

Non-Saudi domestic workers by sex and main group of household occupations (Q2, 2023)

	Males	Females	Total
Housekeepers	1,298	1,142	2,440
Drivers	1,791,238	120	1,791,358
Servants and house cleaners	787,884	1,015,884	1,803,768
Cooks and food provider	58,152	3,200	61,352
House guards	22,494	12	22,506
Farmers and gardeners	2,095	0	2,095
Home tailors	501	661	1,162
Nurses and health professionals in homes	525	1,112	1,637
Private teachers and nannies in homes	25	4,586	4,611
Total	2,664,212	1,026,717	3,690,929

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

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 GASat. 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.

GASat Labour Market Statistics:

Estimates of figures and characteristics of employment in Saudi Arabia are taken from administrative records from the following institutions:

– **Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development (MHRSD)** (formerly

Ministry of Labour and Social Development):

Supplies data on Government sector's workers.

– **General Organization of Social Insurance (GOSI):**

Supplies data on:

a. contributors on the job who are subject to social insurance laws and regulations in the private and government sectors;

b. workers who terminated their contribution to social insurance during the quarter.

– **National Information Center (NIC):**

Supplies data on domestic workers (data owner: MHRSD).

The category of domestic workers in Arab states encompasses professions performed within the household, such as maids, cooks, waiters, valets, butlers, laundresses, gardeners, gatekeepers, stable-lads, chauffeurs, caretakers, governesses, babysitters, tutors, secretaries etc.

These professions are classified in the class 9700 of section T of the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC), Rev. 4.

See: Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Statistics Division. "International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities Revision 4," Statistical Papers, Series M No. 4/Rev.4, New York: United Nations, 2008, p. 269

https://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/seriesm/seriesm_4rev4e.pdf.

Definitions and categories used by GASat in Labour Markets Statistics (employment; unemployment; occupation and activity sectors, etc.) are based on international standards.

For LFS methodology and definitions, see:

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/node/9787>.

2. Institution which provides data

General Authority for Statistics (GASat)

3. Data availability

Since 2021, GASat 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 GStat (Labour Force Survey).

The present time-series was taken from the Register-based Labour Market Statistics- Q2, 2023

(English and Arabic versions):

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/sites/default/files/Register-based%20Labour%20Market%20Statistics-%20Q2%2C%202023En.xlsx>

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/sites/default/files/Register-based%20Labour%20Market%20Statistics-%20Q2%202023Ar.xlsx>

Quarterly Register-based Labour Market Statistics reports are accessible from: <https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/814>

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/ar/814>

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