

Qatar: Population aged 15 and above by nationality (Qatari/ non-Qatari), sex and relation to labour force (2024)

Nationality		In the labour force				Outside the labour force						Grand Total
		Employed	Unemployed		Total in labour force	Housewife	Student	Disabled	Retired	Other	Total	
			Seeking work for 1st time	Unpd. with previous employment								
Qatari	Males	74,854	80	64	74,998	0	23,413	1,682	11,532	1,992	38,619	113,617
	Females	52,495	241	64	52,800	28,479	29,447	1,102	6,909	1,276	67,213	120,013
	Total	127,349	321	128	127,798	28,479	52,860	2,784	18,441	3,268	105,832	233,630
Non-Qatari	Males	1,784,020	1,014	298	1,785,332	0	44,503	480	0	3,610	48,593	1,833,925
	Females	328,569	974	142	329,685	106,879	43,121	1,036	0	1,826	152,862	482,547
	Total	2,112,589	1,988	440	2,115,017	106,879	87,624	1,516	0	5,436	201,455	2,316,472
Total	Males	1,858,874	1,094	362	1,860,330	0	67,916	2,162	11,532	5,602	87,212	1,947,542
	Females	381,064	1,215	206	382,485	135,358	72,568	2,138	6,909	3,102	220,075	602,560
	Total	2,239,938	2,309	568	2,242,815	135,358	140,484	4,300	18,441	8,704	307,287	2,550,102

Source: NPC. Annual Bulletin of Labor Force Sample survey 2024

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

The data is taken from Annual Bulletin of Labour Force Sample Survey 2024 (yearly synthesis)

Sampling frame of LFS 2024: Census of Population, Housing, and Establishments 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).

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.

Population of reference: all Qatari and non-Qatari households present in Qatar on the night of survey, living in normal and collective households. 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 in 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).

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

Relation to labour force (for persons aged 15 and above)

In the labour force (= economically active).

1) Employed.

All 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) Unemployed.

All persons aged 15 years and over who were, during the week preceding the survey, without employment, willing to work and looking seriously for a job. There is a distinction between two kinds of unemployed persons:

- a) First time unemployed: They are the persons who never worked previously, and were during the week preceding the survey looking actively for work.
- b) Unemployed who previously worked: They are the persons with a work experience, who during the week preceding the survey were actively looking for a job

Outside the labour force (=economically inactive):

Full-time student: The person (15 years or older) enrolled in any educational institution as a full-time persistent student with purpose of attaining an academic degree, irrespective of whether the schooling hours are in the morning or evening. Any trainee enrolled in vocational training institutes is regarded as a full-time student.

Retired: The person who does not look for a job during the week preceding the survey and gets a fixed pension for work he/she had joined before

Disabled: The person (15 years or older) who is not capable of work due to illness, handicap or old age.

Others: Those able to work but not willing to, not enrolled in education, as well as any other cases encountered by the enumerator other than the above mentioned.

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

The Statistics Authority conducted the first labour Force Sample Survey in 2001. Starting from 2006, the execution of these surveys came to be on annual basis, and on a quarterly basis since 2013.

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#>

Labour Force Sample Survey 2024:

https://www.npc.qa/_layouts/15/download.aspx?SourceUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.npc.qa%2Fen%2Fstatistics%2FStatistical%20Releases%2FSocial%2FLabor%20Force%2FLabor_Force_Sample_Survey_2024_AE.xlsx

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