

# Saudi Arabia: Non-Saudi population by administrative region of residence (2011-2022)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Makkah AL Mukarramah	3,273,031	3,496,610	3,689,803	3,982,721	4,016,237	4,298,604	4,479,534	4,345,243	3,952,581	3,748,709	4,015,960	3,633,037	3,867,740
Ar Riyadh	2,918,903	3,175,586	3,409,614	3,741,661	3,827,446	4,167,823	4,412,776	4,335,807	3,998,452	3,846,530	4,177,290	3,834,296	4,152,538
Eastern Region	1,449,596	1,588,249	1,716,377	1,894,616	1,944,992	2,132,483	2,270,102	2,234,065	2,065,149	1,992,280	2,167,134	1,994,582	2,175,400
AL Madinah AL Munawwarah	604,882	651,693	693,513	754,814	766,550	828,156	870,531	849,602	778,051	743,202	801,253	730,127	785,837
Aseer	383,930	420,863	455,121	502,747	516,265	566,739	603,906	594,210	549,269	529,950	576,247	530,388	579,597
AL Qaseem	340,192	366,388	389,063	421,864	425,190	457,868	478,547	462,170	419,294	397,004	423,833	382,850	409,689
Jazan	310,938	335,068	356,529	387,919	393,831	425,175	446,583	435,796	399,006	381,050	410,867	374,348	402,218
Tabuk	154,426	170,236	185,141	205,650	212,395	234,367	251,048	248,389	230,847	223,874	244,712	226,348	248,435
Hail	131,078	145,068	158,324	176,443	182,819	202,286	217,262	215,628	200,986	195,481	214,305	198,779	218,521
Najran	122,323	134,774	146,466	162,607	168,105	185,160	198,172	196,546	182,982	177,695	194,707	180,350	197,324
AL Jawf	105,073	115,102	124,319	137,105	140,555	153,954	163,674	160,824	148,459	143,038	155,398	142,855	155,558
AL Bahah	75,238	80,820	85,602	92,585	93,094	100,009	104,279	100,457	90,911	85,861	91,410	82,332	87,886
Northern Borders	62,713	69,281	75,443	83,871	86,758	95,687	102,472	101,638	94,658	91,954	100,807	93,422	102,219
Total	9,932,323	10,749,738	11,485,315	12,544,603	12,774,237	13,848,311	14,598,886	14,280,375	13,110,645	12,556,628	13,573,923	12,403,714	13,382,962

Source: GAsat, Saudi Arabia census 2022

## ANNEXED NOTE

### 1. Technical Notes and Definitions

Source: Saudi census 2022

Date of reference: 10 May 2022

**Population of reference:** Families and individual citizens and residents within the Kingdom, regardless of the status of their identification documents. Visitors for Hajj, Umrah and tourism are excluded from the census.

#### **Methodology:**

The first phase of the 2020 census began on 3 February 2020 (enumeration of buildings and households). Census 2022 used geospatial data, including satellite images, electricity consumption and mobile phone data, to improve the accuracy and geographic coverage of address canvassing.

The second stage ("actual enumeration") was due to start on the original reference date (17 March 2020), but was suspended by the outbreak of the COVID-19 crisis. This stage was conducted in October 2021.

The 2022 census used a **combined methodology** – administrative records, fieldwork and digital self-enumeration. Household data were collected from e-portals of self-enumeration (on residents' mobile devices, laptops or personal computers, or self-enumeration stations/kiosks, located in shopping centers). The digital self-enumeration process was complemented by face-to-

face interviews, using digital tablets.

Census 2022 used a *de jure* approach: enumerating people according to their usual place of residence.

Administrative data from multiple sources was used to cross-validate collected census data.

Census 2022 was designed as a launchpad for several new secure statistical data registers for population, housing, and businesses.

See census methodology in:

<https://portal.saudicensus.sa/portal/public/methodology>

Portal of the Saudi census:

<https://portal.saudicensus.sa/portal>

**Population data for 2010-22 were revised and backcasted, based on 2022 population census and past years' administrative data.**

Technical note on backcasting:

[https://portal.saudicensus.sa/static-assets/media/content/20230529\\_Back-Casting%20Methodology.pdf?crafterSite=gastat-portal](https://portal.saudicensus.sa/static-assets/media/content/20230529_Back-Casting%20Methodology.pdf?crafterSite=gastat-portal)

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

General Authority for Statistics (GASat)

## **3. Data availability**

The table was retrieved from the Saudi census portal on GASat website:

<https://portal.saudicensus.sa/portal>

“Population” section, then “data tables”-

<https://portal.saudicensus.sa/portal/public/1/15?type=TABLE>

Selected, pre-set tables can be downloaded from the thematic section.

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