

Saudi Arabia: Population by nationality (Saudi/non-Saudi) (2010-2024)

	Saudis	Non-Saudis	Total
2010	14,046,164	9,932,323	23,978,487
2011	14,342,129	10,749,738	25,091,867
2012	14,683,546	11,485,315	26,168,861
2013	15,079,401	12,544,603	27,624,004
2014	15,535,036	12,774,237	28,309,273
2015	15,968,071	13,848,311	29,816,382
2016	16,355,312	14,598,886	30,954,198
2017	16,696,980	14,280,375	30,977,355
2018	17,085,636	13,110,645	30,196,281
2019	17,507,171	12,556,628	30,063,799
2020	17,978,587	13,573,923	31,552,510
2021	18,380,669	12,403,714	30,784,383
2022	18,792,262	13,382,962	32,175,224
2023	19,245,929	14,456,802	33,702,731
2024	19,635,258	15,665,022	35,300,280

Source: GASat

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

2023-2024: The methodology involves estimating the population for each age group, as well as gender and nationality, following international standards and practices. The General Authority for Statistics uses the (Method Component-Cohort) approach, leveraging data from various sources, including the National Information Center for administrative records to provide key components such as births, deaths, and migration. Changes in the demographic characteristics for 2024 are assessed against the previous population report from the Authority, using data from the 2022 Saudi Census.

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/documents/20117/2435273/Population+Estimates+Statistics+2024+EN.pdf/9b71e303-5fd9-19cb-9913-850a9d521639?t=1738859947691>

Methodological report:

https://www.stats.gov.sa/documents/20117/2435133/Methodology+and+Quality+Report+for+Population+Projections+and+Estimates+Statistics+_EN.pdf/0fdb394f-8a13-

[82e0-ed7c-c240b338d25f?t=1738829096975](https://portal.saudicensus.sa/portal/public/methodology)

2010-2022: 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 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>

Population data for 2010-22 were revised and backcasted, based on 2022 population census and past years' administrative data.

2. Institution which provides data

General Authority for Statistics (GASat)

3. Data availability

2010-2022: retrieved from the Saudi census section on GASat website:

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

Accessible from the "Statistics" section, then "Social Statistics", "Vitals and Demographics Statistics", Saudi census statistics 2022

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/statistics?index=119025&subindex=127380#>

"Population statistics" section, then "Population growth statistics"

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

Selected, pre-set tables can be downloaded from the thematic section.

2023-2024: "Statistics", "Social Statistics", "Vitals and Demographics

Statistics”, “population estimates statistics”.

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/statistics-tabs?tab=436312&category=2366987>

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