Saudi Arabia: Total employed population by main group of economic activities (Q1 2021-Q1 2025)

	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Mining and quarrying	Manufacturing	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Transportation and storage	Accommodation and food service activities	Information and communication	Financial and insurance activities	Real estate activities	Professional, scientific and technical activities	Administrative and support service activities	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	Education	Human health and social work activities	Arts, entertainment and recreation	Other service activities	Activities of households as employer; Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	Not specified	Total
Q1 2021	89,866	64,007	626,216	37,403	18,487	1,803,570	1,426,482	192,230	308,053	38,608	12,839	25,182	88,617	883,841	70,341	62,365	229,046	18,432	174,281	110	404	131,412	6,301,792
Q2 2021	103,627	173,230	827,037	78,442	23,578	2,029,594	1,828,219	260,938	381,488	78,762	76,810	38,134	131,885	976,024	264,295	122,705	436,670	28,124	210,010	145	1,575	118,878	8,190,170
Q3 2021	102,094	173,224	830,836	77,763	23,221	1,996,612	1,813,880	264,794	390,819	80,821	77,191	39,207	133,323	946,426	272,991	135,359	444,930	29,325	208,242	148	1,627	115,552	8,158,385
Q4 2021	106,710	176,650	852,925	78,129	23,850	2,058,439	1,790,879	281,064	555,301	82,149	77,924	39,303	138,157	977,737	295,173	140,899	470,352	29,992	209,986	224	1,748	143,717	8,531,308
Q1 2022	132,269	171,620	892,895	79,442	29,025	2,152,344	1,820,040	319,753	671,247	84,090	79,815	39,807	153,113	1,012,678	297,192	146,434	407,099	31,667	244,155	246	1,854	329,694	9,096,479
Q2 2022	181,046	142,153	943,887	40,157	87,941	2,453,723	1,719,838	406,735	653,310	123,491	88,780	66,181	196,824	1,141,367	264,775	171,808	413,245	29,288	257,284	106	844	158,839	9,541,622
Q3 2022	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Q4 2022	354,795	141,816	1,033,933	39,390	106,556	2,460,230	1,626,050	439,565	675,154	123,331	91,291	54,627	213,687	1,175,278	266,467	180,694	440,396	32,338	237,962	94	859	228,525	9,923,038
Q1 2023	521,309	146,455	1,086,782	39,011	122,329	2,540,702	1,653,550	459,542	694,182	123,307	92,274	55,674	225,340	1,204,832	267,708	184,775	452,352	33,509	239,385	85	838	295,094	10,439,035
Q2 2023	540,603	157,758	1,123,456	38,498	129,086	2,541,815	1,629,081	467,109	686,139	118,538	92,610	54,738	228,288	1,168,552	271,363	177,190	443,553	32,748	235,915	89	830	357,127	10,495,086
Q3 2023	139,654	160,780	1,184,551	38,418	152,013	2,608,274	1,621,497	494,242	686,468	106,607	93,314	53,671	234,837	1,130,332	278,501	194,591	448,359	32,242	234,478	88	833	919,238	10,812,988
Q4 2023	142,402	166,204	1,211,398	39,317	156,994	2,617,187	1,616,873	503,243	673,976	104,389	95,184	52,808	242,103	1,110,940	284,829	197,448	448,222	32,069	230,526	86	473	916,062	10,842,733
Q1 2024	164,292	173,925	1,298,422	40,294	138,035	2,816,018	1,647,023	550,184	681,367	110,795	96,478	54,389	250,588	1,156,985	289,434	202,219	453,900	32,572	242,973	83	487	992,969	11,393,432
Q2 2024	203,475	186,826	1,341,920	46,151	168,219	2,894,564	1,648,970	566,981	679,540	111,735	96,916	53,981	255,021	1,170,302	282,128	188,489	448,912	32,671	250,886	77	497	1,078,502	11,706,763
Q3 2024	204,897	197,474	1,386,764	46,674	173,128	2,972,737	1,644,350	592,765	673,835	113,119	98,607	53,303	263,531	1,196,249	289,351	207,694	457,315	33,166	253,536	90	495	1,149,578	12,008,658
Q4 2024	290,672	220,458	1,515,096	49,100	180,363	3,246,657	1,732,029	756,106	708,196	120,389	100,115	55,646	273,228	1,237,396	295,254	294,727	463,194	40,961	273,158	102	396	585,242	12,438,485
Q1 2025	341,690	218,088	1,576,431	49,862	179,481	3,396,663	1,753,708	780,243	714,084	122,356	101,500	56,703	277,561	1,267,077	300,533	292,239	466,499	41,689	281,093	109	393	580,785	12,798,787
Q2 2025	344,871	217,630	1,590,165	50,249	178,993	3,444,075	1,748,275	783,583	708,803	124,357	102,413	57,136	279,433	1,268,184	304,390	279,110	464,078	41,947	279,477	113	399	603,934	12,871,615
Q3 2025	253,180	203,902	1,482,452	42,568	96,453	3,412,388	1,827,205	827,919	730,292	176,619	106,727	75,887	291,530	1,420,733	300,829	321,900	495,426	47,940	305,985	115	389	806,330	13,226,769

Source: Register-based Labour Market Statistics, General Authority for Statistics (GAStat)

1. Data collection methodology

LFS were first conducted in 2001 and became bi-annual after 2006. Data were collected through nationally
representative household sample surveys, which sampling was based on most recent censuses.
Since 2016, Labour Force Surveys have been conducted and published on a quarterly basis, based on a
household telephone survey conducted by GAStat. Employment data extracted from administrative records
were also introduced as a complement to the results of Labour Force Surveys in Labour Market Statistics'
publications, starting on Q1 2017.

The present data is taken from administrative records.

Population of reference: workers subject to the rule of the General Organization of Social Insurance (GOSI):
a. contributors on the job who are subject to social insurance laws and regulations in the private and government sector;
b. new contributors, and contributors who terminated their contribution to social insurance during the quarter.

Figures of workers in Labor Market statistics which were derived from administrative records do not include the following categories:
1-Workers in the military and security sectors
2- Workers who are not registered in the civil service, social insurance (GOSI) and domestic workers' records, which include:

– Saudis working for their own businesses and are not subjected to the labor regulations, also, not registered in social insurance,
such as those who work in delivery through electronic apps
– Saudi employers who work in establishments and not registered in the social insurance
– Non-Saudi staff working in foreign international, political or military missions
3- Non-Saudi employees who come to the Kingdom for work that normally takes less than three months to be completed.

Definitions and categories used by GAStat in Labour Markets Statistics (employment; unemployment;
occupation and activity sectors, etc.) are based on international standards:
For LFS methodology and definitions, see metadata section in report, and:
https://database.stats.gov.sa/Methodologies/En_Documents/03_Labor%20Market%20Bulletin%20Methodology,%20Fourth%20Quarter%202020%20_%20General%20Authority%20for%20Statistics.pdf
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Classification of economic activities: Saudi Classification of Economic Activities, based on the International Standard Industrial Classification of all economic activities (ISIC4)
https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/classifications

2. Institution which provides data

General Authority for Statistics (GAStat)

3. Data availability

Since 2021, GAStat has been publishing separately the employment data taken from administrative records,
and unemployment/inactivity data as well as general indicators, calculated from the results of the field
interviews conducted by GAStat (Labour Force Survey).
The time-series was built using the quarterly Register-based Labour Market Statistics for given quarters
2023-2025: available at:

https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/statistics-tabs/-/categories/417515?tab=436312&category=417515
Before 2023: available in the "archived data":
https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/statistics?index=1317550
"social statistics", and "labour force"
https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/statistics-tabs?tab=436312&category=1333429

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