

# Saudi Arabia: Population by nationality (Saudi/ non-Saudi), sex and relation to labour force (August 2016)

	In the labour force			Out of the labour force							Total	
	Employed	Unemployed	Total	In school or training	Housekeeping	Retired or Over age	Disability or handicap or health reasons	Unwillingness to work	Others	Total		
Saudis	Male	4,185,853	254,108	4,439,961	1,609,037	0	607,064	103,686	28,287	88,925	2,436,999	6,876,960
	Female	835,726	439,676	1,275,402	1,581,326	3,565,931	97,580	76,273	26,523	106,000	5,453,633	6,729,035
	Total	5,021,579	693,784	5,715,363	3,190,363	3,565,931	704,644	179,959	54,810	194,925	7,890,632	13,605,995
Non-Saudis	Male	6,708,562	38,858	6,747,420	369,575	0	34,574	31,688	3,346	44,055	483,238	7,230,658
	Female	646,558	19,169	665,727	240,991	1,923,158	16,125	15,331	26,816	27,314	2,249,735	2,915,462
	Total	7,355,120	58,027	7,413,147	610,566	1,923,158	50,699	47,019	30,162	71,369	2,732,973	10,146,120
Total	Male	10,894,415	292,966	11,187,381	1,978,612	0	641,638	135,374	31,633	132,980	2,920,237	14,107,618
	Female	1,482,284	458,845	1,941,129	1,822,317	5,489,089	113,705	91,604	53,339	133,314	7,703,368	9,644,497
	Total	12,376,699	751,811	13,128,510	3,800,929	5,489,089	755,343	226,978	84,972	266,294	10,623,605	23,752,115

source: GLMM calculations, based on the published results of Labour Force Survey 2016 (Q3).

## ANNEXED NOTE

### 1. Technical Notes and Definitions

**Sampling frame** of LFS 2016 Q3: Population Census 2010.

**Sample size:** 33,325 households

**Reference period:** August 2016

**Population of reference:** All the members of the households selected in the sample, including domestic helpers and the like who live in one house; Saudi and non-Saudi population, living in the Kingdom at the time of the survey.

**Employed population:** People (15+ years old) who did one of the following jobs during the reference period:

1. People who have been working for at least one hour for a salary or a wage (in cash or in kind)
  2. People who provided unpaid assistance for others for at least one hour in any type of business or farm owned by one member of the household;
  3. People who have been working for at least one hour for others without a wage or a profit (in cash or in kind) as volunteers;
  4. People who were temporarily absent from work throughout the week on leave for illness or for any other reason but they were scheduled to resume work.
- Workers include the students, job seekers, retirees, housewives, etc., who worked during the week preceding the visit for at least one hour, provided that this does not include household work.

Reference period for employment: The seven days preceding the interview date.

**Unemployed population:**

They are the individuals (15 years and over) who, during the reference

period:

1. Were workless during the week preceding the household visit;
2. Were seriously looking for work during the four weeks preceding the household visit (followed at least one method to find a job).  
Included under this category are those who did not search for work during the four weeks preceding the household visit because of waiting to get work or set up their own business during the coming period, given that they already have searched for work before the fixed time.
3. People who were able to work and ready to join it when available (i.e., available for work) during the week preceding the household visit.

**Economically inactive Population (Outside Labor Force):**

People (15+ years old) who are not classified under the labor force (unemployed) because they do not work, do not seek a job, unable to work, or are not ready to work during the survey reference period.

For example: Students, housewives, pensioners who do not work, individuals who are unable to work, individuals who do not want to work and those who do not seek any job for other reasons.

**2. Institution which provides data**

General Authority for Statistics (GASStat)

**3. Data availability**

Labour Force Surveys conducted since 1999 are available on the website of GASStat, in Excel and PDF formats.

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

Last date of access: July 2017.