

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

		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Ministry of Health	Saudis	59,273	61,704	62,888	66,236	67,061	69,850	72,323	75,746
	Non-Saudis	43,269	42,296	42,706	40,019	39,282	34,378	36,430	41,376
	Total	102,542	104,000	105,594	106,255	106,343	104,228	108,753	117,122
Other Government Sector	Saudis	5,056	5,810	13,540	13,592	14,145	15,219	17,602	21,885
	Non-Saudis	30,097	29,185	30,030	30,096	28,318	24,979	26,424	26,866
	Total	35,153	34,995	43,570	43,688	42,463	40,198	44,026	48,751
Private Sector	Saudis	2,625	2,070	2,284	3,262	3,274	3,211	4,096	8,514
	Non-Saudis	41,792	39,506	43,459	38,993	44,715	48,250	56,235	68,949
	Total	44,417	41,576	45,743	42,255	47,989	51,461	60,331	77,463
Total	Saudis	66,954	69,584	78,712	83,090	84,480	88,280	94,021	106,145
	Non-Saudis	115,158	110,987	116,195	109,108	112,315	107,607	119,089	137,191
	Total	182,112	180,571	194,907	192,198	196,795	195,887	213,110	243,336

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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