Saudi Arabia: Non-Saudi employed population by occupation category (Q1 2021-Q3 2025)

	Managers	Professionals	Technicians and associate professionals	Clerical support workers	Service and sales workers	Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	Craft and related trades workers	Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	Elementary occupations	Other Occupations	Not specified	Total
Q1 2021	59,593	411,122	546,134	53,384	291,042	39,023	1,003,685	699,046	3,178,852	998	18,913	6,301,792
Q2 2021	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Q3 2021	58,084	414,710	513,198	49,460	268,399	35,973	893,833	644,503	3,018,243	933	125,741	6,023,077
Q4 2021	59,943	430,871	519,965	48,845	279,740	42,967	905,384	685,202	3,305,055	12,524	0	6,290,496
Q1 2022	56,578	427,052	468,542	43,931	288,338	40,388	832,316	644,041	3,575,105	346,698	0	6,722,989
Q2 2022	60,605	443,652	465,679	43,134	358,485	23,923	866,260	679,059	3,521,264	636,608	0	7,098,669
Q3 2022	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Q4 2022	72,390	476,672	466,276	41,084	377,223	24,655	925,634	736,219	4,175,442	46,028	0	7,341,623
Q1 2023	86,267	637,863	527,690	49,311	477,037	32,113	1,109,393	951,124	3,879,858	57,191	0	7,807,847
Q2 2023	88,204	636,038	524,435	48,764	481,255	30,941	1,112,592	960,110	3,926,310	55,233	0	7,863,882
Q3 2023	97,626	683,932	525,704	47,423	513,460	29,828	1,227,008	992,940	3,951,596	46,674	0	8,116,191
Q4 2023	101,704	695,349	520,995	48,307	519,819	29,209	1,219,812	997,973	3,928,787	42,348	0	8,104,303
Q1 2024	112,483	728,790	537,090	48,906	554,999	26,061	1,249,368	1,077,856	4,248,284	38,910	0	8,622,747
Q2 2024	117,229	747,254	549,211	50,184	571,991	32,613	1,255,352	1,119,151	4,454,259	37,099	0	8,934,343
Q3 2024	122,788	768,421	556,135	51,172	583,407	33,598	1,245,444	1,158,355	4,625,076	34,023	0	9,178,419
Q4 2024	128,916	791,859	585,931	51,311	597,509	33,679	1,246,231	1,200,514	4,897,848	10,915	0	9,544,713
Q1 2025	133,567	807,823	590,778	52,580	611,852	33,429	1,250,151	1,233,514	5,158,320	10,873	0	9,882,887
Q2 2025	134,968	807,798	583,864	54,444	606,518	29,751	1,229,445	1,230,482	5,224,867	10,502	0	9,912,639
Q3 2025	141,302	843,502	587,159	56,012	625,818	21,229	1,227,098	1,262,485	5,450,861	7,185	0	10,222,651

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.

Population of reference: workers subject to the rule of the General Organization of Social Insurance (GOSI):
a. contributors on the job who are subject to social insurance laws and regulations in the private and government sector;
b. 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 category:
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 GAStat 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 occupations: Saudi classification of occupations, based on ISCO-08.
https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/classifications
This classification was adopted in Q1 2021.

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 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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