

Saudi Arabia: Saudi population by administrative region of residence (2011-2022)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Ar Riyadh	3,305,130	3,376,149	3,458,239	3,553,092	3,662,353	3,765,888	3,858,350	3,939,731	4,032,222	4,132,732	4,245,118	4,341,082	4,439,210
Makkah AL Mukarramah	3,077,186	3,143,642	3,220,353	3,309,457	3,411,883	3,509,532	3,597,076	3,674,514	3,762,757	3,858,847	3,966,569	4,059,151	4,153,723
Eastern Region	2,198,314	2,245,170	2,299,455	2,362,331	2,434,902	2,503,812	2,565,462	2,619,725	2,681,465	2,747,955	2,822,193	2,885,380	2,949,854
Aseer	1,085,911	1,108,194	1,133,777	1,163,522	1,197,499	1,230,126	1,259,150	1,284,979	1,314,421	1,346,378	1,382,430	1,413,144	1,444,688
AL Madinah AL Munawwarah	1,016,601	1,037,556	1,061,715	1,089,763	1,122,069	1,152,683	1,180,128	1,204,341	1,231,833	1,261,628	1,294,821	1,323,113	1,352,146
Jazan	751,557	767,174	785,113	805,976	829,893	852,717	873,097	891,118	911,672	934,067	959,274	980,751	1,002,779
AL Qaseem	694,563	708,993	725,612	744,872	767,117	788,220	807,053	823,666	842,541	863,265	886,335	906,102	926,490
Tabuk	483,844	493,568	504,780	517,758	532,753	546,914	559,538	570,591	583,145	596,694	611,785	624,511	637,601
Hail	397,348	405,527	414,907	425,836	438,429	450,344	461,046	470,430	481,125	492,755	505,682	516,643	527,885
AL Jawf	339,599	346,085	353,499	362,102	372,075	381,457	389,853	397,228	405,546	414,341	424,048	432,039	440,264
Najran	301,508	307,487	314,336	322,269	331,415	340,041	347,786	354,626	362,338	370,542	379,637	387,183	394,976
Northern Borders	207,384	211,450	216,161	221,596	227,856	233,788	239,060	243,709	248,972	254,571	260,800	265,989	271,358
AL Bahah	187,219	191,134	195,599	200,827	206,792	212,549	217,713	222,322	227,599	233,396	239,895	245,501	251,288
Total	14,046,164	14,342,129	14,683,546	15,079,401	15,535,036	15,968,071	16,355,312	16,696,980	17,085,636	17,507,171	17,978,587	18,380,669	18,792,262

Source: GStat, Saudi Arabia census 2022

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

Source: Saudi census 2022

Date of reference: 10 May 2022

Population of reference: Families and individual citizens and residents within the Kingdom, regardless of the status of their identification documents. Visitors for Hajj, Umrah and tourism are excluded from the census.

Methodology:

The first phase of the 2020 census began on 3 February 2020 (enumeration of buildings and households). Census 2022 used geospatial data, including satellite images, electricity consumption and mobile phone data, to improve the accuracy and geographic coverage of address canvassing.

The second stage ("actual enumeration") was due to start on the original reference date (17 March 2020), but was suspended by the outbreak of the COVID-19 crisis. This stage was conducted in October 2021.

The 2022 census used a **combined methodology** – administrative records, fieldwork and digital self-enumeration. Household data were collected from e-portals of self-enumeration (on residents' mobile devices, laptops or personal computers, or self-enumeration stations/kiosks, located in shopping centers). The digital self-enumeration process was complemented by face-to-

face interviews, using digital tablets.

Census 2022 used a *de jure* approach: enumerating people according to their usual place of residence.

Administrative data from multiple sources was used to cross-validate collected census data.

Census 2022 was designed as a launchpad for several new secure statistical data registers for population, housing, and businesses.

See census methodology in:

<https://portal.saudicensus.sa/portal/public/methodology>

Portal of the Saudi census:

<https://portal.saudicensus.sa/portal>

Population data for 2010-22 were revised and backcasted, based on 2022 population census and past years' administrative data.

Technical note on backcasting:

https://portal.saudicensus.sa/static-assets/media/content/20230529_Back-Casting%20Methodology.pdf?crafterSite=gastat-portal

2. Institution which provides data

General Authority for Statistics (GASat)

3. Data availability

The table was retrieved from the Saudi census portal on GASat website:

<https://portal.saudicensus.sa/portal>

“Population” section, then “data tables”-

<https://portal.saudicensus.sa/portal/public/1/15?type=TABLE>

Selected, pre-set tables can be downloaded from the thematic section.

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