Saudi Arabia: Average weekly work hours per paid employee in main employment by nationality (Saudi/non-Saudi), and sex (Q1 2021-Q2 2026)

	Saudis			Non Saudis			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2021 Q1	39	37	39	46	46	46	44	41	44
2021 Q2	40	37	39	46	47	46	45	41	44
2021 Q3	42	37	41	48	50	48	46	43	45
2021 Q4	42	38	41	49	50	49	47	43	47
2022 Q1	42	38	41	49	49	49	47	43	46
2022 Q2	41	39	41	48	49	48	46	43	46
2022 Q3	41	39	41	48	49	48	46	43	46
2022 Q4	41	39	41	48	48	48	46	42	45
2023 Q1	42	39	41	48	48	48	46	43	46
2023 Q2	42	39	41	48	49	48	46	43	46
2023 Q3	42	39	41	48	49	48	46	43	46
2023 Q4	42	39	41	48	48	48	46	43	46
2024 Q1	42	39	41	48	48	48	46	43	46
2024 Q2	42	40	41	48	48	48	46	43	46
2024 Q3	42	40	41	48	48	48	46	43	46
2024 Q4	42	39	41	48	48	48	47	42	46
2025 Q1	41	41	41	47	47	47	46	44	45
2025 Q2	42	39	41	48	49	48	46	44	46
2025 Q3	41	39	41	48	48	48	47	44	46
2025 Q4	41	39	41	48	48	48	47	44	46
2026 Q1	41	39	41	48	49	48	47	43	46
2026 Q2	41	39	41	48	49	48	47	43	46

Source: Labour Market Statistics, General Authority for Statistics (GAStat)

1. Data collection methodology and definitions used

Labour Force Surveys 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 onthe following sources:
1. Household telephone surveys conducted by GAStat.
2. Employment data extracted from administrative records, introduced as a complement to the results of Labour Force Surveys in Labour Market Statistics' publications, starting on Q1 2017.

Types of data by source:
1. Household Telephone Surveys:
Estimates of labor force, characteristics of the unemployed and inactive
The survey provides estimates of the working-age populations (aged 15 years and

above), inside and outside the labour force, the characteristics of the inactive
unemployed populations), and supplies the data to calculate key indicators of labour market such as
the unemployment and the labour force participation rates

2. Administrative records:
– Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development (MHRSD)
(formerly Ministry of Labour and Social Development):
Supplies data on:
Employees on the job Subject to the rules and regulations of the Civil Service
– General Organization of Social Insurance (GOSI):
Supplies data on:
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.
– National Information Center (NIC):
Supplies data on:
a. domestic workers.

The present data is based on estimates drawn from the results of the quarterly Labour Force Survey.
Average work hours are based on declarations made by sample survey interviewees from the following categories:
paid employee for main employment and paid apprentices.

Data collection method:
From 2021 Q1 – 2022 Q1 : Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI)
From 2022 Q2 – 2024 Q4: CAPI and CATI mode
2025 Q1 : Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI)
From 2025 Q2: CAPI and CATI modes.

Definitions and categories used by GAStat 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/w/lfs-1
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2. Institution which provides data

General Authority for Statistics (GAStat)

3. Data availability

Since 2021, GAStat 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 GAStat (Labour Force Survey).
The present data was taken from the Labour Market Statistics- Q4, 2025 (Excel and PDF formats)
https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/statistics-tabs?tab=436312&category=417515
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