

Saudi Arabia: Workers employed in the public and private sectors, by country of citizenship (2021)

Country of citizenship	Civil service	Private sector	TOTAL
Saudi Arabia	1,207,858	1,921,395	3,129,253
Algeria	261	1,717	1,978
Bahrain	5	4	9
Egypt	12,516	721,573	734,089
Iraq	9	1,281	1,290
Jordan	1,687	64,664	66,351
Kuwait	6	9	15
Lebanon	50	27,205	27,255
Libya	4	19	23
Mauritania	24	1,040	1,064
Morocco	83	15,034	15,117
Oman	1	7	8
Palestine	111	10,267	10,378
Pal. with Jordanian travel documents		29	29
Pal. with Syrian travel documents		969	969
Pal. with Iraqi travel documents		5	5
Pal. with Lebanese travel documents		1,265	1,265
Pal. with Egyptian travel documents		19,478	19,478
Qatar		3	3
Sudan	9,050	327,195	336,245
Syria	1,795	141,044	142,839
Tunisia	1,627	10,314	11,941
UAE	1	4	5
Yemen	630	738,116	738,746
Tribes		29	29
Arab countries	27,860	2,081,271	2,109,131
Afghanistan	7	65,863	65,870
Azerbaijan	3	232	235
Bangladesh	397	1,349,451	1,349,848
Brunei	1	6	7
Cambodia		7	7
China	22	13,548	13,570
Hong Kong		1	1
India	7,827	1,225,852	1,233,679
Indonesia	189	60,937	61,126

Iran		5	5
Japan	2	257	259
Kazakhstan	1	243	244
Kirgyzstan		76	76
Laos		12	12
Malaysia	118	938	1,056
Maldives		3	3
Myanmar		4,090	4,090
Myanmar/ holder of a Pakistani passport		5,050	5,050
Myanmar/ holder of a Bangladeshi passport		4,494	4,494
Myanmar/ resident		15,418	15,418
Nepal	2	284,794	284,796
Pakistan	2,937	950,795	953,732
Philippines	5,572	315,822	321,394
Singapore	2	128	130
South Korea	12	868	880
Sri Lanka	6	40,435	40,441
Taiwan		160	160
Tajikistan		67	67
Thailand	1	798	799
Turkey	33	22,850	22,883
Turkmenistan		33	33
Uzbekistan	5	271	276
Vietnam		516	516
Asian countries	17,137	4,364,020	4,381,157
Angola		2	2
Benin		20	20
Botswana		4	4
Burkina Faso		445	445
Burundi		59	59
Cabo Verde		2	2
Cameroon	4	221	225
Central Africa		1	1
Chad	2	5,337	5,339
Comoros	2	39	41
Congo		11	11
Djibouti	3	473	476
Equatorial Guinea		1	1
Eritrea	1	13,343	13,344
Ethiopia	6	18,044	18,050
Gabon		3	3
Gambia		25	25
Ghana	6	6,378	6,384
Guinea	1	140	141
Guinea Bissau		2	2

Ivory Coast	3	145	148
Kenya	5	20,871	20,876
Liberia		8	8
Madagascar		5	5
Malawi		6	6
Mali	2	3,244	3,246
Mauritius		18	18
Mozambique		43	43
Namibia		2	2
Niger		2,058	2,058
Nigeria	280	7,775	8,055
Rwanda		90	90
Senegal	3	1,380	1,383
Seychelles		2	2
Sierra Leone	3	23	26
Somalia	22	10,846	10,868
South Africa	24	2,431	2,455
South-Sudan		15	15
Swaziland		1	1
Tanzania	2	542	544
Togo	1	12	13
Uganda	2	26,406	26,408
Zambia		139	139
Zimbabwe		216	216
SS African countries	372	120,828	121,200
Albania		58	58
Armenia		18	18
Austria		97	97
Belarus		24	24
Belgium	4	161	165
Bosnia	3	85	88
Bulgaria		32	32
Croatia		161	161
Cyprus		81	81
Czech Republic	1	57	58
Denmark	5	65	70
Estonia		7	7
Finland	1	31	32
France	49	1,594	1,643
Georgia		43	43
Germany	30	614	644
Greece	19	500	519
Hungary	1	44	45
Iceland		1	1
Ireland	13	539	552
Italy	6	828	834

Kosovo		9	9
Latvia		9	9
Lithuania		19	19
Luxembourg		3	3
Macedonia		20	20
Malta		11	11
Moldavia		3	3
Netherlands	4	338	342
Norway	3	37	40
Poland	1	191	192
Portugal		286	286
Romania	9	337	346
Russia	34	304	338
Serbia and Montenegro		74	74
Slovakia		38	38
Slovenia		7	7
Spain	3	845	848
Sweden	6	148	154
Switzerland		89	89
UK	203	8,022	8,225
Ukraine	2	365	367
Europe	397	16,195	16,592
Argentina	3	69	72
Belize		9	9
Bolivia		10	10
Brazil		254	254
Canada	202	3,450	3,652
Chile		32	32
Colombia	1	270	271
Costa Rica		10	10
Cuba	198	6	204
Dominica		47	47
Dominican Republic		6	6
Ecuador		27	27
Guatemala		7	7
Haiti		1	1
Honduras		7	7
Jamaica		85	85
Mexico		169	169
Nicaragua		1	1
Panama		18	18
Peru		43	43
San Salvador		7	7
Surinam		3	3
Trinidad and Tobago		52	52
Uruguay		3	3

USA	171	5,956	6,127
Venezuela	1	411	412
Other		87	87
Americas	576	11,040	11,616
Australia	45	954	999
New Zealand	7	145	152
Oceania	52	1,102	1,154
Residents		206	206
Unspecified	61	15	76
Total foreign workers	46,455	6,594,677	6,641,132
Total workers	1,254,313	8,516,072	9,770,385

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 GASTat Labour Market Statistics for Q4 of 2021, the totals of foreign workers

in the "public" sector (46,455) were closer to the LFS's figures of foreign workers in the Civil Service (46,317),

than to the figures of foreign workers in the government sector (98,880).

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, 330,737 Saudi and 116,318 non-Saudi workers

according to LFS Q4 2021).

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 Public sector during year 2021" (individual data)

(<https://data.gov.sa/Data/ar/dataset/government-sector-employees-2021>)

and "Statistics of establishments and workers in the private sector for the year 2021" .

(<https://data.gov.sa/Data/ar/dataset/statistics-of-establishments-and-workers-in-the-private-sector-2021>).

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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