

Qatar: Economically active population (15 years and above) by nationality (Qatari/non-Qatari), sex and employment status (2024)

	Qataris			Non-Qataris			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Employer	2,865	312	3,177	3,997	387	4,384	6,862	699	7,561
Own Account Worker	49	0	49	1,241	0	1,241	1,290	0	1,290
Employee	72,004	52,247	124,251	1,779,080	328,324	2,107,404	1,851,084	380,571	2,231,655
Total	74,918	52,559	127,477	1,784,318	328,711	2,113,029	1,859,236	381,270	2,240,506

Source: Annual Bulletin of Labour Force Sample Survey 2024

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

The data is taken from Labour Force Survey 2024 (yearly synthesis)

Sampling frame : Population Census 2020.

Sample size: 65,253 persons, in 10,560 households: 1- Qatari households; 2- Non-Qatari regular (non-collective) households; 3- Non-Qatari small collective households or labour gatherings (2 – 6 persons); 4- Non-Qatari large collective households or large labour gatherings (7 persons or more).

The collective households are a group of persons not related to each other and sharing living conditions in a residential unit, I.e. labour camps, students living boarding schools, nurses in hospitals... etc. The survey covered the small collective households (includes less than 7 persons) and large collective households (includes 7 persons or more).

Data Collection: The sample was divided into equal parts to collect data monthly. Each month 1/3 of the quarterly data were collected during the first two weeks of the month.

Reference period for the labour force data: the week prior to data collection day.

The survey does not cover short periods accommodation, i.e. hotels.

Labour force: People in working age including employed and unemployed.

Employed population:

Persons aged 15 years and above, who during the week preceding the survey:

- Perform a work for a wage, salary, profits or household gains, whether it was in cash or in kind.
- Are temporarily not employed, however, they still have an official relation with their work

Unemployed population:

All persons aged 15 years and over who were, during the week preceding the

survey, without work and were willing to work and looking seriously for work. These are:

First time unemployed: They are the persons who never worked previously, and were during the week preceding the survey looking actively for work.

Unemployed who previously worked: They are the persons with previous experience work and during the week preceding the survey were actively looking for work.

Data does not include those seeking employment for the first time.

Classification used: The International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE)

a) Employers are those workers who, working on their own account or with one or a few partners, hold the type of job defined as a “self-employment” and have engaged one or more persons to work for them in their business as “employees”.

b) Own-account workers are those workers who, working on their own account or with one or more partners, hold the type of job defined as a “self-employment”, and have not engaged on a continuous basis any “employees”.

c) Employees are all those workers who hold the type of job defined as “paid employment”.

2. Institution which provides data

National Planning Council (NPC), formerly the Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA)

<https://www.npc.qa/en/pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.npc.qa/ar/pages/default.aspx>

3. Data availability

Annual and quarterly bulletins of Labour Force Surveys reports can be downloaded from NPC’s website, in PDF and/or Excel formats:

<https://www.npc.qa/en/statistics/pages/subjectdetails.aspx>

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