

Saudi Arabia: Employed population by nationality (Saudi/non-Saudi) and economic activity (2021)

	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
	Saudis	non-Saudis	Saudis	non-Saudis	Saudis	non-Saudis	Saudis	non-Saudis
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	16,434	89,866	16,266	87,361	16,288	85,806	16,527	90,183
Mining and quarrying	111,099	64,007	111,003	62,227	111,765	61,459	114,420	62,230
Manufacturing	211,568	626,216	213,760	613,277	218,854	611,982	225,917	627,008
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	40,952	37,403	41,032	37,410	41,242	36,521	41,596	36,533
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	5,122	18,487	5,272	18,306	5,336	17,885	5,567	18,283
Construction	311,944	1,803,570	286,699	1,742,895	290,900	1,705,712	302,768	1,755,671
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	446,094	1,426,482	445,969	1,382,250	460,134	1,353,746	460,682	1,330,197
Transportation and storage	66,144	192,230	67,453	193,485	70,977	193,817	75,606	205,458
Accommodation and food service activities	78,333	308,053	74,799	306,689	79,822	310,997	115,570	439,731
Information and communication	40,986	38,608	41,119	37,643	42,329	38,492	44,093	38,056
Financial and insurance activities	63,629	12,839	64,199	12,611	64,642	12,549	65,029	12,895
Real estate activities	13,049	25,182	13,581	24,553	14,444	24,763	14,883	24,420
Professional, scientific and technical activities	44,394	88,617	44,560	87,325	46,420	86,903	49,857	88,300
Administrative and support service activities	139,343	883,841	131,967	844,057	138,444	807,982	140,659	837,078
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	176,561	70,341	186,072	78,223	193,476	79,515	211,419	83,754
Education	70,741	62,365	64,313	58,392	74,797	60,562	80,054	60,845
Human health and social work activities	200,122	229,046	202,540	234,130	209,095	235,835	219,344	251,008
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,715	18,432	9,287	18,837	10,296	19,029	10,435	19,557
Other service activities	41,284	174,281	42,481	167,529	43,352	164,890	43,627	166,359

Activities of households as employer; Undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	32	110	31	114	29	119	28	196
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	1,052	404	1,155	420	1,208	419	1,314	434
Other activities	1,845	131,412	1,780	117,098	1,458	114,094	1,417	142,300
Total	2,089,443	6,301,792	2,065,338	6,124,832	2,135,308	6,023,077	2,240,812	6,290,496

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- Q1 to Q4, 2021

(English and Arabic versions)

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

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