

# Saudi-Arabia: Population estimates by nationality (Saudi / non-Saudi) and sex (mid-year estimates, 1974-2015)

year	Saudis			Non-Saudis			Total		
	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total
1974	3,166,013	2,997,792	<b>6,163,805</b>	517,178	257,219	<b>774,397</b>	3,683,191	3,255,011	<b>6,938,202</b>
1975	3,299,247	3,129,932	<b>6,429,179</b>	574,639	283,192	<b>857,831</b>	3,873,886	3,413,124	<b>7,287,010</b>
1976	3,436,784	3,266,657	<b>6,703,441</b>	638,241	311,670	<b>949,911</b>	4,075,025	3,578,327	<b>7,653,352</b>
1977	3,578,634	3,408,002	<b>6,986,636</b>	708,602	342,876	<b>1,051,478</b>	4,287,236	3,750,878	<b>8,038,114</b>
1978	3,724,791	3,553,986	<b>7,278,777</b>	786,393	377,049	<b>1,163,442</b>	4,511,184	3,931,035	<b>8,442,219</b>
1979	3,875,233	3,704,613	<b>7,579,846</b>	872,345	414,448	<b>1,286,793</b>	4,747,578	4,119,061	<b>8,866,639</b>
1980	4,029,922	3,859,872	<b>7,889,794</b>	967,252	455,350	<b>1,422,602</b>	4,997,174	4,315,222	<b>9,312,396</b>
1981	4,188,801	4,019,733	<b>8,208,534</b>	1,071,977	500,051	<b>1,572,028</b>	5,260,778	4,519,784	<b>9,780,562</b>
1982	4,351,793	4,184,148	<b>8,535,941</b>	1,187,454	548,870	<b>1,736,324</b>	5,539,247	4,733,018	<b>10,272,265</b>
1983	4,518,803	4,353,048	<b>8,871,851</b>	1,314,694	602,145	<b>1,916,839</b>	5,833,497	4,955,193	<b>10,788,690</b>
1984	4,689,709	4,526,340	<b>9,216,049</b>	1,454,788	660,237	<b>2,115,025</b>	6,144,497	5,186,577	<b>11,331,074</b>
1985	4,864,370	4,703,911	<b>9,568,281</b>	1,608,915	723,531	<b>2,332,446</b>	6,473,285	5,427,442	<b>11,900,727</b>
1986	5,042,619	4,885,623	<b>9,928,242</b>	1,778,342	792,434	<b>2,570,776</b>	6,820,961	5,678,057	<b>12,499,018</b>
1987	5,224,266	5,071,312	<b>10,295,578</b>	1,964,432	867,378	<b>2,831,810</b>	7,188,698	5,938,690	<b>13,127,388</b>
1988	5,409,093	5,260,787	<b>10,669,880</b>	2,168,647	948,820	<b>3,117,467</b>	7,577,740	6,209,607	<b>13,787,347</b>
1989	5,596,859	5,453,833	<b>11,050,692</b>	2,392,552	1,037,242	<b>3,429,794</b>	7,989,411	6,491,075	<b>14,480,486</b>
1990	5,787,294	5,650,206	<b>11,437,500</b>	2,637,820	1,133,151	<b>3,770,971</b>	8,425,114	6,783,357	<b>15,208,471</b>
1991	5,980,104	5,849,635	<b>11,829,739</b>	2,906,237	1,237,079	<b>4,143,316</b>	8,886,341	7,086,714	<b>15,973,055</b>
1992	6,170,757	6,047,443	<b>12,218,200</b>	3,193,111	1,347,068	<b>4,540,179</b>	9,363,868	7,394,511	<b>16,758,379</b>
1993	6,334,907	6,216,789	<b>12,551,696</b>	3,322,551	1,402,925	<b>4,725,476</b>	9,657,458	7,619,714	<b>17,277,172</b>
1994	6,488,628	6,375,082	<b>12,863,710</b>	3,397,772	1,440,127	<b>4,837,899</b>	9,886,400	7,815,209	<b>17,701,609</b>
1995	6,646,071	6,537,398	<b>13,183,469</b>	3,474,692	1,478,314	<b>4,953,006</b>	10,120,763	8,015,712	<b>18,136,475</b>
1996	6,807,325	6,703,837	<b>13,511,162</b>	3,553,349	1,517,511	<b>5,070,860</b>	10,360,674	8,221,348	<b>18,582,022</b>
1997	6,972,483	6,874,505	<b>13,846,988</b>	3,633,782	1,557,746	<b>5,191,528</b>	10,606,265	8,432,251	<b>19,038,516</b>
1998	7,141,639	7,049,510	<b>14,191,149</b>	3,716,031	1,599,045	<b>5,315,076</b>	10,857,670	8,648,555	<b>19,506,225</b>
1999	7,314,889	7,228,960	<b>14,543,849</b>	3,800,137	1,641,438	<b>5,441,575</b>	11,115,026	8,870,398	<b>19,985,424</b>
2000	7,492,332	7,412,968	<b>14,905,300</b>	3,886,141	1,684,952	<b>5,571,093</b>	11,378,473	9,097,920	<b>20,476,393</b>
2001	7,674,070	7,601,651	<b>15,275,721</b>	3,974,087	1,729,617	<b>5,703,704</b>	11,648,157	9,331,268	<b>20,979,425</b>
2002	7,860,206	7,795,126	<b>15,655,332</b>	4,064,017	1,775,464	<b>5,839,481</b>	11,924,223	9,570,590	<b>21,494,813</b>
2003	8,050,847	7,993,515	<b>16,044,362</b>	4,155,978	1,822,524	<b>5,978,502</b>	12,206,825	9,816,039	<b>22,022,864</b>
2004	8,245,575	8,198,412	<b>16,443,987</b>	4,248,335	1,871,564	<b>6,119,899</b>	12,493,910	10,069,976	<b>22,563,886</b>
2005	8,453,097	8,401,060	<b>16,854,157</b>	4,506,528	1,968,899	<b>6,475,427</b>	12,959,625	10,369,959	<b>23,329,584</b>
2006	8,663,597	8,606,584	<b>17,270,181</b>	4,780,413	2,071,296	<b>6,851,709</b>	13,444,010	10,677,880	<b>24,121,890</b>
2007	8,876,666	8,814,670	<b>17,691,336</b>	5,070,944	2,179,018	<b>7,249,962</b>	13,947,610	10,993,688	<b>24,941,298</b>
2008	9,091,249	9,024,301	<b>18,115,550</b>	5,379,132	2,292,343	<b>7,671,475</b>	14,470,381	11,316,644	<b>25,787,025</b>
2009	9,307,550	9,235,696	<b>18,543,246</b>	5,706,050	2,411,561	<b>8,117,611</b>	15,013,600	11,647,257	<b>26,660,857</b>
2010*	9,525,178	9,448,437	<b>18,973,615</b>	6,052,837	2,536,980	<b>8,589,817</b>	15,578,015	11,985,417	<b>27,563,432</b>
2011**	9,743,626	9,662,059	<b>19,405,685</b>	6,297,735	2,672,935	<b>8,970,670</b>	16,041,361	12,334,994	<b>28,376,355</b>
2012**	9,962,431	9,876,017	<b>19,838,448</b>	6,591,296	2,766,151	<b>9,357,447</b>	16,553,727	12,642,168	<b>29,195,895</b>
2013**	10,181,018	10,090,040	<b>20,271,058</b>	6,643,278	3,079,936	<b>9,723,214</b>	16,824,296	13,169,976	<b>29,994,272</b>
2014**	10,398,993	10,303,543	<b>20,702,536</b>	6,867,332	3,200,507	<b>10,067,839</b>	17,266,325	13,504,050	<b>30,770,375</b>
2015**	10,614,813	10,515,147	<b>21,129,960</b>	7,076,815	3,314,643	<b>10,391,458</b>	17,691,628	13,829,790	<b>31,521,418</b>

Source: Population estimates based on the results of population censuses (1974; 1992; 2004; 2010 preliminary results), Central Department for Statistics and Information (CDSI)/ General Authority for Statistics (GaStat)

\* preliminary results

**\*\* estimates from census 2010' preliminary figures**

## **ANNEXED NOTE**

### **1. Technical Notes and Definitions**

**Reference periods:** middle of given years

**Population of reference:** all individuals (nationals and non-nationals) present within the Kingdom's borders during time of reference, be they permanent or temporary residents.

**Implementation method:** the Censuses are carried out according to de facto methodology, i.e. counting persons where they are during time of reference, be they usual residents of the place or temporary residents.

Estimates are based upon censuses' results.

The first Saudi census was launched in 1962. It is usually not used, as it did not cover the whole of the resident population. 1974 census is the first comprehensive one in Saudi history. However, its rate of coverage and accuracy of data are considered weak.

1992 census' population figures, along with ensuing estimates of Saudi population and rates of demographic growth for the following years, were shown to be inflated (see Winckler, O. "The Surprising Results of the Saudi Arabian 2004 Demographic Census", IJMES, n°40, 2008, pp. 12-15).

Between 2004 and 2010 censuses, Saudi population figures seem consistent with natural increase figures. As non-national population is concerned, it is probably underestimated in official counts. Irregular workers and sojourners are also many (non-official, hence unverifiable estimates range between 1 and 2 millions).

Regarding mid-year estimates, it has to be noted that after each census CDSI has readjusted past figures for Saudi and non-Saudi populations, intercensal data as well as data for census years. Therefore, present data differ significantly from available census figures.

### **2. Institution which provides data**

Central Department of Statistics and Information (CDSI), Ministry and Economy and Planning/ General Authority for Statistics (GaStat)

### **3. Data availability**

Results of censuses conducted in 1992 and 2004 are available on the website of the General Authority for Statistics (<http://www.stats.gov.sa/en>), previously CDSI (<http://www.cdsi.gov.sa/>), in downloadable PDF format.

<http://www.stats.gov.sa/en/73>

<http://www.stats.gov.sa/ar/73>

Final results of 2010' census have been released in May 2016. However, figures of population published by GaStat for 2015 in the Annual Yearbook (<http://www.stats.gov.sa/en/46>) are calculated on the basis of the preliminary results of census 2010.

Mid-year estimates of population in Saudi Arabia since 1974 are available in Saudi Arabia Monetary Agency (SAMA) Annual Reports and Yearly Statistics: <http://www.sama.gov.sa/en-US/EconomicReports/Pages/YearlyStatistics.aspx>

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