

Saudi Arabia: Workers employed in the public and private sectors, by country of citizenship (2020)

	Civil service	Private sector	Total
Saudi Arabia	1,229,830	1,783,462	3,013,292
Algeria	277	1,685	1,962
Bahrain	6	4	10
Egypt	13,429	715,122	728,551
Iraq	9	1,260	1,269
Jordan	1,815	63,223	65,038
Kuwait	7	10	17
Lebanon	50	24,455	24,505
Libya	4	18	22
Mauritania	24	972	996
Morocco	85	14,042	14,127
Oman	3	7	10
Palestine	122	10,164	10,286
Pal. with Jordanian travel documents		25	25
Pal. with Syrian travel documents		944	944
Pal. with Iraqi travel documents		6	6
Pal. with Lebanese travel documents		1,247	1,247
Pal. with Egyptian travel documents		18,461	18,461
Qatar		3	3
Sudan	9,146	306,048	315,194
Syria	1,852	141,479	143,331
Tunisia	1,622	9,368	10,990
UAE	1	4	5
Yemen	672	682,857	683,529
Tribes		28	28
Arab countries	29,124	1,991,432	2,020,556
Afghanistan	10	66,128	66,138
Azerbaijan	4	145	149
Bangladesh	417	1,213,847	1,214,264
Brunei	1	4	5
Cambodia		7	7
China	27	13,443	13,470
Hong Kong		2	2
India	8,090	1,337,126	1,345,216
Indonesia	194	72,628	72,822

Iran		5	5
Japan	2	300	302
Kazakhstan	1	226	227
Kirgyzstan		52	52
Laos		12	12
Malaysia	139	1,008	1,147
Maldives		3	3
Myanmar		4,187	4,187
Myanmar/ holder of a Pakistani passport		5,175	5,175
Myanmar/ holder of a Bangladeshi passport		4,611	4,611
Myanmar/ resident		15,924	15,924
Nepal	2	253,900	253,902
Pakistan	3,055	1,005,099	1,008,154
Philippines	5,772	329,496	335,268
Singapore	3	122	125
South Korea	13	799	812
Sri Lanka	9	41,735	41,744
Taiwan		159	159
Tajikistan		55	55
Thailand	1	824	825
Turkey	39	25,933	25,972
Turkmenistan		38	38
Uzbekistan	4	156	160
Vietnam		619	619
Asian countries	17,783	4,393,768	4,411,551
Benin		20	20
Botswana		3	3
Burkina Faso		470	470
Burundi		63	63
Cabo Verde		5	5
Cameroon	4	199	203
Chad	2	4,896	4,898
Comoros	3	42	45
Congo		6	6
Djibouti	6	470	476
Equatorial Guinea		1	1
Eritrea	1	13,191	13,192
Ethiopia	7	18,914	18,921
Gabon		3	3
Gambia		21	21
Ghana	7	5,344	5,351
Guinea	1	152	153
Guinea Bissau		3	3
Ivory Coast	2	152	154

Kenya	5	7,929	7,934
Liberia		11	11
Madagascar		6	6
Mali	2	3,054	3,056
Mauritius		16	16
Mozambique		44	44
Namibia		2	2
Niger		1,887	1,887
Nigeria	266	6,087	6,353
Rwanda		25	25
Senegal	3	1,083	1,086
Seychelles		2	2
Sierra Leone	3	25	28
Somalia	25	10,846	10,871
South Africa	23	2,398	2,421
South-Sudan		18	18
Swaziland		1	1
Tanzania	2	512	514
Togo	1	9	10
Uganda	2	9,970	9,972
Zambia		96	96
Zimbabwe		189	189
SS African countries	365	88,165	88,530
Albania		50	50
Armenia		10	10
Austria		84	84
Belarus		19	19
Belgium	4	161	165
Bosnia	3	72	75
Bulgaria		34	34
Croatia		167	167
Cyprus		86	86
Czech Republic	3	59	62
Denmark	5	62	67
Estonia		2	2
Finland	1	28	29
France	51	1,517	1,568
Georgia		39	39
Germany	32	598	630
Greece	19	472	491
Hungary	1	37	38
Iceland		1	1
Ireland	17	536	553
Italy	7	783	790
Kosovo		14	14
Latvia		6	6

Lithuania		16	16
Luxembourg		3	3
Macedonia		22	22
Malta		12	12
Moldavia		3	3
Netherlands	9	317	326
Norway	3	33	36
Poland	2	175	177
Portugal		265	265
Romania	9	367	376
Russia	38	251	289
Serbia and Montenegro		59	59
Slovakia		46	46
Slovenia		7	7
Spain	3	796	799
Sweden	9	144	153
Switzerland		82	82
UK	229	7,906	8,135
Ukraine	2	222	224
Europe	447	15,563	16,010
Argentina	3	52	55
Belize		10	10
Bolivia		10	10
Brazil	1	230	231
Canada	212	3,497	3,709
Chile		25	25
Colombia	1	247	248
Costa Rica		8	8
Cuba	207	3	210
Dominica		33	33
Dominican Republic		4	4
Ecuador		22	22
Guatemala		7	7
Haiti		1	1
Honduras		3	3
Jamaica		89	89
Mexico		159	159
Nicaragua		1	1
Panama			0
Peru		23	23
San Salvador		9	9
Surinam		3	3
Trinidad and Tobago		54	54
Uruguay		4	4
USA	192	6,690	6,882
Venezuela	1	435	436

Other		67	67
Americas	617	11,686	12,303
Australia	48	960	1,008
New Zealand	8	140	148
Oceania	56	1,100	1,156
Residents		216	216
Unspecified	56	25	81
Total foreign workers	48,448	6,501,955	6,550,403
Total workers	1,278,278	8,285,417	9,563,695

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

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

Data do not include employees in the security and military sectors.

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

The original dataset's title ("Manpower in the Public sector during year 2020"), could be misleading.

When compared to the results of GAsat Labour Market Statistics for Q4 of 2020, the totals of foreign workers

in the "public" sector (48,448) were closer to the LFS's figures of foreign workers in the Civil Service (48,874),

than to the figures of foreign workers in the government sector (122,416).

It is thus likely that MHRSD's figures of workers in the "Public" sector are referring to Civil service workers,

hence the heading of column B.

The foreign workers subscribing to the Social Insurance (GOSI) and working for the public sector are thus

not included in the figure of workers (Saudis and non-Saudis) (respectively, 280,781 Saudi and 73,542 non-Saudi workers

according to LFS Q4 2020).

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

Datasets: "Manpower in the government sector during year 2020" (individual data)

(<https://data.gov.sa/Data/ar/dataset/manpower-in-public-sector-during-year-2020>)

and "Statistics of establishments and workers in the private sector for the year 2020" .

(<https://data.gov.sa/Data/ar/dataset/statistics-of-establishments-and-workers-in-the-private-sector-for-the-year-2020>).

Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development (MHRSD), in:

MHRSD "Open data" section

(<https://data.gov.sa/Data/en/organization/hrsdgov?page=2>).

or: Saudi government Open Data Portal – DATA.GOV.SA, Labor data.

Datasets are in Arabic only.

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