

Saudi Arabia: Non-Saudi employed population by main group of economic activities (Q1 2021-Q1 2025)

	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	89,866	87,361	85,806	90,183	114,724	158,234	NA	329,267	495,115	516,859	120,078	121,665	143,492	179,181	180,956	260,485	309,326
Mining and quarrying	64,007	62,227	61,459	62,230	58,220	40,509	NA	36,599	39,424	47,402	49,174	51,940	57,965	68,646	77,780	96,875	95,109
Manufacturing	626,216	613,277	611,982	627,008	657,697	708,428	NA	778,389	810,469	827,488	860,211	866,598	939,706	971,814	1,006,783	1,110,221	1,168,267
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	37,403	37,410	36,521	36,533	37,377	6,516	NA	6,220	6,316	6,378	6,837	7,623	8,800	12,503	13,161	14,607	15,237
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	18,487	18,306	17,885	18,283	21,585	69,590	NA	86,157	100,914	107,210	126,842	130,018	115,375	133,381	137,368	143,692	142,836
Construction	1,803,570	1,742,895	1,705,712	1,755,671	1,834,116	2,105,858	NA	2,090,698	2,172,686	2,176,449	2,227,945	2,233,402	2,418,405	2,494,244	2,562,464	2,820,589	2,962,223
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1,426,482	1,382,250	1,353,746	1,330,197	1,338,295	1,288,581	NA	1,205,767	1,228,816	1,210,761	1,208,148	1,205,372	1,241,277	1,252,451	1,253,248	1,336,936	1,361,689
Transportation and storage	192,230	193,485	193,817	205,458	233,721	298,939	NA	319,993	335,369	339,805	363,482	370,573	412,744	429,590	451,537	607,845	629,132
Accommodation and food service activities	308,053	306,689	310,997	439,731	521,987	511,858	NA	525,044	543,139	536,229	537,183	526,551	537,539	538,446	536,782	569,825	576,931
Information and communication	38,608	37,643	38,492	38,056	38,163	49,573	NA	46,617	47,524	46,256	45,484	45,000	47,827	48,515	49,135	54,671	54,920
Financial and insurance activities	12,839	12,611	12,549	12,895	13,361	16,840	NA	16,290	16,522	16,287	16,542	16,602	16,867	16,845	16,892	17,163	17,204
Real estate activities	25,182	24,553	24,763	24,420	24,066	41,504	NA	31,702	32,236	31,885	31,464	31,152	32,704	32,557	32,157	34,296	34,771
Professional, scientific and technical activities	88,617	87,325	86,903	88,300	94,998	112,818	NA	107,904	111,935	112,984	115,985	120,029	126,321	129,204	132,005	139,253	141,635
Administrative and support service activities	883,841	844,057	807,982	837,078	861,342	951,563	NA	964,928	999,359	969,999	938,446	919,046	965,916	985,419	1,009,595	1,044,940	1,075,106
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	70,341	78,223	79,515	83,754	79,588	62,956	NA	60,471	58,374	58,004	56,932	56,553	56,437	57,447	57,125	57,346	57,328
Education	62,365	58,392	60,562	60,845	60,978	75,140	NA	75,749	78,429	79,296	83,810	85,642	90,571	89,292	92,949	180,909	179,883
Human health and social work activities	229,046	234,130	235,835	251,008	203,369	212,023	NA	226,453	233,374	227,766	225,641	222,443	225,911	224,659	225,189	226,024	227,819
Arts, entertainment and recreation	18,432	18,837	19,029	19,557	20,350	18,622	NA	19,440	20,264	19,602	18,996	18,509	18,828	18,886	19,081	25,694	26,237
Other service activities	174,281	167,529	164,890	166,359	199,012	215,299	NA	196,109	198,215	194,097	192,496	188,702	200,990	208,368	211,165	229,426	237,190
Activities of households as employer	110	114	119	196	223	99	NA	88	78	81	76	71	69	59	68	59	59
Activities of households as producer	404	420	419	434	438	250	NA	243	232	225	218	198	209	213	211	118	116
Not specified	131,412	117,098	114,094	142,300	309,379	153,469	NA	217,495	279,057	338,819	890,201	886,614	964,794	1,042,623	1,112,768	573,739	569,869
Total	6,301,792	6,124,832	6,023,077	6,290,496	6,722,989	7,098,669	NA	7,341,623	7,807,847	7,863,882	8,116,191	8,104,303	8,622,747	8,934,343	9,178,419	9,544,713	9,882,887

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 rule of the General Organization of Social Insurance (GOSI):

- contributors on the job who are subject to social insurance laws and regulations in the private and government sector;
- new contributors, and contributors who terminated their contribution to social insurance during the quarter.

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, social insurance (GOSI) and domestic workers' 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 GAsat in Labour Markets Statistics (employment; unemployment; occupation and activity sectors, etc.) are based on international standards:

For LFS methodology and definitions, see metadata section in report, and:

https://database.stats.gov.sa/Methodologies/En_Documents/03_Labor%20Market%20Bulletin%20Methodology,%20Fourth%20Quarter%202020%20_%20General%20Authority%20for%20Statistics.pdf

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Classification of economic activities: Saudi Classification of Economic Activities, based on the International Standard Industrial Classification of all economic activities (ISIC4)

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

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 GAsat (Labour Force Survey).

The time-series was built using the quarterly Register-based Labour Market Statistics for given quarters 2023-2025: available at:

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/statistics-tabs/-/categories/417515?tab=436312&category=417515>

Before 2023: available in the "archived data":

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/statistics?index=1317550>

"social statistics", and "labour force"

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/statistics-tabs?tab=436312&category=1333429>

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