

# Population estimates by nationality (Saudi / non-Saudi) and sex (mid-year estimates, 1974-2013)

year	Saudis			Non-Saudis			Total		
	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total
1974	3.166.013	2.997.792	<b>6.163.805</b>	517.178	257.219	<b>774.397</b>	3.683.191	3.255.011	<b>6.938.202</b>
1975	3.299.247	3.129.932	<b>6.429.179</b>	574.639	283.192	<b>857.831</b>	3.873.886	3.413.124	<b>7.287.010</b>
1976	3.436.784	3.266.657	<b>6.703.441</b>	638.241	311.670	<b>949.911</b>	4.075.025	3.578.327	<b>7.653.352</b>
1977	3.578.634	3.408.002	<b>6.986.636</b>	708.602	342.876	<b>1.051.478</b>	4.287.236	3.750.878	<b>8.038.114</b>
1978	3.724.791	3.553.986	<b>7.278.777</b>	786.393	377.049	<b>1.163.442</b>	4.511.184	3.931.035	<b>8.442.219</b>
1979	3.875.233	3.704.613	<b>7.579.846</b>	872.345	414.448	<b>1.286.793</b>	4.747.578	4.119.061	<b>8.866.639</b>
1980	4.029.923	3.859.872	<b>7.889.794</b>	967.252	455.350	<b>1.422.602</b>	4.997.174	4.315.222	<b>9.312.396</b>
1981	4.188.801	4.019.733	<b>8.208.534</b>	1.071.977	500.051	<b>1.572.028</b>	5.260.778	4.519.784	<b>9.780.562</b>
1982	4.351.793	4.184.148	<b>8.535.941</b>	1.187.454	548.870	<b>1.736.324</b>	5.539.247	4.733.018	<b>10.272.265</b>
1983	4.518.803	4.353.048	<b>8.871.851</b>	1.314.694	602.145	<b>1.916.839</b>	5.833.497	4.955.193	<b>10.788.690</b>
1984	4.689.709	4.526.340	<b>9.216.049</b>	1.454.788	660.237	<b>2.115.025</b>	6.144.497	5.186.577	<b>11.331.074</b>
1985	4.864.370	4.703.911	<b>9.568.281</b>	1.608.915	723.531	<b>2.332.446</b>	6.473.285	5.427.442	<b>11.900.727</b>
1986	5.042.619	4.885.623	<b>9.928.242</b>	1.778.342	792.434	<b>2.570.776</b>	6.820.961	5.678.057	<b>12.499.018</b>
1987	5.224.266	5.071.312	<b>10.295.578</b>	1.964.432	867.378	<b>2.831.810</b>	7.188.698	5.938.690	<b>13.127.388</b>
1988	5.409.093	5.260.787	<b>10.669.880</b>	2.168.647	948.820	<b>3.117.467</b>	7.577.740	6.209.607	<b>13.787.347</b>
1989	5.596.859	5.453.833	<b>11.050.692</b>	2.392.552	1.037.242	<b>3.429.794</b>	7.989.411	6.491.075	<b>14.480.486</b>
1990	5.787.294	5.650.206	<b>11.437.500</b>	2.637.820	1.133.151	<b>3.770.971</b>	8.425.114	6.783.357	<b>15.208.471</b>
1991	5.980.104	5.849.635	<b>11.829.739</b>	2.906.237	1.237.079	<b>4.143.316</b>	8.886.341	7.086.714	<b>15.973.055</b>
1992	6.170.757	6.047.443	<b>12.218.200</b>	3.193.111	1.347.068	<b>4.540.179</b>	9.363.868	7.394.511	<b>16.758.379</b>
1993	6.334.907	6.216.789	<b>12.551.696</b>	3.322.551	1.402.925	<b>4.725.476</b>	9.657.458	7.619.714	<b>17.277.172</b>
1994	6.488.628	6.375.082	<b>12.863.710</b>	3.397.772	1.440.127	<b>4.837.899</b>	9.886.400	7.815.209	<b>17.701.609</b>
1995	6.646.071	6.537.398	<b>13.183.469</b>	3.474.692	1.478.314	<b>4.953.006</b>	10.120.763	8.015.712	<b>18.136.475</b>
1996	6.807.325	6.703.837	<b>13.511.162</b>	3.553.349	1.517.511	<b>5.070.860</b>	10.360.674	8.221.348	<b>18.582.022</b>
1997	6.972.483	6.874.505	<b>13.846.988</b>	3.633.782	1.557.746	<b>5.191.528</b>	10.606.265	8.432.251	<b>19.038.516</b>
1998	7.141.639	7.049.510	<b>14.191.149</b>	3.716.031	1.599.045	<b>5.315.076</b>	10.857.670	8.648.555	<b>19.506.225</b>
1999	7.314.889	7.228.960	<b>14.543.849</b>	3.800.137	1.641.438	<b>5.441.575</b>	11.115.026	8.870.398	<b>19.985.424</b>
2000	7.492.332	7.412.968	<b>14.905.300</b>	3.886.141	1.684.952	<b>5.571.093</b>	11.378.473	9.097.920	<b>20.476.393</b>
2001	7.674.070	7.601.651	<b>15.275.721</b>	3.974.087	1.729.617	<b>5.703.704</b>	11.648.157	9.331.268	<b>20.979.425</b>
2002	7.860.206	7.795.126	<b>15.655.332</b>	4.064.017	1.775.464	<b>5.839.481</b>	11.924.223	9.570.590	<b>21.494.813</b>
2003	8.050.847	7.993.515	<b>16.044.362</b>	4.155.978	1.822.524	<b>5.978.502</b>	12.206.825	9.816.039	<b>22.022.864</b>
2004	8.245.575	8.198.412	<b>16.443.987</b>	4.248.335	1.871.564	<b>6.119.899</b>	12.493.910	10.069.976	<b>22.563.886</b>
2005	8.453.097	8.401.060	<b>16.854.157</b>	4.506.528	1.968.899	<b>6.475.427</b>	12.959.625	10.369.959	<b>23.329.584</b>
2006	8.663.597	8.606.584	<b>17.270.181</b>	4.780.413	2.071.296	<b>6.851.709</b>	13.444.010	10.677.880	<b>24.121.890</b>
2007	8.876.668	8.814.670	<b>17.691.336</b>	5.070.944	2.179.018	<b>7.249.962</b>	13.947.610	10.993.688	<b>24.941.298</b>
2008	9.091.249	9.024.301	<b>18.115.550</b>	5.379.132	2.292.343	<b>7.671.475</b>	14.470.381	11.316.644	<b>25.787.025</b>
2009	9.307.550	9.235.696	<b>18.543.246</b>	5.706.050	2.411.561	<b>8.117.611</b>	15.013.600	11.647.257	<b>26.660.857</b>
2010*	9.525.178	9.448.437	<b>18.973.615</b>	6.052.837	2.536.980	<b>8.589.817</b>	15.578.015	11.985.417	<b>27.563.432</b>
2011**	9.743.626	9.662.059	<b>19.405.685</b>	6.297.735	2.672.935	<b>8.970.670</b>	16.041.361	12.334.994	<b>28.376.355</b>
2012**	9.962.431	9.876.017	<b>19.838.448</b>	6.591.296	2.766.151	<b>9.357.447</b>	16.553.727	12.642.168	<b>29.195.895</b>
2013**	n.a.	n.a.	<b>20.271.058</b>	n.a.	n.a.	<b>9.723.214</b>	n.a.	n.a.	<b>29.994.272</b>

Source: Population estimates based on the results of population censuses (1974; 1992; 2004; 2010 preliminary results), Central Department for Statistics and Information (CDSI)

\* preliminary results

\*\* estimates from census 2010' preliminary figures

## ANNEXED NOTE

### 1. Technical Notes and Definitions

Reference periods: middle of given years

Population of reference: all individuals (nationals and non-nationals)

present within the Kingdom's borders during time of reference, be they permanent or temporary residents.

**Implementation method:** the Censuses are carried out according to *de facto* methodology, i.e. counting persons where they are during time of reference, be they usual residents of the place or temporary residents.

Estimates are based upon censuses' results.

The first Saudi census was launched in 1962. It is usually not used, as it did not cover the whole of the resident population. 1974 census is the first comprehensive one in Saudi history. However, its rate of coverage and accuracy of data are considered weak.

1992 census' population figures, along with ensuing estimates of Saudi population and rates of demographic growth for the following years, were shown to be inflated (see Winckler, O. "The Surprising Results of the Saudi Arabian 2004 Demographic Census", *IJMES*, n°40, 2008, pp. 12-15).

Between 2004 and 2010 censuses, Saudi population figures seem consistent with natural increase figures. As non-national population is concerned, it is probably underestimated in official counts. Irregular workers and sojourners are also many (non-official, hence unverifiable estimates range between 1 and 2 millions).

Regarding mid-year estimates, it has to be noted that after each census CDSI has readjusted past figures for Saudi and non-Saudi populations, intercensal data as well as data for census years. Therefore, present data differ significantly from available census figures.

## **2. Institution which provides data**

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

## **3. Data availability**

Parts of censuses conducted in 1992 and 2004 are available on the website of the CDSI (<http://www.cdsi.gov.sa/>), in published form in PDF format.

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/13>

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/ar/13>

For 1992 all published data is broken down by nationality (Saudi/non-Saudi).

For 2004, only the data on sex and administrative regions and sub-regions of residence is broken down by nationality (Saudi/ Non-Saudi).

As of November 25th, 2013, only preliminary results of 2010' census have been published: total population by sex and nationality (Saudi/ non-Saudi), as well as total population by nationality, sex, and administrative region (governorate) of residence.

CDSI's mid-year estimates are only available in Saudi Arabia Monetary Agency (SAMA) Annual Reports, available online at:

<http://www.sama.gov.sa/sites/samaen/ReportsStatistics/Pages/AnnualReport.aspx>

Data presented here are taken from SAMA *Annual Report* n°48 (2013), p. 361 (1974-2012) and from CDSI (<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/indicators>), for 2013' estimates.

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