Saudi Arabia: Saudi employed population by main group of economic activities (Q1 2021-Q3 2025)

	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Mining and quarrying	Manufacturing	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Transportation and storage	Accommodation and food service activities	Information and communication	Financial and insurance activities	Real estate activities	Professional, scientific and technical activities	Administrative and support service activities	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	Education	Human health and social work activities	Arts, entertainment and recreation	Other service activities	Activities of households as employer; Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies	Not specified	Total
Q1 2021	16,434	111,099	211,568	40,952	5,122	311,944	446,094	66,144	78,333	40,986	63,629	13,049	44,394	139,343	176,561	70,741	200,122	8,715	41,284	32	1,052	1,845	2,089,443
Q2 2021	16,266	111,003	213,760	41,032	5,272	286,699	445,969	67,453	74,799	41,119	64,199	13,581	44,560	131,967	186,072	64,313	202,540	9,287	42,481	31	1,155	1,780	2,065,338
Q3 2021	16,288	111,765	218,854	41,242	5,336	290,900	460,134	70,977	79,822	42,329	64,642	14,444	46,420	138,444	193,476	74,797	209,095	10,296	43,352	29	1,208	1,458	2,135,308
Q4 2021	16,527	114,420	225,917	41,596	5,567	302,768	460,682	75,606	115,570	44,093	65,029	14,883	49,857	140,659	211,419	80,054	219,344	10,435	43,627	28	1,314	1,417	2,240,812
Q1 2022	17,545	113,400	235,198	42,065	7,440	318,228	481,745	86,032	149,260	45,927	66,454	15,741	58,115	151,336	217,604	85,456	203,730	11,317	45,143	23	1,416	20,315	2,373,490
Q2 2022	22,812	101,644	235,459	33,641	18,351	347,865	431,257	107,796	141,452	73,918	71,940	24,677	84,006	189,804	201,819	96,668	201,222	10,666	41,985	7	594	5,370	2,442,953
Q3 2022	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Q4 2022	25,528	105,217	255,544	33,170	20,399	369,532	420,283	119,572	150,110	76,714	75,001	22,925	105,783	210,350	205,996	104,945	213,943	12,898	41,853	6	616	11,030	2,581,415
Q1 2023	26,194	107,031	276,313	32,695	21,415	368,016	424,734	124,173	151,043	75,783	75,752	23,438	113,405	205,473	209,334	106,346	218,978	13,245	41,170	7	606	16,037	2,631,188
Q2 2023	23,744	110,356	295,968	32,120	21,876	365,366	418,320	127,304	149,910	72,282	76,323	22,853	115,304	198,553	213,359	97,894	215,787	13,146	41,818	8	605	18,308	2,631,204
Q3 2023	19,576	111,606	324,340	31,581	25,171	380,329	413,349	130,760	149,285	61,123	76,772	22,207	118,852	191,886	221,569	110,781	222,718	13,246	41,982	12	615	29,037	2,696,797
Q4 2023	20,737	114,264	344,800	31,694	26,976	383,785	411,501	132,670	147,425	59,389	78,582	21,656	122,074	191,894	228,276	111,806	225,779	13,560	41,824	15	275	29,448	2,738,430
Q1 2024	20,800	115,960	358,716	31,494	22,660	397,613	405,746	137,440	143,828	62,968	79,611	21,685	124,267	191,069	232,997	111,648	227,989	13,744	41,983	14	278	28,175	2,770,685
Q2 2024	24,294	118,180	370,106	33,648	34,838	400,320	396,519	137,391	141,094	63,220	80,071	21,424	125,817	184,883	224,681	99,197	224,253	13,785	42,518	18	284	35,879	2,772,420
Q3 2024	23,941	119,694	379,981	33,513	35,760	410,273	391,102	141,228	137,053	63,984	81,715	21,146	131,526	186,654	232,226	114,745	232,126	14,085	42,371	22	284	36,810	2,830,239
Q4 2024	30,187	123,583	404,875	34,493	36,671	426,068	395,093	148,261	138,371	65,718	82,952	21,350	133,975	192,456	237,908	113,818	237,170	15,267	43,732	43	278	11,503	2,893,772
Q1 2025	32,364	122,979	408,164	34,625	36,645	434,440	392,019	151,111	137,153	67,436	84,296	21,932	135,926	191,971	243,205	112,356	238,680	15,452	43,903	50	277	10,916	2,915,900
Q2 2025	32,575	122,700	411,849	34,814	36,716	449,158	394,775	155,754	139,514	69,163	85,340	22,194	137,539	196,019	244,656	104,162	237,255	15,933	45,277	53	283	23,247	2,958,976
Q3 2025	20,824	115,280	347,264	33,325	22,395	419,541	406,914	165,341	141,903	99,766	88,018	29,011	137,664	246,605	241,538	140,402	256,974	18,194	44,348	52	282	28,477	3,004,118

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

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 GAStat. 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):
a. contributors on the job who are subject to social insurance laws and regulations in the private and government sector;
b. 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 GAStat 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
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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 (GAStat)

3. Data availability

Since 2021, GAStat 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 GAStat (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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