

Saudi Arabia: Total 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	230,763	852,578	972,261	529,855	565,568	40,459	1,045,838	770,741	3,313,262	38,977	30,933	8,391,235
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	232,739	891,661	939,505	518,655	563,320	37,359	936,825	718,087	3,153,076	39,350	127,808	8,158,385
Q4 2021	238,222	973,569	961,743	517,973	590,329	44,394	949,385	760,537	3,441,414	53,742	0	8,531,308
Q1 2022	216,672	894,147	833,738	418,057	554,231	41,435	865,403	704,568	3,677,448	890,780	0	9,096,479
Q2 2022	232,391	931,590	837,925	439,300	631,230	24,947	904,423	738,370	3,618,730	1,182,716	0	9,541,622
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	297,015	1,176,140	886,222	573,178	716,250	26,305	973,587	814,398	4,311,761	148,182	0	9,923,038
Q1 2023	315,833	1,361,927	960,587	585,074	819,939	33,705	1,157,565	1,029,608	4,022,345	152,452	0	10,439,035
Q2 2023	314,524	1,370,727	962,944	579,425	820,944	32,538	1,160,916	1,038,723	4,066,062	148,283	0	10,495,086
Q3 2023	330,625	1,472,328	977,733	578,982	861,702	31,426	1,275,983	1,071,391	4,075,973	136,845	0	10,812,988
Q4 2023	340,109	1,506,718	984,187	587,713	867,736	30,815	1,270,230	1,077,348	4,050,778	127,099	0	10,842,733
Q1 2024	354,622	1,565,546	1,007,469	590,766	902,905	27,642	1,300,515	1,157,003	4,367,373	119,591	0	11,393,432
Q2 2024	362,158	1,570,466	1,066,730	610,111	911,696	34,188	1,306,698	1,189,256	4,580,064	75,396	0	11,706,763
Q3 2024	369,811	1,644,870	1,078,664	608,927	925,609	35,319	1,296,351	1,228,552	4,748,348	72,207	0	12,008,658
Q4 2024	382,145	1,703,442	1,123,100	615,842	940,798	35,405	1,298,303	1,271,655	5,018,900	48,895	0	12,438,485
Q1 2025	388,795	1,739,151	1,130,800	618,575	954,097	35,136	1,304,189	1,304,554	5,274,705	48,785	0	12,798,787
Q2 2025	401,869	1,751,170	1,131,685	633,258	947,190	31,470	1,284,312	1,302,197	5,340,129	48,335	0	12,871,615
Q3 2025	403,522	1,828,571	1,142,305	630,611	971,103	22,971	1,284,250	1,333,897	5,564,531	45,008	0	13,226,769

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

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 GStat. 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 GStat 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 (GStat)

3. Data availability

Since 2021, GStat 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 GStat (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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