

Qatar: Employed population (15 years and above) by nationality (Qatari/non-Qatari) (2006-2024)

	Qataris	Non-Qataris	Total
2006	58,131	473,002	531,133
2007	61,545	766,038	827,583
2008	67,585	1,100,316	1,167,901
2009	70,644	1,190,827	1,261,471
2010*	71,076	1,199,107	1,270,183
2011	74,373	1,195,872	1,270,245
2012	82,601	1,257,981	1,340,582
2013	91,133	1,448,007	1,539,140
2014	93,484	1,593,187	1,686,671
2015	98,423	1,855,015	1,953,438
2016	101,417	1,950,996	2,052,413
2017	103,916	1,950,271	2,054,187
2018	106,038	1,988,328	2,094,366
2019	107,487	2,000,214	2,107,701
2020	110,285	2,018,481	2,128,766
2021	115,438	1,905,729	2,021,167
2022	120,770	2,009,119	2,129,889
2023	124,227	2,055,220	2,179,447
2024	127,349	2,112,589	2,239,938

Source: National Planning Council (NPC). Annual Bulletins of Labour Force Sample Surveys, 2006 to 2009 and 2011 to 2024; *: census 2010

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

The data is taken from the Annual Bulletins of Labour Force Sample Surveys (yearly syntheses, given years, except 2010)

Labour force Sample Surveys:

The Statistics Authority conducted the first labor Force Sample Survey in 2001. Starting from 2006, the execution of these surveys came to be on annual basis.

Since 2013, data has been collected on a monthly basis and published every 3 months.

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.

Population of reference: employed population (all sectors).

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

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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