

Bahrain: Estimated population employed in the private sector by nationality (Bahraini/non-Bahraini) and sex (Q1 2012 – Q2 2023)

	Bahrainis			Non-Bahrainis			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2012: Q1	68,188	25,387	93,575	343,077	24,236	367,313	411,265	49,623	460,888
Q2	68,341	25,365	93,706	348,529	24,555	373,084	416,870	49,920	466,790
Q3	68,667	25,236	93,903	354,842	25,159	380,001	423,509	50,395	473,904
Q4	68,880	25,616	94,496	359,051	25,726	384,777	427,931	51,342	479,273
2013: Q1	69,070	25,863	94,933	366,052	26,335	392,387	435,122	52,198	487,320
Q2	69,517	26,193	95,710	372,914	27,213	400,127	442,431	53,406	495,837
Q3	69,139	26,091	95,230	374,824	28,178	403,002	443,963	54,269	498,232
Q4	69,354	26,254	95,608	371,669	28,813	400,482	441,023	55,067	496,090
2014: Q1	69,738	26,799	96,537	363,777	29,012	392,789	433,515	55,811	489,326
Q2	70,473	27,321	97,794	367,074	29,504	396,578	437,547	56,825	494,372
Q3	70,707	27,651	98,358	374,080	30,383	404,463	444,787	58,034	502,821
Q4	70,929	28,290	99,219	381,579	31,278	412,857	452,508	59,568	512,076
2015: Q1	70,833	28,535	99,368	387,580	31,973	419,553	458,413	60,508	518,921
Q2	71,833	29,367	101,200	398,596	32,945	431,541	470,429	62,312	532,741
Q3	71,413	29,598	101,011	404,240	33,549	437,789	475,653	63,147	538,800
Q4	71,170	30,028	101,198	411,093	34,281	445,374	482,263	64,309	546,572
2016: Q1	73,032	31,419	104,451	426,335	34,804	461,139	499,367	66,223	565,590
Q2	72,398	31,139	103,537	439,707	34,411	474,118	512,105	65,550	577,655
Q3	71,215	30,738	101,953	456,478	35,004	491,482	527,693	65,742	593,435
Q4	71,235	30,932	102,167	473,169	35,893	509,062	544,404	66,825	611,229
2017: Q1	71,152	30,911	102,063	464,698	36,395	501,093	535,850	67,306	603,156
Q2	71,301	31,160	102,461	459,601	36,815	496,416	530,902	67,975	598,877
Q3	71,629	31,474	103,103	457,842	37,602	495,444	529,471	69,076	598,547
Q4	71,830	31,972	103,802	457,024	38,888	495,912	528,854	70,860	599,714
2018: Q1	71,972	32,427	104,399	459,437	39,504	498,941	531,409	71,931	603,340
Q2	72,129	32,753	104,882	459,851	40,028	499,879	531,980	72,781	604,761

Q3	71,887	32,612	104,499	456,824	40,446	497,270	528,711	73,058	601,769
Q4	72,023	33,191	105,214	461,656	41,350	503,006	533,679	74,541	608,220
2019: Q1	71,473	33,188	104,661	459,754	41,887	501,641	531,227	75,075	606,302
Q2	72,533	33,858	106,391	456,923	42,204	499,127	529,456	76,062	605,518
Q3	72,683	34,099	106,782	455,517	42,774	498,291	528,200	76,873	605,073
Q4	72,545	34,280	106,825	455,867	43,132	498,999	528,412	77,412	605,824
2020: Q1	73,889	35,422	109,311	451,797	42,688	494,485	525,686	78,110	603,796
Q2	73,724	35,298	109,022	451,041	41,332	492,373	524,765	76,630	601,395
Q3	71,747	34,260	106,007	428,374	39,683	468,057	500,121	73,943	574,064
Q4	71,015	33,670	104,685	421,048	38,974	460,022	492,063	72,644	564,707
2021: Q1	71,716	34,043	105,759	418,434	38,901	457,335	490,150	72,944	563,094
Q2	73,068	34,550	107,618	412,871	39,163	452,034	485,939	73,713	559,652
Q3	73,073	34,459	107,532	398,408	39,026	437,434	471,481	73,485	544,966
Q4	73,892	35,486	109,378	408,298	40,187	448,485	482,190	75,673	557,863
2022: Q1	74,588	36,019	110,607	423,724	41,524	465,248	498,312	77,543	575,855
Q2	75,352	36,613	111,965	436,480	43,002	479,482	511,832	79,615	591,447
Q3	75,241	36,610	111,851	445,286	44,120	489,406	520,527	80,730	601,257
Q4	76,115	37,114	113,229	450,676	45,642	496,318	526,791	82,756	609,547
2023: Q1	75,138	36,751	111,889	470,279	47,349	517,628	545,417	84,100	629,517
Q2	74,886	36,783	111,669	473,578	48,389	521,967	548,464	85,172	633,636

Source: BLMI, Labour Market Regulation Authority (LMRA)

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

Data are extracted from the files submitted by Expatriate Management System (LMRA-EMS), General Organisation for Social Insurance (GOSI), Pension Fund Commission (PFC), and Civil Service Bureau (CSB) monthly data files to LMRA. Estimates of employed population include all civilian employed persons in the private and public sectors (insured, uninsured and self-employed) and domestic workers.

LMRA data do not include non-civilian employees (engaged in military, defense and other relevant entities and ranked as so).

1. From 2008 Q2 onward, "Public sector" for non-Bahraini workers refers to workers in the "Government sector" of the Expatriate Management System (EMS) of LMRA.
2. "Private Sector" for non-Bahraini workers refers to the sum of "Commercial" and "Non-Commercial, Non-Government" (NCNG) sectors of LMRA's

EMS system.

3. Male population includes persons with unrecorded sex attribute.

4. Details may not add up to totals due to rounding error. Also, data from this table may differ from totals obtained from other tables in the series (Tables A1, A2, A06, A07, A10 and A99).

5. The drop in number of domestic workers in Q2 2018 is due to data cleansing of domestic records during Q2 at LMRA

6. From the period 2019 Q1 onwards the Domestic permit counts have been reviewed to include the domestic workers holding active work permits in addition to in-progress permits issued with a residence permit. The count also includes domestic permits due for renewal that have not been terminated or cancelled by the employer.

Employment as defined by the LMRA is in line with the ILO resolution concerning statistics of the economically active population, employment, unemployment and underemployment.

It includes all persons above a specific age during a specific period either in paid employment or in self-employment and includes the following:

(a) paid employment

(a1) at work: persons who during the reference period performed some work for wage or salary, in cash or in kind, even for one hour

(a2) with a job but not at work: persons who, having already worked in their present job, were temporarily not at work during the reference period and had a formal attachment to their job (e.g., absence because of illness or injury, holiday or vacation, strike or lockout, educational or training leave, maternity or parental leave, reduction in economic activity, etc.)

(b) self employment

(b1) at work: persons who during the reference period performed some work for profit or family gain, in cash or in kind

(b2) with an enterprise but not at work: persons with an enterprise, which may be a business enterprise, a farm or a service undertaking, who were temporarily not at work during the reference period for any specific reason.

Estimates of employed population are no longer available in the Bahrain Labour Market Indicators (BLMI) publications after Q2 2023.

2. Institution which provides data

Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA)

<https://www.lmra.gov.bh/en/home>

3. Data availability

Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA), Kingdom of Bahrain, based on data from Bahrain Labour Market Indicators.

https://blmi.lmra.gov.bh/2023/06/data/lmr/Table_A.pdf

Data are tabulated in PDF format.

The definitions that the LMRA adopts for its data can be found in the Glossary section:

https://blmi.lmra.gov.bh/mi_glossary.xml

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