

# Saudi Arabia: Employees in the health sector by nationality (Saudi/ non-Saudi), sex, profession and sector of employment (2022)

		Ministry of Health			Other Government Sector			Private Sector			Total		
		Saudis	Non-Saudis	Total	Saudis	Non-Saudis	Total	Saudis	Non-Saudis	Total	Saudis	Non-Saudis	Total
Physicians	Male	15,651	19,257	34,908	7,380	5,968	13,348	3,726	15,652	19,378	26,757	40,877	67,634
	Female	10,693	9,886	20,579	4,429	1,867	6,296	1,130	9,693	10,823	16,252	21,446	37,698
	Total	26,344	29,143	55,487	11,809	7,835	19,644	4,856	25,345	30,201	43,009	62,323	105,332
Dentists	Male	3,943	439	4,382	820	223	1,043	2,433	6,114	8,547	7,196	6,776	13,972
	Female	2,650	121	2,771	721	89	810	2,213	4,131	6,344	5,584	4,341	9,925
	Total	6,593	560	7,153	1,541	312	1,853	4,646	10,245	14,891	12,780	11,117	23,897
Nurses	Male	26,760	1,489	28,249	8,267	3,487	11,754	1,324	6,544	7,868	36,351	11,520	47,871
	Female	43,090	32,889	75,979	6,952	21,492	28,444	1,887	41,706	43,593	51,929	96,087	148,016
	Total	69,850	34,378	104,228	15,219	24,979	40,198	3,211	48,250	51,461	88,280	107,607	195,887
Midwives	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Female	1,187	468	1,655	139	460	599	36	2,381	2,417	1,362	3,309	4,671
	Total	1,187	468	1,655	139	460	599	36	2,381	2,417	1,362	3,309	4,671
Pharmacists	Male	2,738	43	2,781	1,114	195	1,309	3,630	18,515	22,145	7,482	18,753	26,235
	Female	1,789	76	1,865	936	217	1,153	3,764	1,023	4,787	6,489	1,316	7,805
	Total	4,527	119	4,646	2,050	412	2,462	7,394	19,538	26,932	13,971	20,069	34,040
Allied Health Professionals	Male	55,805	1,057	56,862	12,712	1,581	14,293	6,309	9,034	15,343	74,826	11,672	86,498
	Female	21,158	1,617	22,775	7,677	2,542	10,219	11,566	7,304	18,870	40,401	11,463	51,864
	Total	76,963	2,674	79,637	20,389	4,123	24,512	17,875	16,338	34,213	115,227	23,135	138,362
Total	Male	104,897	22,285	127,182	30,293	11,454	41,747	17,422	55,859	73,281	152,612	89,598	242,210
	Female	80,567	45,057	125,624	20,854	26,667	47,521	20,596	66,238	86,834	122,017	137,962	259,979
	Total	185,464	67,342	252,806	51,147	38,121	89,268	38,018	122,097	160,115	274,629	227,560	502,189

Source: Ministry of Health, Statistical Yearbook 2022

## 1. Characteristics of data

These data are employment counts of health personnel working in various sectors (MoH, other governmental, private) as recorded in administrative workforce data.

Data on healthcare establishments and workforce are based on administrative records from multiple official sources, including:

Ministry of Health (MoH); Saudi Commission for Health Specialties (SCFHS- the official regulatory/licensing body responsible for accrediting and licensing health professionals to practice in Saudi Arabia); Other governmental entities (e.g., Ministry of Defense, National Guard, Ministry of Interior).

## 2. Institution which provides data

Ministry of Health

<https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/pages/default.aspx>

## 3. Data availability

MoH's Annual Statistical Yearbooks are available in the Ministry's website Open Data Portal, in PDF and Excel formats

<https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/OpenData/Pages/default.aspx>

Open Data Library:

<https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/ministry/opendata/pages/open-data-library.aspx>

Annual Statistical Yearbooks:

<https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/ministry/statistics/book/pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.moh.gov.sa/ministry/statistics/book/pages/default.aspx>

Data on health personnels are published in the “Health Resources” chapter

A processing of the Ministry of Health data is published annually by GStat since 2023:

(“social statistics”, then “Health Statistics”, then “Healthcare Establishments and Workforce Statistics”)

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/statistics-tabs?tab=436312&category=2968800>

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