

Saudi Arabia: deportations from Saudi Arabia by month (March 2011-February 2016)

	Monthly figures	Cumulated figures
3/2011	33,323	33,323
4/2011	34,311	67,634
5/2011	30,504	98,138
6/2011	38,703	136,841
7/2011	29,724	166,565
8/2011	30,751	197,316
9/2011	43,704	241,020
10/2011	36,087	277,107
11/2011	53,014	330,121
12/2011	54,384	384,505
Total 3 to 12/ 2011	384,505	
1/2012	47,473	431,978
2/2012	48,826	480,804
3/2012	46,413	527,217
4/2012	49,296	576,513
5/2012	50,734	627,247
6/2012	53,851	681,098
7/2012	44,693	725,791
8/2012	60,972	786,763
9/2012	51,963	838,726
10/2012	41,944	880,670
11/2012	51,049	931,719
12/2012	47,288	979,007
Total 2012	594,502	
1/2013	46,579	1,025,586
2/2013	51,009	1,076,595
3/2013	52,322	1,128,917
4/2013	53,713	1,182,630
5/2013	61,203	1,243,833
6/2013	50,157	1,293,990
7/2013	30,585	1,324,575
8/2013	29,395	1,353,970

9/2013	34,266	1,388,236
10/2013	32,300	1,420,536
11/2013	123,470	1,544,006
12/2013	100,961	1,644,967
Total 2013	665,960	
01/2014	55,069	1,700,036
02/2014	52,283	1,752,319
03/2014	50,960	1,803,279
04/2014	42,295	1,845,574
05/2014	49,437	1,895,011
06/2014	50,543	1,945,554
07/2014	44,119	1,989,673
08/2014	43,650	2,033,323
09/2014	55,186	2,088,509
10/2014	44,781	2,133,290
11/2014	55,410	2,188,700
12/2014	61,687	2,250,387
Total 2014	605,420	
01/2015	55,930	2,306,317
02/2015	58,230	2,364,547
03/2015	63,134	2,427,681
04/2015	63,785	2,491,466
05/2015	47,405	2,538,871
06/2015	31,403	2,570,274
07/2015	21,355	2,591,629
08/2015	21,676	2,613,305
09/2015	24,214	2,637,519
10/2015	18,257	2,655,776
11/2015	34,107	2,689,883
12/2015	28,379	2,718,262
Total 2015	467,875	
01/2016	29,050	2,747,312
02/2016	30,403	2,777,715

Source: Ministry of Interior.

1. Definition

Saudi Arabia for years has been routinely performing deportations of illegal workers, during amnesty periods and rounding up operations of various scales. Nitaqat, a massive program of saudization of the work force, was formally launched by the Saudi Ministry of Labour in September 2011 (Ministerial Resolution n°4040, dated 12/10/1432 H.).

Premium and Green categories include the companies with highest Saudization rates, while Yellow and Red include the ones with low rates.

The amnesty period expired on November 3rd, 2013. Since then, systematic country-wide raid operations are conducted by Ministry of Labour (in work sites) and by Ministry of Interior (in locations inhabited by aliens). Deported workers are barred from coming back.

2. Institution which provides data

Ministry of interior

3. Data availability

Monthly figures for irregulars' arrests and deportations are available online on the Ministry of Interior's website, Section "National center for security operations", "monthly statistics".

Figures are computed by Hijrah months, in Arabic only.

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