

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Ar Riyadh	6,224,033	6,551,735	6,867,853	7,294,753	7,489,799	7,933,711	8,271,126	8,275,538	8,030,674	7,979,262	8,422,408	8,175,378	8,591,748
Makkah AL Mukarramah	6,350,217	6,640,252	6,910,156	7,292,178	7,428,120	7,808,136	8,076,610	8,019,757	7,715,338	7,607,556	7,982,529	7,692,188	8,021,463
Eastern Region	3,647,910	3,833,419	4,015,832	4,256,947	4,379,894	4,636,295	4,835,564	4,853,790	4,746,614	4,740,235	4,989,327	4,879,962	5,125,254
AL Madinah AL Munawwarah	1,621,483	1,689,249	1,755,228	1,844,577	1,888,619	1,980,839	2,050,659	2,053,943	2,009,884	2,004,830	2,096,074	2,053,240	2,137,983
Aseer	1,469,841	1,529,057	1,588,898	1,666,269	1,713,764	1,796,865	1,863,056	1,879,189	1,863,690	1,876,328	1,958,677	1,943,532	2,024,285
Jazan	1,062,495	1,102,242	1,141,642	1,193,895	1,223,724	1,277,892	1,319,680	1,326,914	1,310,678	1,315,117	1,370,141	1,355,099	1,404,997
AL Qaseem	1,034,755	1,075,381	1,114,675	1,166,736	1,192,307	1,246,088	1,285,600	1,285,836	1,261,835	1,260,269	1,310,168	1,289,032	1,336,179
Tabuk	638,270	663,804	689,921	723,408	745,148	781,281	810,586	818,980	813,992	820,568	856,497	850,859	886,036
Hail	528,426	550,595	573,231	602,279	621,248	652,630	678,308	686,058	682,111	688,236	719,987	715,422	746,406
AL Jawf	444,672	461,187	477,818	499,207	512,630	535,411	553,527	558,052	554,005	557,379	579,446	574,894	595,822
Najran	423,831	442,261	460,802	484,876	499,520	525,201	545,958	551,172	545,320	548,237	574,344	567,533	592,300
Northern Borders	270,097	280,731	291,604	305,467	314,614	329,475	341,532	345,347	343,630	346,525	361,607	359,411	373,577
AL Bahah	262,457	271,954	281,201	293,412	299,886	312,558	321,992	322,779	318,510	319,257	331,305	327,833	339,174
Total	23,978,487	25,091,867	26,168,861	27,624,004	28,309,273	29,816,382	30,954,198	30,977,355	30,196,281	30,063,799	31,552,510	30,784,383	32,175,224

Source: GASat, 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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