2%), Philipinos (6.1%), and others including many expats from western countries (12.8%)⁽⁴⁶⁴⁵⁾. Since non-citizens are not relevant for this dataset, the only politically relevant group are the **Emirati Arabs**.

⁴⁶⁴⁵ [Central Intelligence Agency, 2017]

Power relations

1971-2017

The United Arab Emirates are a federal system of seven Emirates. Each Emirate is ruled by a dynasty. The ancestors of these dynasties were tribes that immigrated mainly from central Arabia. Power is divided among the rulers of these Emirates according to a formula they have agreed on. As there are no formal political parties or political groupings, the political power remains in the hands of the ruling Emirati Arab elites. Ethnicity is not considered a defining factor for political power distribution. It should be mentioned, however, that the large share of foreigners are excluded from political life and are not organized politically ⁽⁴⁶⁴⁶⁾.

⁴⁶⁴⁶ [US Department of State, 2016]

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Political status of ethnic groups in United Arab Emirates

From 1971 until 2017

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Emirati Arabs	0.12	IRRELEVANT

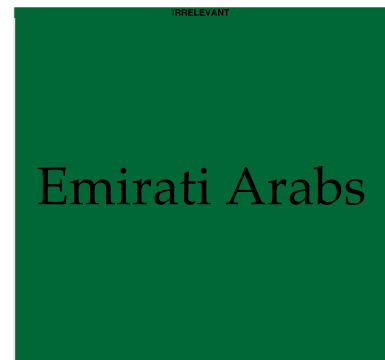


Figure 964: Political status of ethnic groups in United Arab Emirates during 1971-2017.