UAE: Percentage distribution of total employed population (aged 15 and above) by sex and major occupation category (2023)

	Emiratis			Non-Emiratis			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Managers	NA	NA	**NA**	NA	NA	**NA**	11.4%	11.8%	**11.5%**
Professionals	NA	NA	**NA**	NA	NA	**NA**	11.8%	24.3%	**14.7%**
Technicians and Associate Professionals	NA	NA	**NA**	NA	NA	**NA**	9.6%	13.4%	**10.5%**
Clerical Support Workers	NA	NA	**NA**	NA	NA	**NA**	4.1%	8.6%	**5.1%**
Services and Sales Workers	NA	NA	**NA**	NA	NA	**NA**	14.5%	10.8%	**13.7%**
Skilled Agriculteral, Forestry and Fishery Workers	NA	NA	**NA**	NA	NA	**NA**	1.3%	0.0%	**1.0%**
Craft and Related Trades Workers	NA	NA	**NA**	NA	NA	**NA**	19.7%	0.5%	**15.3%**
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	NA	NA	**NA**	NA	NA	**NA**	8.8%	0.7%	**7.0%**
Elementary Occupations	NA	NA	**NA**	NA	NA	**NA**	17.0%	26.6%	**19.2%**
Not Stated	NA	NA	**NA**	NA	NA	**NA**	1.7%	3.2%	**2.0%**
Total	NA	NA	**NA**	NA	NA	**NA**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**

Source: Federal Competitiveness and Statistitics Center (FCSC), Labour Force Survey 2023

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Characteristics of data, definitions and population counting operations in the UAE

Since 2016, the UAE Federal Competitiveness and Statistitics Center (FCSC) resumed the implementation of Labour Force Surveys. The last one was conducted in 2009.

Methodology:
Labour Force Surveys are based on field surveys.

Definition of employed person:
“15 years old and above, who have worked in the week prior the interview at least one hour for payment”.

No more metadata and methodological indications for the current Labour Force Surveys are available.
https://fcsc.gov.ae/methodology/

Classification of occupations used: International Standard of Occupation ISCO 08

Since 2020, Labour Force Surveys’ publications stopped including data disaggregated by nationality (national/non-national).

2. Institution which provides data

Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Centre (FCSC)
https://fcsc.gov.ae/

3. Data availability

The data is taken from the “Demography and Social” section of FCSC’s website
https://fcsc.gov.ae/#report-tvDetails
then “labour force”
https://fcsc.gov.ae/uae-stat-sub-category/?label=Labor%20Force&value=0%7CLabour%20Force%23LFS_LF%23
The results of 2008, 2009, 2016 to 2023 Labour Force Surveys are available (in Excel format) inthe section
2023 report: last year available on FCSC website as of the date of reference below.

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