

Employed population (aged 15 and above) by nationality (Saudi/ non-Saudi) and sector of activity (Government/ Private), 2006; 2009

Year		2006			2009		
		Government sector	Private sector	Total	Government sector	Private sector	Total
Saudis	males	2,074,265	863,031	2,937,296	2,235,942	1,096,686	3,332,628
	females	424,461	69,818	494,279	424,579	80,761	505,340
	total	2,498,726	932,849	3,431,575	2,660,521	1,177,447	3,837,968
Non-Saudis	males	189,337	2,263,602	2,452,939	115,724	3,621,086	3,736,810
	females	36,308	460,769	497,077	19,967	553,247	573,214
	total	225,645	2,724,371	2,950,016	135,691	4,174,333	4,310,024
Total	males	2,263,602	3,126,633	5,390,235	2,351,666	4,717,772	7,069,438
	females	460,769	530,587	991,356	444,546	634,008	1,078,554
	total	2,724,371	3,657,220	6,381,591	2,796,212	5,351,780	8,147,992

Source: Labour Force Surveys, given dates.

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

Sampling frame of 2006 and 2009 Labour Force Surveys: Population Census 2004.

Sample size: 23 000 households

Reference period: May 2006; July 24th-August 22nd, 2009

Population of reference: all individuals (nationals and non-nationals) residing in the Kingdom during the period of reference.

The ultimate sampling unit is the household.

(a) Household and household members: A person or group of persons, related or not related, who share housing and food.

Servants, drivers and similar categories are considered to be part of the household if they live in the same housing unit.

(b) Employed person: A person aged 15 years and above who worked during the reference week for at least one hour for pay or profit, or who had a job but were temporarily absent from work.

Employment refers to people who during the reference period:

– worked for one hour or more for wage or salary, in cash or in kind

- worked for one hour or more for profit or family gain, in cash or in kind
- worked for at least 15 hours without pay on a family business or farm
- did volunteer work

Reference period for employment: The seven days preceding the interview date.

(c) Government and private sector: No definitions available.

2. Institution which provides data

Central Department of Statistics and Information (CDSI), Ministry and Economy and Planning

3. Data availability

Data of employment by sector and nationality are not published in CDSI Labour Force Surveys volumes.

However, they are made available for the years 2006 to 2009 by the Statistical section of the Gulf Cooperation Council's General Secretariat (Statistics of the GCC Countries for 2010, Population and Labour Force, tab. 6).

<http://sites.gcc-sg.org/Statistics/index.php?SID=226>

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