

Saudi Arabia: Percent distribution of the non-Saudi employed population by sex and sector of employment (Q2 2016-Q2 2023)

	Public Sector*	Private Sector					Domestic sector	Other***	Total employed			Males		Females		Males		Females	
		Private business sector**	Agricultural sector																
2016 Q2	3.2	4.5	83.4	9.6	0.0	0.0	12.8	85.3	0.6	0.6	N.A	N.A							
2016 Q3	2.3	6.5	90.5	14.7	0.0	0.0	6.9	78.2	0.3	0.5	N.A	N.A							
2016 Q4	2.7	6.8	87.1	13.8	0.0	0.0	9.7	78.6	0.5	0.8	N.A	N.A							
2017 Q1	3.4	7.6	86.7	16.0	0.0	0.0	9.6	76.3	0.3	0.2	9,859,039	991,153							
2017 Q2	3.2	13.3	87.4	15.2	0.0	0.0	9.0	71.3	0.4	0.2	9,777,916	1,010,793							
2017 Q3	2.2	7.2	87.5	13.7	0.0	0.0	10.0	78.8	0.4	0.3	9,674,729	1,019,591							
2017 Q4	3.5	5.9	85.6	12.2	0.0	0.0	10.4	81.3	0.5	0.6	9,442,163	975,132							
2018 Q1	2.9	8.6	85.5	13.0	0.0	0.0	11.2	78.0	0.4	0.5	9,231,869	951,235							
2018 Q2	2.9	8.5	84.7	12.0	0.0	0.0	11.9	79.3	0.4	0.1	8,927,862	964,861							
2018 Q3	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	8,622,890	955,165							
2018 Q4	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	8,356,943	1,072,476							
2019 Q1	3.1	9.2	83.2	17.9	0.0	0.0	13.0	72.4	0.6	0.4	8,458,199	1,195,013							
2019 Q2	2.9	11.7	84.2	14.4	0.0	0.0	12.3	73.1	0.5	0.8	8,529,419	1,237,365							
2019 Q3	2.5	6.7	85.2	17.6	0.0	0.0	11.9	75.5	0.4	0.2	8,572,339	1,254,757							
2019 Q4	2.4	9.4	83.4	13.9	0.0	0.0	13.7	76.4	0.4	0.3	8,792,516	1,428,187							
2020 Q1	2.3	9.3	82.5	20.4	0.0	0.0	14.9	69.8	0.3	0.5	9,092,998	1,339,191							
2020 Q2	3.8	8.4	77.0	17.6	0.0	0.0	18.8	73.7	0.3	0.3	9,101,286	1,357,746							
2020 Q3	4.3	9.3	76.7	14.3	0.0	0.0	18.7	76.3	0.3	0.2	8,866,940	1,334,922							
2020 Q4	4.2	9.1	77.6	17.6	0.0	0.0	17.9	73.2	0.3	0.1	8,753,985	1,312,515							
2021 Q1	4.0	4.7	66.1	11.2	3.0	0.0	26.4	83.7	0.5	0.4	8,773,896	1,403,319							
2021 Q2	3.8	4.1	68.0	13.3	2.6	0.0	25.1	81.5	0.6	1.0	8,449,536	1,170,338							
2021 Q3	5.6	6.4	66.6	12.9	2.6	0.1	24.7	79.7	0.6	0.8	8,244,566	1,118,241							
2021 Q4	3.8	6.3	71.4	16.3	3.2	0.0	20.9	76.5	0.6	0.9	8,481,117	1,114,064							
2022 Q1	3.7	6.4	70.8	18.0	2.8	0.1	22.2	75.1	0.5	0.4	8,971,450	1,187,323							
2022 Q2	3.1	7.1	74.0	19.9	3.0	0.1	19.6	72.6	0.3	0.3	9,320,979	1,210,640							
2022 Q3	3.4	7.7	72.6	21.5	3.3	0.1	20.3	70.4	0.4	0.3	9,593,551	1,304,906							
2022 Q4	3.6	9.2	75.6	23.5	2.6	0.1	17.8	66.5	0.4	0.8	9,672,933	1,314,794							
2023 Q1	3.1	7.2	72.5	20.6	2.7	0.1	21.1	71.5	0.6	0.7	10,137,453	1,355,438							
2023 Q2	3.1	7.6	73.2	22.7	3.4	0.0	19.8	69.0	0.5	0.6	10,202,131	1,395,840							

Source: Labour Market Statistics, Statistical Database, General Authority for Statistics (GASat)

1. Data collection methodology and definitions used

* Public sector: government, institution or company wholly owned by the government

**Private business sector or an activity owned by the individual (non-

agricultural)

*****Other: Non-profit organizations (non-profit organizations, non-governmental organizations, mosques); international organisations, other and unspecified employment sector.**

LFS were first conducted in 2001 and became bi-annual after 2006. Data were collected through nationally representative household sample surveys, which sampling was based on most recent censuses.

Since 2016, Labour Force Surveys have been conducted and published on a quarterly basis, based on the following sources:

1. Household telephone surveys conducted by GAsat.
2. Employment data extracted from administrative records, introduced as a complement to the results of Labour Force Surveys in Labour Market Statistics' publications, starting on Q1 2017.

Types of data by source:

1. Household Telephone Surveys:

Estimates of labor force, unemployed individuals, and indicators of labor force.

2. Administrative records:

– Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development (MHRSD)

(formerly Ministry of Labour and Social Development):

Supplies data on:

Government sector's workers and private sector visas.

– General Organization of Social Insurance (GOSI):

Supplies data on:

a. contributors on the job who are subject to social insurance laws and regulations in the private and government sectors;

b. workers who terminated their contribution to social insurance during the quarter.

– National Information Center (NIC):

Supplies data on:

a. job seekers in the public and private sectors from the data of (Jadara and Sa'ed) in the MHRSD, at (Taqaat) portal of the HRDF;

b. government sector and individuals' visas;

c. numbers of domestic workers.

Figures of workers in Labor Market statistics which were derived from administrative records do not include the following categories:

1-Workers in the military and security sectors;

2- Workers who are not registered in the civil service and social insurance records, which include:

– Saudis working for their own businesses and are not subjected to the labor regulations, also, not registered in social insurance, such as those who work in delivery through electronic apps;

– Saudi employers who work in establishments and not registered in the social insurance;

– Non-Saudi staff working in foreign international, political or military missions.

3- Non-Saudi employees who come to the Kingdom for work that normally takes less than three months to be completed.

Definitions and categories used by GASat in Labour Markets Statistics (employment; unemployment; occupation and activity sectors, etc.) are based on international standards.

For LFS methodology and definitions, see:

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/node/9787>

https://database.stats.gov.sa/Methodologies/En_Documents/03_Labor%20Market%20Bulletin%20Methodology,%20Fourth%20Quarter%202020%20_%20General%20Authority%20for%20Statistics.pdf

2. Institution which provides data

General Authority for Statistics (GASat)

3. Data availability

The percent time series were taken from GASat's statistical database:

Report Link:

<https://database.stats.gov.sa/home/report/239>

The numerical time-series (total employed) was taken from the Register-based Labour Market Statistics- Q4, 2022 (English and Arabic versions):

https://www.stats.gov.sa/sites/default/files/LMS_2022_Q4_EN_1.xlsx

https://www.stats.gov.sa/sites/default/files/LMS_2022_Q4_AR_1.xlsx

and from relevant quarterly Register-based Labour Market Statistics reports for 2023, accessible from:

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/814>

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/ar/814>

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