

Saudi Arabia: Employed population (aged 15 and above) by nationality (Saudi/ non-Saudi), sex and main group of economic activities (Q2, 2024)

	Saudis			Non Saudis			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	16,584	7,710	24,294	176,024	3,157	179,181	192,608	10,867	203,475
Mining and quarrying	108,022	10,158	118,180	67,683	963	68,646	175,705	11,121	186,826
Manufacturing	236,326	133,780	370,106	957,036	14,778	971,814	1,193,362	148,558	1,341,920
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	31,405	2,243	33,648	11,838	665	12,503	43,243	2,908	46,151
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	25,904	8,934	34,838	130,020	3,361	133,381	155,924	12,295	168,219
Construction	243,729	156,591	400,320	2,466,623	27,621	2,494,244	2,710,352	184,212	2,894,564
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	200,610	195,909	396,519	1,232,543	19,908	1,252,451	1,433,153	215,817	1,648,970
Transportation and storage	90,741	46,650	137,391	425,948	3,642	429,590	516,689	50,292	566,981
Accommodation and food service activities	70,254	70,840	141,094	531,402	7,044	538,446	601,656	77,884	679,540
Information and communication	35,126	28,094	63,220	45,930	2,585	48,515	81,056	30,679	111,735
Financial and insurance activities	57,699	22,372	80,071	15,939	906	16,845	73,638	23,278	96,916
Real estate activities	13,448	7,976	21,424	31,693	864	32,557	45,141	8,840	53,981
Professional, scientific and technical activities	80,513	45,304	125,817	123,492	5,712	129,204	204,005	51,016	255,021
Administrative and support service activities	117,721	67,162	184,883	828,750	156,669	985,419	946,471	223,831	1,170,302
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	164,135	60,546	224,681	47,255	10,192	57,447	211,390	70,738	282,128
Education	38,616	60,581	99,197	74,134	15,158	89,292	112,750	75,739	188,489
Human health and social work activities	105,928	118,325	224,253	117,489	107,170	224,659	223,417	225,495	448,912
Arts, entertainment and recreation	6,975	6,810	13,785	16,352	2,534	18,886	23,327	9,344	32,671
Other service activities	20,158	22,360	42,518	183,028	25,340	208,368	203,186	47,700	250,886

Activities of households as employer									
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies;	3	15	18	56	3	59	59	18	77
undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use									
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	223	61	284	212	1	213	435	62	497
Other activities	16,888	18,991	35,879	1,030,091	12,532	1,042,623	1,046,979	31,523	1,078,502
Total	1,681,008	1,091,412	2,772,420	8,513,538	420,805	8,934,343	10,194,546	1,512,217	11,706,763

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

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 GStat. 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.

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

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 GStat 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

<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

Classification of activities: The Saudi Classification of Economic Activities, based on the International Standard Industrial Classification of all economic activities (ISIC4)

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/isic4>

2. Institution which provides data

General Authority for Statistics (GStat)

3. Data availability

Since 2021, GStat 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 GStat (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>

Date of access: 05 November 2024.

Keywords: Employment, Female Employment, Saudi Arabia, National & Foreign Labour

GLMM and GRC cannot guarantee that the link to access the source will not change;

that the information will not be removed from the website it was obtained from;

that no geo-blockages will be imposed; or that the information will not be available for any another reason.