

Saudi Arabia: Workers who discontinued their registration with the General Organisation for Social Insurance (GOSI), by nationality (Saudi/non-Saudi) and sex (Q1 2020-Q2 2024)

Quarters	Saudis			Non-Saudis			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2020 Q1	108,852	68,492	177,344	416,136	22,595	438,731	524,988	91,087	616,075
2020 Q2	61,889	54,201	116,090	160,554	7,654	168,208	222,443	61,855	284,298
2020 Q3	111,051	73,924	184,975	475,522	20,023	495,545	586,573	93,947	680,520
2020 Q4	172,819	122,939	295,758	449,539	21,205	470,744	622,358	144,144	766,502
2021 Q1	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2021 Q2	142,314	154,932	297,246	430,412	20,895	451,307	572,726	175,827	748,553
2021 Q3	198,656	146,979	345,635	616,847	24,662	641,509	815,503	171,641	987,144
2021 Q4	178,102	120,429	298,531	665,610	27,310	692,920	843,712	147,739	991,451
2022 Q1	85,712	116,751	202,463	17,519	223,802	241,321	103,231	340,553	443,784
2022 Q2	38,787	40,185	78,972	59,460	5,974	65,434	98,247	46,159	144,406
2022 Q3	45,475	44,796	90,271	52,555	4,640	57,195	98,030	49,436	147,466
2022 Q4	41,387	34,603	75,990	113,691	7,679	121,370	155,078	42,282	197,360
2023 Q1	44,277	35,822	80,099	53,718	7,216	60,934	97,995	43,038	141,033
2023 Q2	38,736	41,279	80,015	82,464	7,135	89,599	121,200	48,414	169,614
2023 Q3	44,239	41,367	85,606	74,900	6,492	81,392	119,139	47,859	166,998
2023 Q4	43,302	40,154	83,456	96,657	7,428	104,085	139,959	47,582	187,541
2024 Q1	41,051	39,142	80,193	94,346	5,748	100,094	135,397	44,890	180,287
2024 Q2	42,821	47,142	89,963	61,597	6,380	67,977	104,418	53,522	157,940

Source: Register-based Labour Market Statistics, General Authority for Statistics (GASat)

1. Data collection methodology

LFS were first conducted in 2001 and became bi-annual after 2006. Data were collected through nationally representative household sample surveys, which sampling was based on most recent censuses. Since 2016, Labour Force Surveys have been conducted and published on a quarterly basis, based on a household telephone survey conducted by GASat. Employment data extracted from

administrative records were also introduced as a complement to the results of Labour Force Surveys in Labour Market Statistics' publications, starting on Q1 2017.

The present data is taken from administrative records.

Population of reference: workers subject to the rule of the General Organization of Social Insurance (GOSI):

a. contributors on the job who are subject to social insurance laws and regulations in the private and government sector;

b. new contributors, and contributors who terminated their contribution to social insurance during the quarter.

who stopped being registered with GOSI during the period (outflows)

Registration with GOSI is compulsory for workers in the private sector and non-civil servants in the government sector, who make up about 70 percent of foreign workers.

The present data does not incorporate:

1. Civil servants
2. Domestic workers

Figures of workers in Labor Market statistics which were derived from administrative records do not include the following categories:

1-Workers in the military and security sectors

2-Workers who are not registered in the civil service, social insurance (GOSI) and domestic workers' records, which include:

– Saudis working for their own businesses and are not subjected to the labor regulations, also, not registered in social insurance, such as those who work in delivery through electronic apps

– Saudi employers who work in establishments and not registered in the social insurance

– Non-Saudi staff working in foreign international, political or military missions

3- Non-Saudi employees who come to the Kingdom for work that normally takes less than three months to be completed.

Definitions and categories used by GASat in Labour Markets Statistics (employment; unemployment; occupation and activity sectors, etc.) are based on international standards:

For LFS methodology and definitions, see:

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/node/9787>

https://database.stats.gov.sa/Methodologies/En_Documents/03_Labor%20Market%20Bulletin%20Methodology,%20Fourth%20Quarter%202020%20_%20General%20Authority%20for%20Statistics.pdf

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Classification of occupations: Saudi classification of occupations, based on ISCO-08.

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/page/292>

This classification was adopted in Q1 2021.

2. Institution which provides data

General Authority for Statistics (GASat)

3. Data availability

Since 2021, GASat has been publishing separately the employment data taken from administrative records, and unemployment/inactivity data as well as general indicators, calculated from the results of the field interviews conducted by GASat (Labour Force Survey).

The present time-series was taken from Register-based Labour Market Statistics publications, given quarters and years.

(English and Arabic versions)

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/814>

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/ar/814>

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