Saudi Arabia: Some estimates of non-nationals by country of citizenship (selected countries, 2017-2018)

Country of citizenship		lower est.	upper est.
1	India	2,266,216	3,200,000
2	Pakistan	1,343,737	2,700,000
3	Bangladesh	1,157,072	2,100,000
4	Egypt	871,621	2,900,000
5	Syria	673,669	2,480,000
6	Yemen	697,296	> 700,000 (workers?)
7	Philippines	583,985	1,500,000-1,800,000
8	Indonesia	470,000	1,548,032
9	Nepal	455,905	
10	Sudan	435,810	470,000
11	Afghanistan	300,000 (workers)	435,810
12	Sri Lanka	200,000	650,000
13	Palestine (holders of travel documents)	n.a.	n.a.
14	Burma (Myanmar)	242,510	
15	Jordan	217,904	400,000
16	Ethiopia	148,753	>400,000
17	Lebanon	139,459	210,000

Source: Various (see endnote)

1. Data collection methodology;

Estimates have been collected from the UN database, from academic publications,

from Saudi press sources quoting Saudi officials, foreign diplomatic missions, and authorities from sending countries.
The exact origin of the estimate (stocks of expatriates or number of permit holders, or rough guess)

was not disclosed in most sources, nor was it inscribed in a specific time period

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