

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

		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Ministry of Health	Saudis	13,411	16,706	19,615	20,311	23,585	26,344	29,960	35,923
	Non-Saudis	29,198	28,865	29,524	29,754	29,735	29,143	28,300	31,480
	Total	42,609	45,571	49,139	50,065	53,320	55,487	58,260	67,403
Other Government Sector	Saudis	8,158	9,316	9,364	11,201	9,721	11,809	11,508	14,922
	Non-Saudis	8,188	8,839	9,098	9,033	8,409	7,835	8,295	8,470
	Total	16,346	18,155	18,462	20,234	18,130	19,644	19,803	23,392
Private Sector	Saudis	1,803	1,968	2,165	5,382	3,876	4,856	7,019	4,314
	Non-Saudis	21,617	22,329	24,567	19,655	24,291	25,345	28,218	34,663
	Total	23,420	24,297	26,732	25,037	28,167	30,201	35,237	38,977
Total	Saudis	23,372	27,990	31,144	36,894	37,182	43,009	48,487	55,159
	Non-Saudis	59,003	60,033	63,189	58,442	62,435	62,323	64,813	74,613
	Total	82,375	88,023	94,333	95,336	99,617	105,332	113,300	129,772

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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