

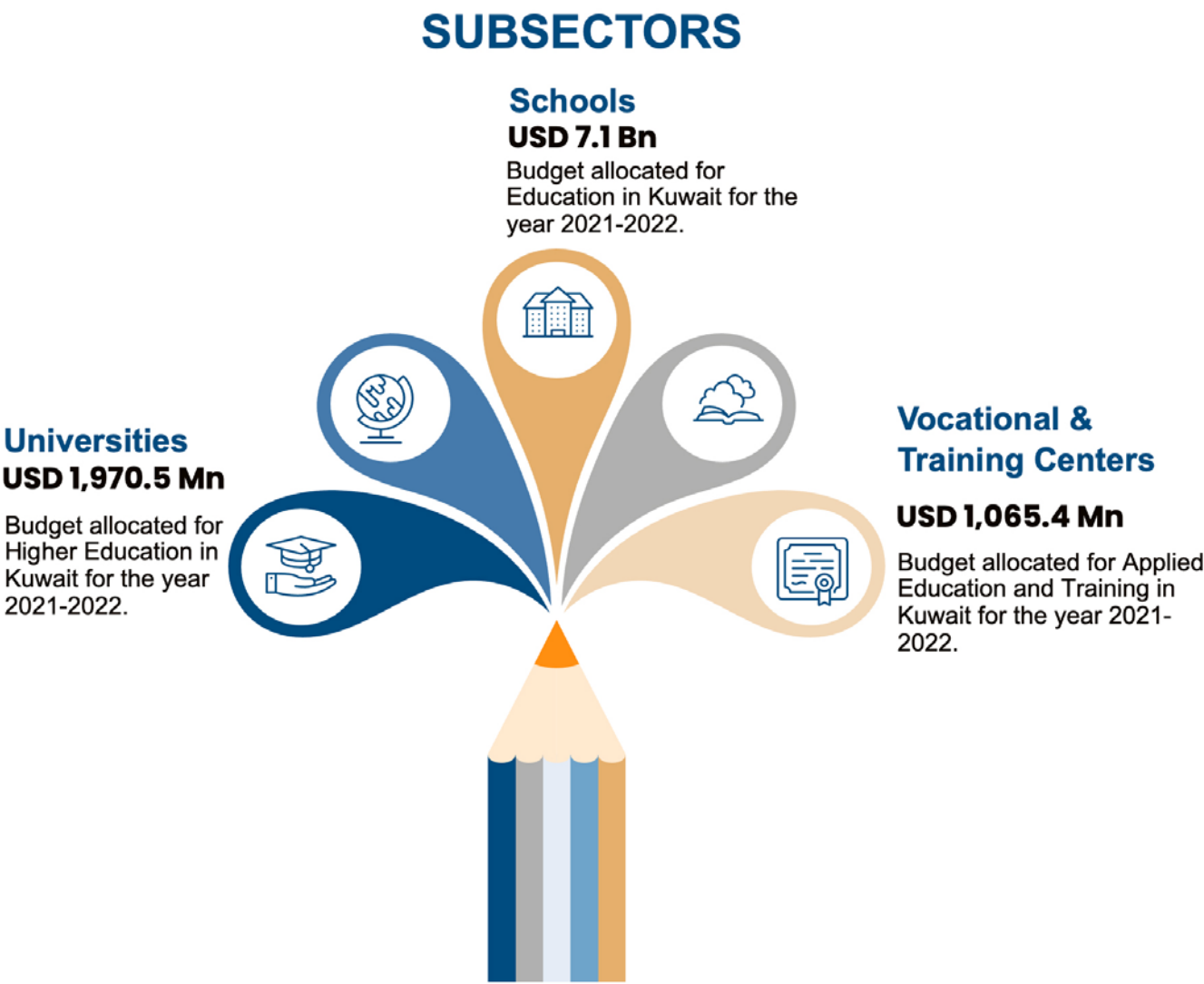


# Education & Training Sector



Sector Overview

The demand for quality education services has been increasing in Kuwait. The government of Kuwait intends to operate schools and universities in Kuwait that have partnerships with leading international brands. A number of educational projects have been launched by the government on a PPP basis, especially in upcoming cities.



Kuwait offers interested investors a host of investment opportunities in the educational sector covering schools, universities, and training institutes and centers projects that contribute to attaining the goals of the National Vision 2035 and its development plans.

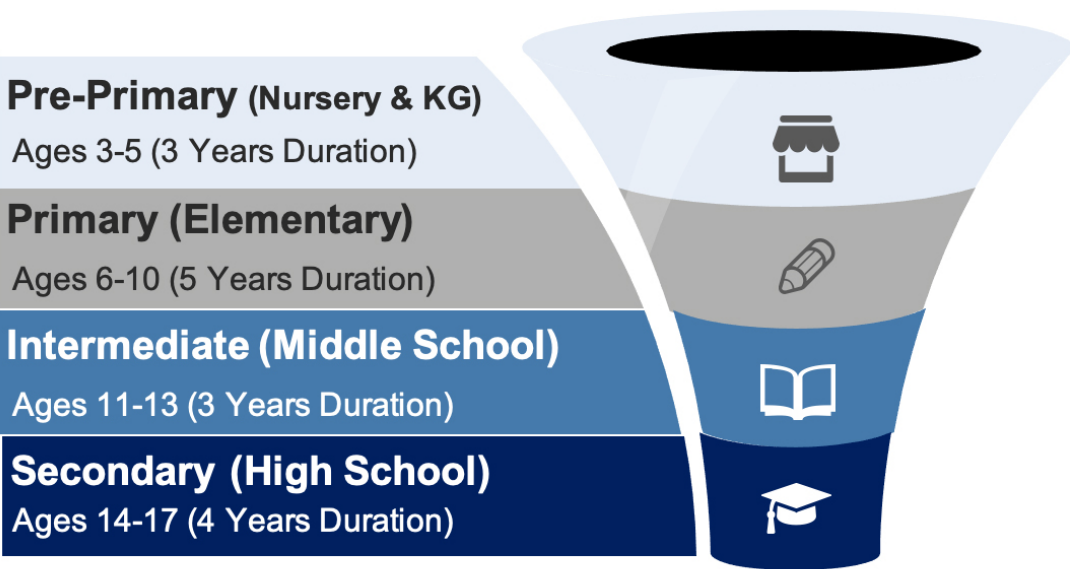




Schools

MARKET FACTORS

- Kuwait has a population of approximately 4.63 Mn people. Nearly 24% of the population is within the age group of 0-19 years.<sup>1</sup>
- The population of Kuwait is highly literate with 97% of the population having the ability to read and write.<sup>1</sup>

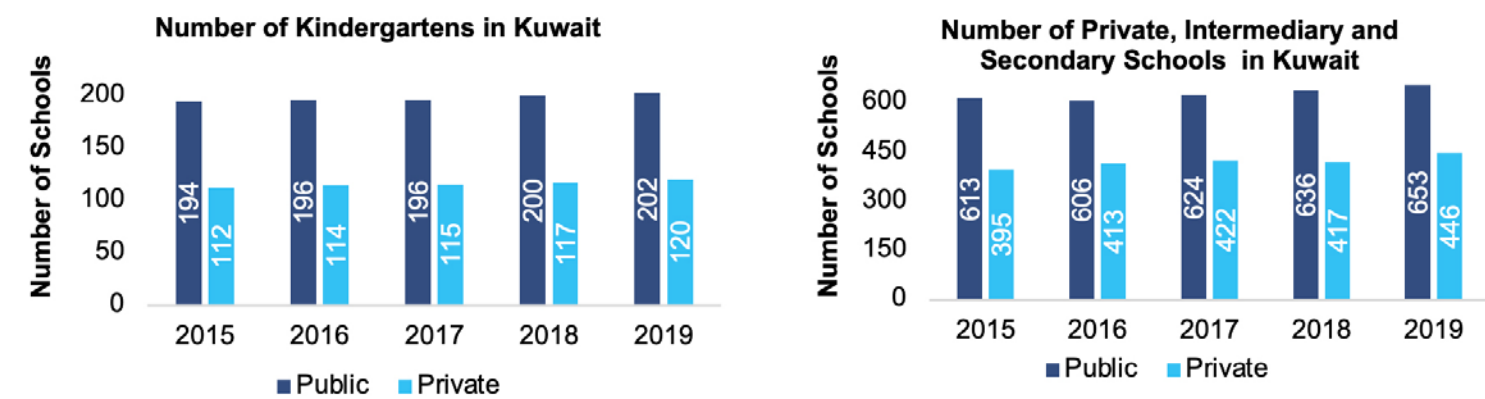


- The Kuwaiti government has allocated funds of nearly USD 7.11 Bn in the 2021-2022 budget towards education.<sup>2</sup>
- The educational system of Kuwait includes Public Schools and Private Schools. While public schools mostly cater to the local Kuwaiti community, private schools cater to both the Kuwaiti and expatriate community in Kuwait. Private schools include American, English, French, German, Pakistani, Indian, and Philippines schools.
- The schools in Kuwait have a four-tier system including the below:

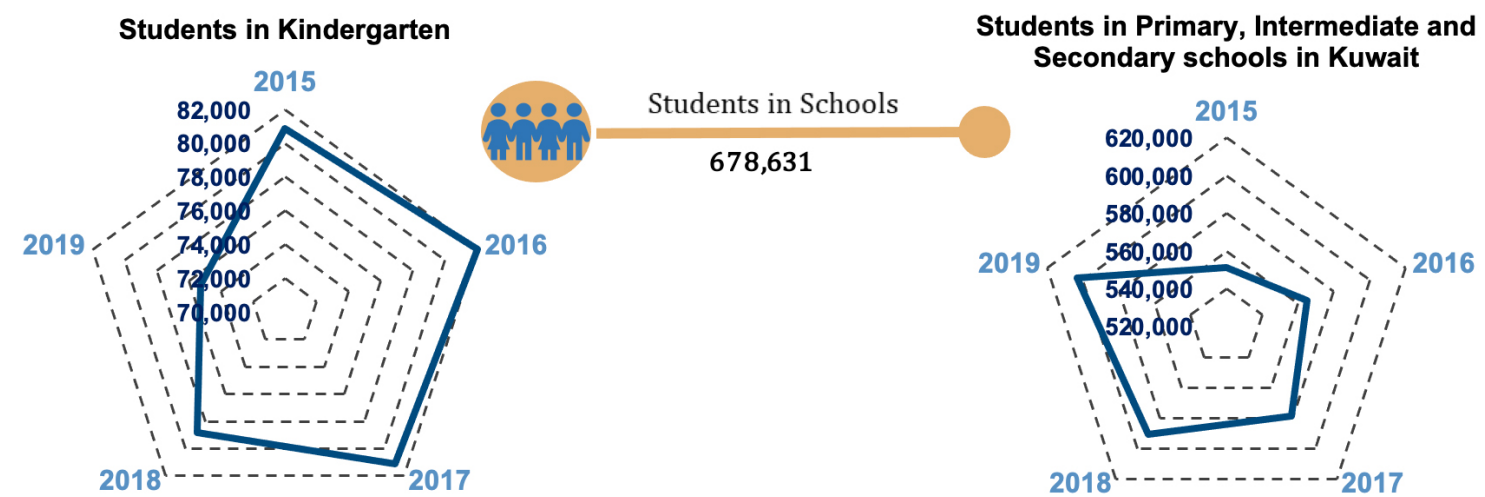
Education Levels	Public	Private
Pre-Primary	3 – 5 years	3 – 5 years
Primary	6 – 10 years	6 – 10 years
Intermediate	11 – 14 years	11 – 13 years
Secondary	15 – 17 years	14 – 17 years

- The schools are regulated by the Ministry of Education in Kuwait, which controls all aspects from licensing and curriculum approvals to student capacity and school fees.<sup>3</sup>

- Number of schools in the country<sup>4</sup>:



- Number of students enrolled in the schools<sup>4</sup>:



- The student to teacher ratio for the kindergarten was 8.04 and for the Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools was 7.7 in Kuwait.<sup>4</sup>





- In term of fees, the American and British schools tend to be much more expensive than the Indian and Pakistani schools.<sup>5</sup>

Schools	Average Fees (USD)
American Schools	9,800 – 14,900
Canadian Schools	10,500 – 14,800
British Schools	6,600 – 12,125
Indian Schools	1,240 – 1600

- A 3.0% fee hike is permitted annually for private schools and any higher increase in fees requires prior permission from the Ministry of Education.
- The following initiatives are being undertaken by the government<sup>6</sup>:

Project Name	Cost (USD Mn)	% of GDP
Establishment of an Integrated System for Educational Reform (Includes on campus and online systems)	605.6	0.51%
Establishment of National Education Standards	10.3	0.01%
Conducting local and international studies to measure and evaluate the education system in the state of Kuwait	10.4	0.01%
Project for application of total quality standards in schools in the country	10.0	0.01%

- A number of educational institutions are being developed on a PPP basis by the government in the upcoming residential cities, they include<sup>7</sup>:

City	School	Area (sqm)
Sabah Al Ahmed City	Private School	17,694
Jaber Al Ahmed City	Private School	8,891.399
Jaber Al Ahmed City	Private School	7,903.270
Jaber Al Ahmed City	Private School	9,297.380

The schools vary and are expected to cater to Arab and Non-Arab students. Tenders are currently being invited from investors with international experience to develop them.

Sources: <sup>1</sup>PACI, <sup>2</sup>MOF, <sup>3</sup>MOE, <sup>4</sup>CSB, <sup>5</sup>Alpen Capital, <sup>6</sup>Kuwait Vision 2035 Development Plan, <sup>7</sup>PAHW.





Universities

MARKET FACTORS

- The Kuwaiti government has allocated funds of USD 1,970.5 Mn in the 2021-2022 budget towards higher education.<sup>1</sup>
- Funds for external and internal scholarships of USD 1,629.8 Mn were allocated as part of the 2021-2022 budget.<sup>1</sup>
- The government offers substantial subsidies (USD 2,644.5 Mn)<sup>1</sup> as well as scholarships in the educational sector to support quality education in Kuwait.
- The private universities in Kuwait are overseen and regulated by the Private Universities Council (PUC). Investors must meet all the mandates of (PUC) to obtain a license for establishing a university.

- There are currently 2 public universities and 15 licensed private universities in Kuwait, they include:

Public <sup>2</sup>	Kuwait University
	Abdullah Al Salem University
Private <sup>3</sup>	Kuwait International Law College
	American International University
	American University of Middle East
	American University of Kuwait
	Gulf University of Science and Technology
	Kuwait Technical College
	Algonquin Canadian College in Kuwait
	Kuwait College of Science and Technology
	American College of the Middle East
	Australian College of Kuwait
	International University of Science and Technology in Kuwait
	Maastricht Business School – Kuwait
	Arab Open University – Kuwait Branch
	Box Hill Kuwait College for Girls
	College of Aviation Technology

- There are currently 5 private universities proposed to be developed upon satisfying the requirements of the PUC in Kuwait, they include:

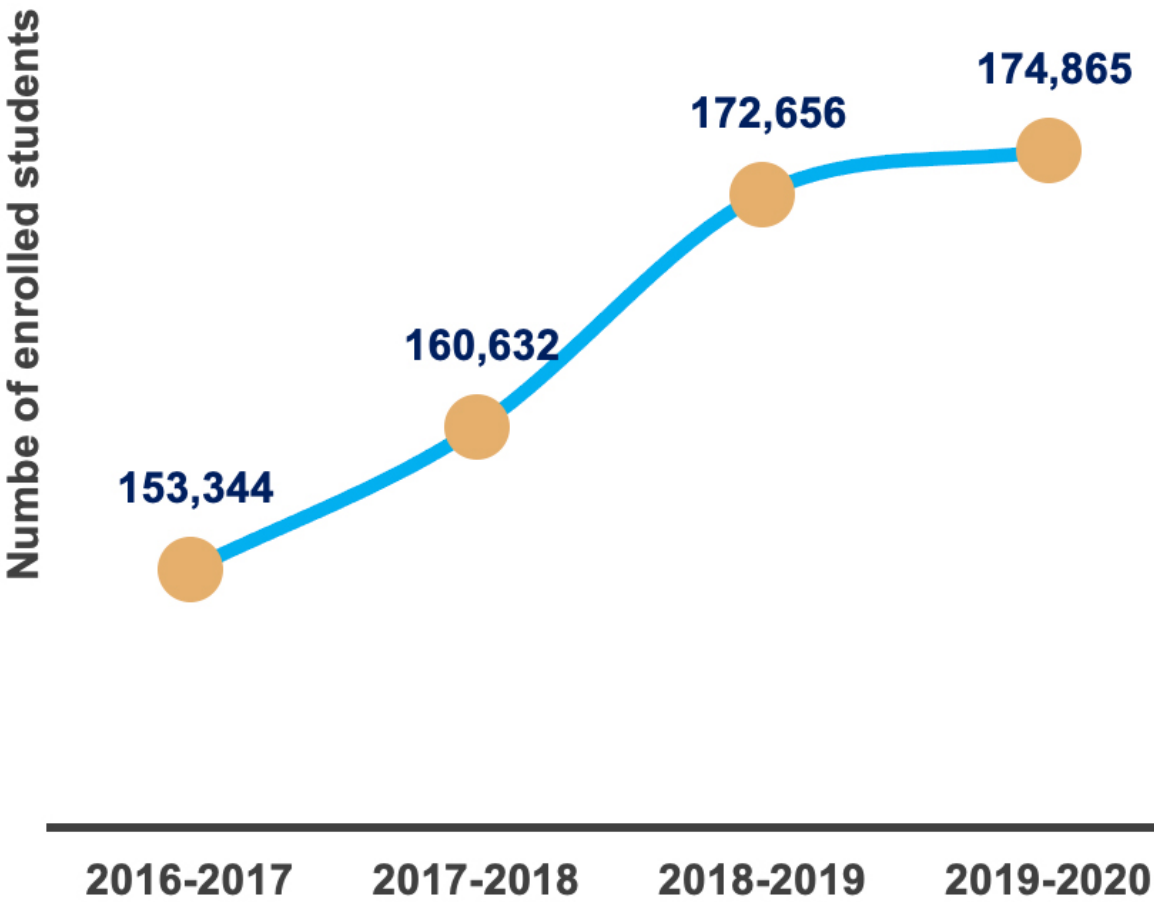
Private <sup>3</sup>	Technical University of Munich in Kuwait
	University College of Management in Kuwait
	Canadian University of Kuwait
	The British College of Kuwait
	American University of Medical Sciences

- The government launched several initiatives to improve the educational services including the Unification of the Candidate Test System in the country through the National University Admission Tests at a cost of USD 12 Mn, the development of the Sabah Al-Salem University City at a cost of USD 9.2 Bn<sup>4</sup> and the Jaber Al Ahmed Private University on a PPP basis to be developed in Jaber Al Ahmed City encompassing an area of 88,977 sqm.<sup>5</sup>

Sources: <sup>1</sup>MOF, <sup>2</sup>MOHE, <sup>3</sup>PUC, <sup>4</sup>Kuwait Vision 2035 Development Plan, <sup>5</sup>PAHW, <sup>6</sup>PACI, <sup>7</sup>CSB.



Public and Private Universities<sup>7</sup>





Vocational & Training Centers

MARKET FACTORS

- Approximately 9.1% of the population of the country are within the age group of 15–29 years.<sup>1</sup> The population within this age group are expected to enter the country’s workforce.
- The government of Kuwait caters to the training needs of citizens through the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET). The government allocated USD 1,065.4 Mn budget in the fiscal year FY 2021/2022, for PAAET activities.<sup>2</sup>

Portfolio Management Programs	IT Programs	Project Management Programs	Finance Programs
(CMSA) Capital Market & Securities Analyst	Certified Cloud Security Professional	Project Management Professional	Certified Financial Planner
Advanced Portfolio Management Professional	Certified Information System Security Professional	Certified Associate in Project Management	Chartered Financial Analyst
Investment & Portfolio Management	Certified Data Professional	Certified Scrum Master	Chartered Financial Consultant
Portfolio Management Professional	Certified Information Security Management	Certified Project Management Partitioner	Certified Fund Specialist
	Oracle Database	Master Project Manager	Certified Government Financial Manager
		Certified Project Director	Certified International Investment Analyst

- PAAET is the governing authority that issues licenses to the private companies for practicing training activities in the country.
- PAAET provides training programs in several fields, of which<sup>3</sup>:
  - Telecommunication & Air Navigation
  - Electricity & Water
  - Nursing
  - Secretarial & Office Works
  - Industrial Training
  - Establishment Training
  - Vocational Training

Sources: <sup>1</sup>PACI, <sup>2</sup>MOF, <sup>3</sup>PAAET, <sup>4</sup>CSB.

