

Saudi Arabia: Workers employed in the private sector, by country of citizenship (2022)

Country of citizenship	Number
Saudi Arabia	2,193,007
Algeria	2,001
Bahrain	4
Egypt	837,134
Iraq	1,312
Jordan	66,072
Kuwait	10
Lebanon	30,245
Libya	19
Mauritania	1,157
Morocco	18,028
Oman	7
Palestine	10,055
Pal. with Jordanian travel documents	26
Pal. with Syrian travel documents	1,004
Pal. with Iraqi travel documents	5
Pal. with Lebanese travel documents	1,296
Pal. with Egyptian travel documents	20,584
Qatar	3
Sudan	354,988
Syria	140,953
Tunisia	12,311
UAE	4
Yemen	840,881
Displaced tribes	24
Arab countries	2,338,123
Afghanistan	68,380
Azerbaijan	237
Bangladesh	1,748,060
Brunei	5
Cambodia	4
China	12,209
Hong Kong	

India	1,401,187
Indonesia	76,901
Iran	5
Japan	266
Kazakhstan	265
Kirgyzstan	167
Laos	9
Macau	1
Malaysia	962
Maldives	4
Myanmar	2,280
Myanmar/ holder of a Pakistani passport	6,227
Myanmar/ holder of a Bangladeshi passport	5,445
Myanmar/ resident	17,275
Nepal	311,846
Pakistan	1,214,314
Philippines	302,337
Singapore	133
South Korea	1,010
Sri Lanka	45,273
Taiwan	170
Tajikistan	87
Thailand	854
Turkey	21,033
Turkmenistan	29
Uzbekistan	364
Vietnam	462
Other countries/ residents	92
Asian countries	5,237,893
Angola	1
Benin	19
Botswana	4
Burkina Faso	448
Burundi	182
Cabo Verde	2
Cameroon	248
Central African Republic	1
Chad	6,075
Comoros	32
Congo	12
Djibouti	495
Equatorial Guinea	

Eritrea	13,500
Ethiopia	16,719
Gabon	3
Gambia	55
Ghana	8,440
Guinea	129
Guinea Bissau	2
Ivory Coast	147
Kenya	22,415
Lesotho	2
Liberia	8
Madagascar	4
Malawi	11
Mali	3,497
Mauritius	23
Mozambique	38
Namibia	2
Niger	2,297
Nigeria	10,651
Rwanda	135
Senegal	1,476
Seychelles	2
Sierra Leone	22
Somalia	10,759
South Africa	2,763
South-Sudan	12
Swaziland	2
Tanzania	688
Togo	12
Uganda	34,922
Zambia	243
Zimbabwe	346
Sub-Saharan African countries	136,844
Albania	63
Armenia	30
Austria	105
Belarus	38
Belgium	166
Bosnia	169
Bulgaria	44
Croatia	155
Cyprus	93
Czech Republic	50
Denmark	62

Estonia	9
Finland	34
France	1,793
Georgia	43
Germany	694
Greece	531
Hungary	57
Iceland	1
Ireland	596
Italy	935
Kosovo	11
Latvia	10
Lithuania	25
Luxembourg	37
Macedonia	4
Malta	11
Moldavia	6
Netherlands	347
Norway	40
Poland	216
Portugal	367
Romania	383
Russia	445
San Marino	1
Serbia and Montenegro	162
Slovakia	39
Slovenia	18
Spain	1,000
Sweden	196
Switzerland	100
UK	8,766
Ukraine	319
Europe	18,171
Argentina	136
Belize	10
Bolivia	17
Brazil	365
Canada	3,589
Chile	41
Colombia	328
Costa Rica	9
Cuba	7
Dominica	85
Dominican Republic	7

Ecuador	31
Guatemala	8
Haiti	1
Honduras	7
Jamaica	79
Mexico	235
Nicaragua	2
Panama	19
Peru	74
San Salvador	6
Surinam	2
Trinidad and Tobago	73
Uruguay	6
USA	5,990
Venezuela	410
Other	103
Americas	11,640
Australia	1,145
New Zealand	161
Oceania	1,312
Residents	143
Unspecified	13
Total foreign workers	7,744,139
Total workers	9,937,146

Source: Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development (MHRSD)

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

No metadata available. The administrative records used as a source of data is unmentioned.

The dataset is presumably based on Social Insurance (GOSI) records.

The category of “resident” presumably refers to de facto refugee populations granted residency permits in Saudi Arabia, such as some Rohingya refugees from Myanmar

(<https://english.alarabiya.net/News/gulf/2017/01/25/Over-190-000-Myanmar-nationals-granted-Saudi-residency>).

2. Institution which provides data

Saudi Arabia Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development (MHRSD)

3. Data availability

The raw dataset "Statistics of establishments and workers in the private sector for the year 2022"

<https://od.data.gov.sa/Data/en/dataset/statistics-of-establishments-and-workers-in-the-private-sector-2022/resource/4d5309c9-cc02-4772-ae8a-49859296ad62>

is only available in the Saudi government Open Data Portal –
<https://od.data.gov.sa/en>

https://od.data.gov.sa/Data/en/group/labor_market

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