

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

		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Ministry of Health	Saudis	3,589	3,740	3,930	4,214	4,266	4,527	4,681	5,242
	Non-Saudis	264	266	291	144	131	119	92	149
	Total	3,853	4,006	4,221	4,358	4,397	4,646	4,773	5,391
Other Government Sector	Saudis	1,558	1,908	2,336	2,194	2,375	2,050	2,946	4,053
	Non-Saudis	746	744	604	566	539	412	440	463
	Total	2,304	2,652	2,940	2,760	2,914	2,462	3,386	4,516
Private Sector	Saudis	1,130	1,438	1,582	3,286	5,417	7,394	7,671	12,988
	Non-Saudis	21,025	21,029	23,129	17,125	18,112	19,538	20,980	23,961
	Total	22,155	22,467	24,711	20,411	23,529	26,932	28,651	36,949
Total	Saudis	6,277	7,086	7,848	9,694	12,058	13,971	15,298	22,283
	Non-Saudis	22,035	22,039	24,024	17,835	18,782	20,069	21,512	24,573
	Total	28,312	29,125	31,872	27,529	30,840	34,040	36,810	46,856

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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