[Saudi Arabia: Employed population by nationality (Saudi /non-Saudi) and sex (Q1 2017-Q3 2023)](#)

	Saudis			Non-Saudis			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2017 Q1	2,021,865	1,017,080	**3,038,945**	9,859,039	991,153	**10,850,192**	11,880,904	2,008,233	**13,889,137**
2017 Q2	2,029,786	1,022,663	**3,052,449**	9,777,916	1,010,793	**10,788,709**	11,807,702	2,033,456	**13,841,158**
2017 Q3	2,035,745	1,027,999	**3,063,744**	9,674,729	1,019,591	**10,694,320**	11,710,474	2,047,590	**13,758,064**
2017 Q4	2,080,601	1,083,245	**3,163,846**	9,442,163	975,132	**10,417,295**	11,522,764	2,058,377	**13,581,141**
2018 Q1	2,067,976	1,082,433	**3,150,409**	9,231,869	951,235	**10,183,104**	11,299,845	2,033,668	**13,333,513**
2018 Q2	2,053,189	1,072,154	**3,125,343**	8,927,862	964,861	**9,892,723**	10,981,051	2,037,015	**13,018,066**
2018 Q3	2,043,585	1,066,402	**3,109,987**	8,622,890	955,165	**9,578,055**	10,666,475	2,021,567	**12,688,042**
2018 Q4	2,040,742	1,070,457	**3,111,199**	8,356,943	1,072,476	**9,429,419**	10,397,685	2,142,933	**12,540,618**
2019 Q1	2,036,142	1,075,887	**3,112,029**	8,458,199	1,195,013	**9,653,212**	10,494,341	2,270,900	**12,765,241**
2019 Q2	2,027,964	1,062,284	**3,090,248**	8,529,419	1,237,365	**9,766,784**	10,557,383	2,299,649	**12,857,032**
2019 Q3	2,023,910	1,076,902	**3,100,812**	8,572,339	1,254,757	**9,827,096**	10,596,249	2,331,659	**12,927,908**
2019 Q4	2,054,858	1,115,414	**3,170,272**	8,792,516	1,428,187	**10,220,703**	10,847,374	2,543,601	**13,390,975**
2020 Q1	2,066,553	1,136,870	**3,203,423**	9,092,998	1,339,191	**10,432,189**	11,159,551	2,476,061	**13,635,612**
2020 Q2	2,055,767	1,115,655	**3,171,422**	9,101,286	1,357,746	**10,459,032**	11,157,053	2,473,401	**13,630,454**
2020 Q3	2,100,702	1,152,574	**3,253,276**	8,866,940	1,334,922	**10,201,862**	10,967,642	2,487,496	**13,455,138**
2020 Q4	2,079,331	1,172,867	**3,252,198**	8,753,985	1,312,515	**10,066,500**	10,833,316	2,485,382	**13,318,698**
2021 Q1	2,081,446	1,225,152	**3,306,598**	8,773,896	1,403,319	**10,177,215**	10,855,342	2,628,471	**13,483,813**
2021 Q2	2,098,831	1,181,183	**3,280,014**	8,449,536	1,170,338	**9,619,874**	10,548,367	2,351,521	**12,899,888**
2021 Q3	2,127,551	1,215,287	**3,342,838**	8,244,566	1,118,241	**9,362,807**	10,372,117	2,333,528	**12,705,645**
2021 Q4	2,180,320	1,269,737	**3,450,057**	8,481,117	1,114,064	**9,595,181**	10,661,437	2,383,801	**13,045,238**
2022 Q1	2,233,351	1,338,525	**3,571,876**	8,971,450	1,187,323	**10,158,773**	11,204,801	2,525,848	**13,730,649**
2022 Q2	2,262,535	1,375,609	**3,638,144**	9,320,979	1,210,640	**10,531,619**	11,583,514	2,586,249	**14,169,763**
2022 Q3	2,274,628	1,417,858	**3,692,486**	9,593,551	1,304,906	**10,898,457**	11,868,179	2,722,764	**14,590,943**
2022 Q4	2,300,070	1,470,561	**3,770,631**	9,672,933	1,314,794	**10,987,727**	11,973,003	2,785,355	**14,758,358**
2023 Q1	2,354,750	1,515,731	**3,870,481**	10,137,453	1,355,438	**11,492,891**	12,492,203	2,871,169	**15,363,372**
2023 Q2	2,338,735	1,518,362	**3,857,097**	10,202,131	1,395,840	**11,597,971**	12,540,866	2,914,202	**15,455,068**

| 2023 Q3 | 2,357,785 | 1,563,536 | **3,921,321** | 10,461,593 | 1,435,240 | **11,896,833** | 12,819,378 | 2,998,776 | **15,818,154** |

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

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 GAStat. 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.

GAStat 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:

1. contributors on the job who are subject to social insurance laws and regulations in the private and government sectors;
2. 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 categories:

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.

Definitions and categories used by GAStat 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 (GAStat)

3. **Data availability**

Since 2021, GAStat 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 GAStat (Labour Force Survey).

The present time-series was taken from the Register-based Labour Market

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(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

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