

Saudi Arabia: year-on-year growth rate of the total population by administrative region of residence (2011-2022)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Ar Riyadh	5.3%	4.8%	6.2%	2.7%	5.9%	4.3%	0.1%	-3.0%	-0.6%	5.6%	-2.9%	5.1%
Makkah AL Mukarramah	4.6%	4.1%	5.5%	1.9%	5.1%	3.4%	-0.7%	-3.8%	-1.4%	4.9%	-3.6%	4.3%
Eastern Region	5.1%	4.8%	6.0%	2.9%	5.9%	4.3%	0.4%	-2.2%	-0.1%	5.3%	-2.2%	5.0%
Al Madinah AL Munawwarah	4.2%	3.9%	5.1%	2.4%	4.9%	3.5%	0.2%	-2.1%	-0.3%	4.6%	-2.0%	4.1%
Aseer	4.0%	3.9%	4.9%	2.9%	4.8%	3.7%	0.9%	-0.8%	0.7%	4.4%	-0.8%	4.2%
Jazan	3.7%	3.6%	4.6%	2.5%	4.4%	3.3%	0.5%	-1.2%	0.3%	4.2%	-1.1%	3.7%
Al Qaseem	3.9%	3.7%	4.7%	2.2%	4.5%	3.2%	0.0%	-1.9%	-0.1%	4.0%	-1.6%	3.7%
Tabuk	4.0%	3.9%	4.9%	3.0%	4.8%	3.8%	1.0%	-0.6%	0.8%	4.4%	-0.7%	4.1%
Hail	4.2%	4.1%	5.1%	3.1%	5.1%	3.9%	1.1%	-0.6%	0.9%	4.6%	-0.6%	4.3%
Al Jawf	3.7%	3.6%	4.5%	2.7%	4.4%	3.4%	0.8%	-0.7%	0.6%	4.0%	-0.8%	3.6%
Najran	4.3%	4.2%	5.2%	3.0%	5.1%	4.0%	1.0%	-1.1%	0.5%	4.8%	-1.2%	4.4%
Northern Borders	3.9%	3.9%	4.8%	3.0%	4.7%	3.7%	1.1%	-0.5%	0.8%	4.4%	-0.6%	3.9%
Al Bahah	3.6%	3.4%	4.3%	2.2%	4.2%	3.0%	0.2%	-1.3%	0.2%	3.8%	-1.0%	3.5%
Total	4.6%	4.3%	5.6%	2.5%	5.3%	3.8%	0.1%	-2.5%	-0.4%	5.0%	-2.4%	4.5%

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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