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

	Qataris			Non-Qataris			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Illiterate	0	0	0	14,064	33	14,097	14,064	33	14,097
Read & Write	502	114	616	164,728	10,912	175,640	165,230	11,026	176,256
Literacy	0	0	0	187	0	187	187	0	187
Primary	2,516	835	3,351	348,102	16,606	364,708	350,618	17,441	368,059
Preparatory	6,740	1,568	8,308	461,300	46,871	508,171	468,040	48,439	516,479
Vocational Training	0	0	0	3,500	242	3,742	3,500	242	3,742
Secondary	27,434	17,094	44,528	293,782	71,586	365,368	321,216	88,680	409,896
Diploma	1,286	1,219	2,505	82,612	17,861	100,473	83,898	19,080	102,978
University	30,538	28,119	58,657	374,331	141,128	515,459	404,869	169,247	574,116
Higher Diploma	1,599	937	2,536	4,979	5,966	10,945	6,578	6,903	13,481
M.A / M.Sc.	2,808	1,864	4,672	28,333	15,443	43,776	31,141	17,307	48,448
Ph.D.	1,495	809	2,304	8,400	2,063	10,463	9,895	2,872	12,767
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.

The present data includes the active population, i.e. employed and unemployed.

Labour force: People in working age including employed and unemployed.
Employed population:
Persons aged 15 years an 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
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.

The present data does not include persons seeking work for the first time

Education level: highest level completed.
Classification used: the Directory of Standard Classification of Education, based on UNESCO's International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED).

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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