

Qatar: Economically active population (aged 15 and above) in the private sector, by nationality (Qatari/non-Qatari) and sex (2015-2023)

	Qataris		Non-Qataris		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
2015	7,517	4,154	1,412,777	87,179	1,420,294	91,333
2016	5,685	4,368	1,497,088	95,489	1,502,773	99,857
2017	5,910	4,300	1,498,130	98,210	1,504,040	102,510
2018	6,175	4,145	1,537,024	105,474	1,543,199	109,619
2019	6,197	3,659	1,549,772	102,179	1,555,969	105,838
2020	5,270	3,241	1,459,967	147,420	1,465,237	150,661
2021	5,921	3,634	1,453,991	130,127	1,459,912	133,761
2022	5,666	4,262	1,504,757	160,528	1,510,423	164,790
2023	6,509	4,215	1,524,920	186,051	1,531,429	190,266
2024	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: National Planning Council (NPC). Annual Bulletins of Labour Force Sample Surveys 2015 to 2023

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

The data is taken from the Annual Bulletins of Labour Force Sample Surveys 2015 to 2023 (yearly syntheses)

Sampling frame : Population Censuses 2010, 2015 and 2020.

Sample size since 2020: 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: Labour Force Survey data are collected on a monthly basis, and based on field surveys.

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.

Employed population:

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

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

Population of reference: labour force in the private sector, except for 2020 (employed population)

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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