United Arab Emirates

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Data Source

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Settlement Points: These settlement points were created using the European Commission Global Human Settlement Layer (GHSL), 100 meter resolution 2025 Estimated Population Raster Layer. The points were verified using the latest Esri imagery. More information about the data can be found here: https://ghslsys.jrc.ec.europa.eu.

Dataset Information

United Arab Emirates	
3 Letter ISO Country code	ARE
Currency	United Arab Emirates dirham
3 Letter Currency code	AED
Number of attributes available	12
Number of geography levels	3

Geography Levels

Esri Geography Name	Local Geography Name	Feature Count
Country	Al - Imārāt al - 'Arabīyah al - Mutta□idah	1
Emirates	Al - Imārāt	7
Regions	Al - Manā□iq wa al - Qi□ā□āt	17

Data Apportionment Settings

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Threshold Upper Bound	Aggregation Method	Level of Geography
150 km	Block Apportion	AE.Regions
more	Centroids In Polygon	AE.Regions

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Change Summary

Changes to geography level names

None.

New Attributes

None.

Attributes no longer available

None.

Change Notes

Market Data are now projections for 2026 (previously 2024). Population projections at the national level increased by 20.67% compared to former estimates; this difference is attributed to updates to United Nations data that is based on significant new input data from the Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Centre of the United Arab Emirates. The significant increase in the overall population has led to deviations in Gender and Households. The Purchasing Power projection in national currency for 2026 shows an upward trend due to economic growth.

No changes were made to the settlement points since the last MBR Data release.

Other Data Notes

For the regions of Abu Dhabi, Households are based on the household size of the respective Imarat Abu Dhabi.