

Saudi Arabia: Employed population by nationality (Saudi/non-Saudi) and economic activity (2020)

	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
	Saudis	non-Saudis	Saudis	non-Saudis	Saudis	non-Saudis	Saudis	non-Saudis
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	15,777	85,408	15,523	89,169	16,160	88,306	16,417	88,974
Mining and quarrying	116,406	71,271	115,665	70,528	115,138	67,183	112,961	65,101
Manufacturing	198,179	632,766	196,856	633,655	207,789	623,348	207,467	618,508
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	42,348	47,903	42,108	44,334	42,001	41,055	41,324	39,355
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	4,250	13,119	4,300	12,912	4,529	12,547	4,523	14,722
Construction	286,942	2,017,134	284,747	1,994,218	297,040	1,898,155	287,841	1,838,375
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	436,323	1,516,138	426,591	1,513,729	451,885	1,476,786	439,209	1,454,333
Transportation and storage	58,042	185,281	58,108	186,520	61,909	183,161	64,774	190,408
Accommodation and food service activities	78,610	338,117	76,979	338,647	84,896	335,691	90,309	342,110
Information and communication	36,481	36,835	36,060	36,969	37,395	36,309	38,980	36,198
Financial and insurance activities	62,458	12,624	62,177	12,595	62,663	12,285	62,709	12,162
Real estate activities	10,971	25,903	11,168	26,138	11,995	25,556	12,246	25,218
Professional, scientific and technical activities	41,326	102,795	38,242	102,613	40,240	94,661	41,810	91,249
Administrative and support service activities	118,057	976,021	117,488	970,564	127,326	935,312	131,458	898,379
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	160,425	58,647	161,640	62,697	163,493	63,949	171,371	68,188
Education	87,140	67,932	73,024	64,789	71,605	63,805	71,092	63,320
Human health and social work activities	171,960	191,384	170,074	192,395	177,037	189,355	180,310	188,433
Arts, entertainment and recreation	6,719	17,979	6,699	17,917	7,565	17,727	8,381	18,470
Other service activities	40,399	181,739	40,417	181,405	43,363	177,520	41,404	176,939

Activities of households as employer; Undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	2	6	6	21	5	39	15	62
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	953	394	977	396	988	394	1,028	394
Other activities	1,756	145,983	1,762	154,237	2,279	131,870	1,908	122,789
Total	1,975,524	6,725,379	1,940,611	6,706,448	2,027,301	6,475,014	2,027,537	6,353,687

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 GASat. 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 rules and regulations of the General Organization of Social Insurance (GOSI):

1. contributors on the job who are subject to social insurance laws and regulations in the private and government sector (outside the Civil service);
2. workers who terminated their contribution to social insurance during the quarter.

Definitions and categories used by GASat 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 (GASat)

3. Data availability:

Since 2021, GASat 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- Q3, 2021 (English and Arabic versions)

https://www.stats.gov.sa/sites/default/files/lm_2021_q3_tables_EN.xlsx

https://www.stats.gov.sa/sites/default/files/lm_2021_q3_tables_AR.xlsx

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