

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

| | Monthly figures | Cumulated figures |
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| 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 |

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| 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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