

Saudi Arabia: Number of dentists by nationality (Saudi/ non-Saudi) and sector of employment (2017-2024)

		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Ministry of Health	Saudis	3,349	3,546	4,270	5,227	6,220	6,593	6,527	8,625
	Non-Saudis	647	591	573	588	590	560	529	706
	Total	3,996	4,137	4,843	5,815	6,810	7,153	7,056	9,331
Other Government Sector	Saudis	965	1,128	1,424	1,460	1,679	1,541	1,878	3,586
	Non-Saudis	318	303	261	308	319	312	360	598
	Total	1,283	1,431	1,685	1,768	1,998	1,853	2,238	4,184
Private Sector	Saudis	1,219	1,734	1,904	3,051	4,221	4,646	5,554	7,387
	Non-Saudis	9,201	9,450	10,381	8,988	9,710	10,245	11,122	12,849
	Total	10,420	11,184	12,285	12,039	13,931	14,891	16,676	20,236
Total	Saudis	5,533	6,408	7,598	9,738	12,120	12,780	13,959	19,598
	Non-Saudis	10,166	10,344	11,215	9,884	10,619	11,117	12,011	14,153
	Total	15,699	16,752	18,813	19,622	22,739	23,897	25,970	33,751

Source: Ministry of Health, Statistical Yearbooks, given years

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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