Saudi Arabia: Saudi employed population by occupation category (Q1 2021-Q3 2025)

	Managers	Professionals	Technicians and associate professionals	Clerical support workers	Service and sales workers	Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	Craft and related trades workers	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	Elementary occupations	Other Occupations	Not specified	Total
Q1 2021	171,170	441,456	426,127	476,471	274,526	1,436	42,153	71,695	134,410	37,979	12,020	2,089,443
Q2 2021	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Q3 2021	174,655	476,951	426,307	469,195	294,921	1,386	42,992	73,584	134,833	38,417	2,067	2,135,308
Q4 2021	178,279	542,698	441,778	469,128	310,589	1,427	44,001	75,335	136,359	41,218	0	2,240,812
Q1 2022	160,094	467,095	365,196	374,126	265,893	1,047	33,087	60,527	102,343	544,082	0	2,373,490
Q2 2022	171,786	487,938	372,246	396,166	272,745	1,024	38,163	59,311	97,466	546,108	0	2,442,953
Q3 2022	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Q4 2022	224,625	699,468	419,946	532,094	339,027	1,650	47,953	78,179	136,319	102,154	0	2,581,415
Q1 2023	229,566	724,064	432,897	535,763	342,902	1,592	48,172	78,484	142,487	95,261	0	2,631,188
Q2 2023	226,320	734,689	438,509	530,661	339,689	1,597	48,324	78,613	139,752	93,050	0	2,631,204
Q3 2023	232,999	788,396	452,029	531,559	348,242	1,598	48,975	78,451	124,377	90,171	0	2,696,797
Q4 2023	238,405	811,369	463,192	539,406	347,917	1,606	50,418	79,375	121,991	84,751	0	2,738,430
Q1 2024	242,139	836,756	470,379	541,860	347,906	1,581	51,147	79,147	119,089	80,681	0	2,770,685
Q2 2024	244,929	823,212	517,519	559,927	339,705	1,575	51,346	70,105	125,805	38,297	0	2,772,420
Q3 2024	247,023	876,449	522,529	557,755	342,202	1,721	50,907	70,197	123,272	38,184	0	2,830,239
Q4 2024	253,229	911,583	537,169	564,531	343,289	1,726	52,072	71,141	121,052	37,980	0	2,893,772
Q1 2025	255,228	931,328	540,022	565,995	342,245	1,707	54,038	71,040	116,385	37,912	0	2,915,900
Q2 2025	266,901	943,372	547,821	578,814	340,672	1,719	54,867	71,715	115,262	37,833	0	2,958,976
Q3 2025	262,220	985,069	555,146	574,599	345,285	1,742	57,152	71,412	113,670	37,823	0	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 category:
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 occupations: Saudi classification of occupations, based on ISCO-08.
https://www.stats.gov.sa/en/classifications
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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