

# Saudi Arabia: Total employed population by main group of economic activities (Q1 2021-Q1 2025)

	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	89,866	103,627	102,094	106,710	132,269	181,046	NA	354,795	521,309	540,603	139,654	142,402	164,292	203,475	204,897	290,672	341,690
Mining and quarrying	64,007	173,230	173,224	176,650	171,620	142,153	NA	141,816	146,455	157,758	160,780	166,204	173,925	186,826	197,474	220,458	218,088
Manufacturing	626,216	827,037	830,836	852,925	892,895	943,887	NA	1,033,933	1,086,782	1,123,456	1,184,551	1,211,398	1,298,422	1,341,920	1,386,764	1,515,096	1,576,431
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	37,403	78,442	77,763	78,129	79,442	40,157	NA	39,390	39,011	38,498	38,418	39,317	40,294	46,151	46,674	49,100	49,862
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	18,487	23,578	23,221	23,850	29,025	87,941	NA	106,556	122,329	129,086	152,013	156,994	138,035	168,219	173,128	180,363	179,481
Construction	1,803,570	2,029,594	1,996,612	2,058,439	2,152,344	2,453,723	NA	2,460,230	2,540,702	2,541,815	2,608,274	2,617,187	2,816,018	2,894,564	2,972,737	3,246,657	3,396,663
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1,426,482	1,828,219	1,813,880	1,790,879	1,820,040	1,719,838	NA	1,626,050	1,653,550	1,629,081	1,621,497	1,616,873	1,647,023	1,648,970	1,644,350	1,732,029	1,753,708
Transportation and storage	192,230	260,938	264,794	281,064	319,753	406,735	NA	439,565	459,542	467,109	494,242	503,243	550,184	566,981	592,765	756,106	780,243
Accommodation and food service activities	308,053	381,488	390,819	555,301	671,247	653,310	NA	675,154	694,182	686,139	686,468	673,976	681,367	679,540	673,835	708,196	714,084
Information and communication	38,608	78,762	80,821	82,149	84,090	123,491	NA	123,331	123,307	118,538	106,607	104,389	110,795	111,735	113,119	120,389	122,356
Financial and insurance activities	12,839	76,810	77,191	77,924	79,815	88,780	NA	91,291	92,274	92,610	93,314	95,184	96,478	96,916	98,607	100,115	101,500
Real estate activities	25,182	38,134	39,207	39,303	39,807	66,181	NA	54,627	55,674	54,738	53,671	52,808	54,389	53,981	53,303	55,646	56,703
Professional, scientific and technical activities	88,617	131,885	133,323	138,157	153,113	196,824	NA	213,687	225,340	228,288	234,837	242,103	250,588	255,021	263,531	273,228	277,561
Administrative and support service activities	883,841	976,024	946,426	977,737	1,012,678	1,141,367	NA	1,175,278	1,204,832	1,168,552	1,130,332	1,110,940	1,156,985	1,170,302	1,196,249	1,237,396	1,267,077
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	70,341	264,295	272,991	295,173	297,192	264,775	NA	266,467	267,708	271,363	278,501	284,829	289,434	282,128	289,351	295,254	300,533
Education	62,365	122,705	135,359	148,899	146,434	171,808	NA	180,694	184,775	177,190	194,591	197,448	202,219	188,489	207,694	294,727	292,239
Human health and social work activities	229,046	436,670	444,930	470,352	407,099	413,245	NA	440,396	452,352	443,553	448,359	448,222	453,900	448,912	457,315	463,194	466,499
Arts, entertainment and recreation	18,432	28,124	29,325	29,992	31,667	29,288	NA	32,338	33,509	32,748	32,242	32,069	32,572	32,671	33,166	40,961	41,689
Other service activities	174,281	210,010	208,242	209,986	244,155	257,284	NA	237,962	239,385	235,915	234,478	230,526	242,973	250,886	253,536	273,158	281,093
Activities of households as employer																	
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	110	145	148	224	246	106	NA	94	85	89	88	86	83	77	90	102	109
Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	404	1,575	1,627	1,748	1,854	844	NA	859	838	830	833	473	487	497	495	396	393
Not specified	131,412	118,878	115,552	143,717	329,694	158,839	NA	228,525	295,094	357,127	919,238	916,062	992,969	1,078,502	1,149,578	585,242	580,785
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,301,792</b>	<b>8,190,170</b>	<b>8,158,385</b>	<b>8,531,308</b>	<b>9,096,479</b>	<b>9,541,622</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>9,923,038</b>	<b>10,439,035</b>	<b>10,495,086</b>	<b>10,812,988</b>	<b>10,842,733</b>	<b>11,393,432</b>	<b>11,706,763</b>	<b>12,008,658</b>	<b>12,438,485</b>	<b>12,798,787</b>

**Source: Register-based Labour Market Statistics, General Authority for Statistics (GASat)**

## 1. Data collection methodology

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 a household telephone survey conducted by GASat. Employment data extracted from administrative records were also introduced as a complement to the results of Labour Force Surveys in Labour Market Statistics' publications, starting on Q1 2017.

**The present data is taken from administrative records.**

**Population of reference: workers subject to the rule of the General Organization of Social Insurance (GOSI):**

- contributors on the job who are subject to social insurance laws and regulations in the private and government sector;
- new contributors, and contributors who terminated their contribution to social insurance during the quarter.

**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, social insurance (GOSI) and domestic workers' 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 metadata section in report, and:

[https://database.stats.gov.sa/Methodologies/En\\_Documents/03\\_Labor%20Market%20Bulletin%20Methodology,%20Fourth%20Quarter%202020%20\\_%20General%20Authority%20for%20Statistics.pdf](https://database.stats.gov.sa/Methodologies/En_Documents/03_Labor%20Market%20Bulletin%20Methodology,%20Fourth%20Quarter%202020%20_%20General%20Authority%20for%20Statistics.pdf)

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**Classification of economic activities: Saudi Classification of Economic Activities, based on the International Standard Industrial Classification of all economic activities (ISIC4)**

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

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

General Authority for Statistics (GAsat)

## **3. Data availability**

Since 2021, GAsat has been publishing separately the employment data taken from administrative records, and unemployment/inactivity data as well as general indicators, calculated from the results of the field interviews conducted by GAsat (Labour Force Survey).

The time-series was built using the quarterly Register-based Labour Market Statistics for given quarters 2023-2025: available at:

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/statistics-tabs/-/categories/417515?tab=436312&category=417515>

Before 2023: available in the "archived data":

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/statistics?index=1317550>

"social statistics", and "labour force"

<https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/statistics-tabs?tab=436312&category=1333429>

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