

Saudi Arabia: Population by nationality (Saudi/non-Saudi) and administrative region (governorate) of residence (2022)

	Saudis	Non-Saudis	Total
Riyadh	4,439,210	4,152,538	8,591,748
Makkah Al Mukarramah	4,153,723	3,867,740	8,021,463
Eastern Region	2,949,854	2,175,400	5,125,254
Al Madinah Al Munawwarah	1,352,146	785,837	2,137,983
Aseer	1,444,688	579,597	2,024,285
Jazan	1,002,779	402,218	1,404,997
Al Qaseem	926,490	409,689	1,336,179
Tabuk	637,601	248,435	886,036
Hail	527,885	218,521	746,406
Al Jawf	440,264	155,558	595,822
Najran	394,976	197,324	592,300
Northern Borders	271,358	102,219	373,577
Al Bahah	251,288	87,886	339,174
Total	18,792,262	13,382,962	32,175,224

Source: Saudi Arabia census 2022

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

Source: Saudi census 2022

Date of reference: 10 May 2022

Population of reference: Families and individual citizens and residents within the Kingdom, regardless of the status of their identification documents. Visitors for Hajj, Umrah and tourism are excluded from the census.

Methodology:

The first phase of the 2020 census began on 3 February 2020 (enumeration of buildings and households). Census 2022 used geospatial data, including

satellite images, electricity consumption and mobile phone data, to improve the accuracy and geographic coverage of address canvassing.

The second stage (“actual enumeration”) was due to start on the original reference date (17 March 2020), but was suspended by the outbreak of the COVID-19 crisis. This stage was conducted in October 2021.

The 2022 census used a **combined methodology** – administrative records, fieldwork and digital self-enumeration. Household data were collected from e-portals of self-enumeration (on residents’ mobile devices, laptops or personal computers, or self-enumeration stations/kiosks, located in shopping centers). The digital self-enumeration process was complemented by face-to-face interviews, using digital tablets.

Census 2022 used a **de jure** approach: enumerating people according to their usual place of residence.

Administrative data from multiple sources was used to cross-validate collected census data.

Census 2022 was designed as a launchpad for several new secure statistical data registers for population, housing, and businesses.

See census methodology in:

<https://portal.saudicensus.sa/portal/public/methodology>

Portal of the Saudi census:

<https://portal.saudicensus.sa/portal>

2. **Institution which provides data**

General Authority for Statistics (GASat)

3. **Data availability**

The table was retrieved from the Saudi census portal on GASat website:

<https://portal.saudicensus.sa/portal>

“Population” section, then “data tables”-

<https://portal.saudicensus.sa/portal/public/1/15?type=TABLE>

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