Saudi Arabia: Saudi employed population by occupation category (Q1 2021-Q2 2024)

	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
Managers	171,170	N.A.	174,655	178,279	160,094	171,786	N.A.	224,625	229,566	226,320	232,999	238,405	242,139	244,929	247,023	253,229	255,228
Professionals	441,456	N.A.	476,951	542,698	467,095	487,938	N.A.	699,468	724,064	734,689	788,396	811,369	836,756	823,212	876,449	911,583	931,328
Technicians and associate professionals	426,127	N.A.	426,307	441,778	365,196	372,246	N.A.	419,946	432,897	438,509	452,029	463,192	470,379	517,519	522,529	537,169	540,022
Clerical support workers	476,471	N.A.	469,195	469,128	374,126	396,166	N.A.	532,094	535,763	530,661	531,559	539,406	541,860	559,927	557,755	564,531	565,995
Service and sales workers	274,526	N.A.	294,921	310,589	265,893	272,745	N.A.	339,027	342,902	339,689	348,242	347,917	347,906	339,705	342,202	343,289	342,245
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	1,436	N.A.	1,386	1,427	1,047	1,024	N.A.	1,650	1,592	1,597	1,598	1,606	1,581	1,575	1,721	1,726	1,707
Craft and related trades workers	42,153	N.A.	42,992	44,001	33,087	38,163	N.A.	47,953	48,172	48,324	48,975	50,418	51,147	51,346	50,907	52,072	54,038
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	71,695	N.A.	73,584	75,335	60,527	59,311	N.A.	78,179	78,484	78,613	78,451	79,375	79,147	70,105	70,197	71,141	71,040
Elementary occupations	134,410	N.A.	134,833	136,359	102,343	97,466	N.A.	136,319	142,487	139,752	124,377	121,991	119,089	125,805	123,272	121,052	116,385
Other Occupations	37,979	N.A.	38,417	41,218	544,082	546,108	N.A.	102,154	95,261	93,050	90,171	84,751	80,681	38,297	38,184	37,980	37,912
Not specified	12,020	N.A.	2,067				N.A.										
Total	2,089,443	N.A.	2,135,308	2,240,812	2,373,490	2,442,953	N.A.	2,581,415	2,631,188	2,631,204	2,696,797	2,738,430	2,770,685	2,772,420	2,830,239	2,893,772	2,915,900

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
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

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 occupations: Saudi classification of occupations, based on ISCO-08.
https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/page/292
This classification was adopted in Q1 2021.

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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