

# Saudi Arabia: Employed population by nationality (Saudi / non-Saudi) and sex, 1999-2016 (Q3)

	Saudis			Non-Saudis			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1999_Half1	2,247,720	347,370	2,595,090	2,552,901	444,863	2,997,764	4,800,621	792,233	5,592,854
2000_Half1	2,352,092	351,279	2,703,371	2,591,426	418,548	3,009,974	4,943,518	769,827	5,713,345
2001_Half1	2,413,780	363,193	2,776,973	2,613,943	417,699	3,031,642	5,027,723	780,892	5,808,615
2002_Half1	2,480,225	364,366	2,844,591	2,635,599	432,817	3,068,416	5,115,824	797,183	5,913,007
2003	2,594,493	396,844	2,991,337	2,857,748	466,417	3,324,165	5,452,240	863,262	6,315,502
2004	2,708,760	429,323	3,138,083	3,079,897	500,018	3,579,914	5,788,657	929,340	6,717,997
2005	2,823,028	461,801	3,284,828	3,302,045	533,618	3,835,663	6,125,073	995,419	7,120,491
2006_Half1	2,937,295	494,279	3,431,574	3,524,194	567,218	4,091,412	6,461,489	1,061,497	7,522,986
2007_Half1	3,082,301	502,456	3,584,757	3,581,716	599,868	4,181,584	6,664,017	1,102,324	7,766,341
2007_Half2	3,096,972	503,879	3,600,851	3,598,598	545,002	4,143,600	6,695,570	1,048,881	7,744,451
2008_Half1	3,185,417	493,183	3,678,600	3,651,823	626,409	4,278,232	6,837,240	1,119,592	7,956,832
2008_Half2	3,274,356	482,313	3,756,669	3,677,482	583,149	4,260,631	6,951,838	1,065,462	8,017,300
2009_Half2	3,332,628	505,340	3,837,968	3,736,810	573,214	4,310,024	7,069,438	1,078,554	8,147,992
2010	3,411,801	543,406	3,955,207	4,258,619	621,046	4,879,665	7,670,420	1,164,452	8,834,872
2011_Half2	3,538,669	604,402	4,143,071	4,509,477	697,692	5,792,463	8,633,440	1,302,094	9,935,534
2012_Half1	3,632,143	619,580	4,251,723	4,518,605	698,065	5,884,670	8,818,748	1,317,645	10,136,393
2012_Half2	3,750,781	646,590	4,397,371	4,510,039	682,914	5,992,953	9,060,820	1,329,504	10,390,324
2013_Half1	3,951,255	679,862	4,631,117	4,536,127	641,489	6,003,616	9,313,382	1,321,351	10,634,733
2013_Half2	3,989,632	727,495	4,717,127	4,534,675	669,321	6,011,996	9,332,307	1,396,816	10,729,123
2014_Half1	4,092,494	796,220	4,888,714	4,538,884	627,791	6,011,675	9,476,378	1,424,011	10,900,389
2014_Half2	4,120,467	805,717	4,926,184	4,596,822	644,667	6,141,489	9,617,289	1,450,384	11,067,673
2015_Half1	4,133,251	811,458	4,944,709	4,562,863	662,293	6,285,156	9,756,114	1,473,751	11,229,865
2015_Half2	4,159,744	816,361	4,976,105	4,573,735	772,816	6,508,551	9,895,479	1,589,177	11,484,656
2016_Q2	4,172,988	830,630	5,003,618	4,565,521	816,976	6,682,497	10,038,509	1,647,606	11,686,115
2016_Q3	4,185,853	835,726	5,021,579	4,562,708	646,558	7,355,120	10,894,415	1,482,284	12,376,699

source: Labour Force Surveys (1999 to 2002; 2006 to 2009; 2011 to 2016 (Q3); population censuses 2004 and 2010

## ANNEXED NOTE

### 1. Technical Notes and Definitions

	sampling frame	sample size (households)	reference period
1999	Population	15,000	April 16th-May 16th, 1999
2000	Census	15,000	April 2000
2001	1992	15,000	March 2001
2002		15,000	April 2002
2006		23,000	May 2006
2007 R1		23,000	February 19th-March 20th, 2007
2007 R2	Population	23,000	August 15th-September 13th, 2007
2008 R1	Census	23,000	February 2008
2008 R2	2004	23,000	August 2008
2009		23,000	July 24th-August 22nd, 2009

<b>2011</b>		29,000	October 2011
<b>2012 R1</b>		29,000	January 25th-February 17th, 2012
<b>2012 R2</b>			
<b>2013 R1</b>		33,500	January 13th-February 5th, 2013
<b>2014 R1</b>	Population	33,500	January 2014
<b>2014 R2</b>	Census	33,500	August 2014
	2010		
<b>2015 R1</b>		33,500	May 2015
<b>2015 R2</b>		33,500	November 2015
<b>2016 Q2</b>		33,325	May 2016
<b>2016 Q3</b>		33,325	August 2016

**Population of reference:** all individuals (nationals and non-nationals) residing in the Kingdom during the period of reference.  
The ultimate sampling unit is the household.

**(a) Household and household members:** A person or group of persons, related or not related, who share housing and food.

Servants, drivers and similar categories are considered to be part of the household if they live in the same housing unit.

**(b) Employed person:** A person aged 15 years and above who worked during the reference week for at least one hour for pay or profit, or who had a job but were temporarily absent from work.

**Employment refers to people who during the reference period:**

- worked for one hour or more for wage or salary, in cash or in kind
- worked for one hour or more for profit or family gain, in cash or in kind
- worked for at least 15 hours without pay on a family business or farm
- did volunteer work

**Reference period for employment:** The seven days preceding the interview date.

**Data collected during Labor Force Surveys include all employed persons, including those employed in the security and military sector .**

Since Q3 2016, instead of survey results, the Labour Force Surveys' publications display administrative data: the records of Saudi and foreign labourers covered by social security schemes

(GOSI and MCS, respectively for the private and the governmental sectors), and Ministry of Labour's records of domestic labourers.

**Administrative data used to describe the labour market after Q3 2016 differ significantly from survey data, since administrative records publications do not incorporate employees**

**. in the security and military sectors and employed persons non-registered in the records of GOSI and MCS**

**This is the reason why the time series is interrupted in 2016.**

## **2. Institution which provides data**

General Authority for Statistics (GASat).

## **3. Data availability**

Surveys conducted since 1999 are available on the website of GStat, in Excel and PDF formats:

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

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