

Saudi Arabia: Employed population (aged 15 and above) by nationality (Saudi/ non-Saudi), sex and main groups of economic activities (Q4, 2022)

	Saudis			Non-Saudis			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	15,762	9,766	25,528	327,413	1,854	329,267	343,175	11,620	354,795
Mining and quarrying	97,846	7,371	105,217	35,921	678	36,599	133,767	8,049	141,816
Manufacturing	172,343	83,201	255,544	771,419	6,970	778,389	943,762	90,171	1,033,933
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	32,268	902	33,170	6,208	12	6,220	38,476	914	39,390
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	13,746	6,653	20,399	82,706	3,451	86,157	96,452	10,104	106,556
Construction	229,878	139,654	369,532	2,077,846	12,852	2,090,698	2,307,724	152,506	2,460,230
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	227,331	192,952	420,283	1,193,269	12,498	1,205,767	1,420,600	205,450	1,626,050
Transportation and storage	86,413	33,159	119,572	317,976	2,017	319,993	404,389	35,176	439,565
Accommodation and food service activities	80,196	69,914	150,110	519,847	5,197	525,044	600,043	75,111	675,154
Information and communication	48,964	27,750	76,714	44,850	1,767	46,617	93,814	29,517	123,331
Financial and insurance activities	56,018	18,983	75,001	15,630	660	16,290	71,648	19,643	91,291
Real estate activities	14,549	8,376	22,925	31,110	592	31,702	45,659	8,968	54,627
Professional, scientific and technical activities	68,213	37,570	105,783	104,101	3,803	107,904	172,314	41,373	213,687
Administrative and support service activities	132,909	77,441	210,350	843,526	121,402	964,928	976,435	198,843	1,175,278
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	157,934	48,062	205,996	50,104	10,367	60,471	208,038	58,429	266,467
Education	40,187	64,758	104,945	62,545	13,204	75,749	102,732	77,962	180,694
Human health and social work activities	102,891	111,052	213,943	126,569	99,884	226,453	229,460	210,936	440,396
Arts, entertainment and recreation	6,218	6,680	12,898	17,385	2,055	19,440	23,603	8,735	32,338
Other service activities	21,054	20,799	41,853	175,871	20,238	196,109	196,925	41,037	237,962
Activities of households as employer Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodiless; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	3	3	6	83	5	88	86	8	94
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	484	132	616	243	0	243	727	132	859
Other activities	5,878	5,152	11,030	215,137	2,358	217,495	221,015	7,510	228,525
Total	1,611,085	970,330	2,581,415	7,019,759	321,864	7,341,623	8,630,844	1,292,194	9,923,038

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 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.

Population of reference: workers subject to the rules and regulations 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 (outside the Civil service);

b. workers who terminated their contribution to social insurance during the quarter.

The present data is taken from administrative records.

GStat Labour Market Statistics

Estimates of figures and characteristics of employment in Saudi Arabia are taken from administrative records from the following institutions:

– Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development (MHRSD)

(formerly Ministry of Labour and Social Development):

Supplies data on Government sector's workers.

– 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. workers who terminated their contribution to social insurance during the quarter.

– National Information Center (NIC):

Supplies data on domestic workers (data owner: MHRSD).

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 and social insurance 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.

Saudi classification of activities: based on ISIC Rev. 4.

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>.

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 the Register-based Labour Market Statistics- Q4, 2022 (English and Arabic versions)

https://www.stats.gov.sa/sites/default/files/LMS_2022_Q4_EN_1.xlsx

https://www.stats.gov.sa/sites/default/files/LMS_2022_Q4_AR_1.xlsx

and from relevant quarterly Register-based Labour Market Statistics reports for 2023, accessible from:

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

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

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