

# Qatar: Population by nationality (Qatari/ non-Qatari) at dates of census (1970-2020)

Census	Qataris	Non-Qataris	Total
1970	45,039	66,094	111,133
1986	99,754	273,638	373,392
1997	151,673	384,801	536,474
2004	192,586	605,475	798,061
2010	243,073	1,456,362	1,699,435
2015	301,342*	2,103,434*	2,404,776
2020	NA	NA	2,846,118

**Source: MDPS/ PSA and GLMM calculations on the basis of QSA/ MDPS data**

\* GLMM's estimate, based on data published by the Planning and Statistics Authority (see below).

## **ANNEXED NOTE**

### **1. Technical Notes and Definitions**

**Reference periods** for each census:

1970: unknown; the nights of March 16th, 1986; March 1st, 1997; March 16th, 2004, April 21st, 2010; April 20th, 2015; December 2020.

**Implementation method:** de facto, as well as de jure methods (1986-2015)

Census 2020 was based on administrative records, supplemented by an online self-enumeration platform, completed with field enumeration.

**Population of reference:** all individuals (nationals and non-nationals), present within the country's borders during night of reference.

– Populations away from usual residence in Qatar for reasons of duty, or on a visit abroad for less than two months, as well as individuals with no personal housing within Qatar staying with a household for more than two months, are counted in their usual/ present residence during census night.

– Populations in transit or visiting Qatar as tourists, as well as residents of public housing or visitors staying in a household for less than two months after night of reference were excluded.

Prior to census 2010, only a sample of foreign residents was covered in censuses.

**2015:** No population data broken down by nationality was published, based on census results.

We **estimated** the numbers of Qataris and non-Qataris, using:

1. 2015 Labour Force Survey (Q2): Figures of population aged 15 and above, by nationality (period of reference: mid-2015)

**Sampling frame** of LFS 2015: Population Census 2010.

**Sample size:** 44,756 persons, in 6,953 households: 1- Qatari households; 2- Non-Qatari regular (non-collective) and collective households;

**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.

2016. PSA. *Women and Men in the State of Qatar- A Statistical Profile*, Doha: PSA, 2016.

**Figures of population aged 0-14 by nationality (national/ non-national) and sex (period of reference: mid-2015).**

The figures of Qataris and non-Qataris by sex were then **estimated** on the basis of the percentage distribution of population by broad age groups, sex and nationality for mid-2015 (Table 1/3, p. 18).

The figures of Qataris and non-Qataris at the time of census were then calculated, using:

-the ratio of nationals and non-nationals calculated for mid-2015.

-the total figure of the population residing in Qatar during census 2015's date of reference.

**2020:** Figures of total population broken down by nationality (Qataris and non-Qataris) are not readily available in any census publication.

**No alternative, recent enough source was available as of 20 October 2022, to calculate a reliable estimate of the national and non-national populations at the time of census.**

## 2. Institution which provides data

Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics (MDPS)

currently: Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA)

(<https://www.psa.gov.qa/en/Pages/default.aspx>)

## 3. Data availability

Released parts of censuses (1986; 1997; 2004; 2010, 2015), as well as some analytical volumes, are available on the website of the PSA, in PDF format.

<https://www.psa.gov.qa/en/statistics1/StatisticsSite/Census/Pages/default.aspx>

Census 2020' website:

<https://www.psa.gov.qa/en/statistics1/StatisticsSite/Census/Census2020/Pages/default.aspx>;

<https://www.psa.gov.qa/ar/statistics1/statisticssite/census/census2020/pages/default.aspx>

Detailed results of the Census of Population, Housing and Establishments (December 2020) (Excel and PDF formats)

<https://bit.ly/cenfinalx>

<https://bit.ly/cenfinal>

Main results of the General Census of Population, Housing and Establishments 2020

[https://www.psa.gov.qa/en/statistics1/StatisticsSite/Census/census2020/res/Documents/Census\\_2020\\_Res\\_Summary\\_En.pdf](https://www.psa.gov.qa/en/statistics1/StatisticsSite/Census/census2020/res/Documents/Census_2020_Res_Summary_En.pdf)

[https://www.psa.gov.qa/en/statistics1/StatisticsSite/Census/census2020/res/Documents/Census\\_2020\\_Res\\_Summary\\_Ar.pdf](https://www.psa.gov.qa/en/statistics1/StatisticsSite/Census/census2020/res/Documents/Census_2020_Res_Summary_Ar.pdf)

Labour Force Survey Q2-2015:

<https://www.psa.gov.qa/en/statistics1/pages/topicslisting.aspx?parent=Social&child=LaborForce>

PSA. *Women and Men in the State of Qatar- A Statistical Profile*, Doha: PSA, 2016.

<https://www.psa.gov.qa/en/statistics1/pages/topicslisting.aspx?parent=Social&child=GenrealSocialstatistics>

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