

UAE: Total labour force in the private sector (2017-2022)

	Total
2017	5,012,634
2018	4,980,272
2019	5,094,407
2020	4,799,196
2021	4,910,110
2022	5,477,366

Source: Labour Market Information System, Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation (MoHRE)

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Characteristics of data:

The figures pertain to the number of Emiratis and foreign nationals registered with the MoHRE, as **employed** in the UAE private sector.

The **labour force** includes all economically active individuals in the community, whether they are already working or looking for work

Employed persons: Individuals who are already engaged in productive work: it includes individual who are employed, even if they do not work because of illness or injury,

holiday or for irregular work at the facilities in which they work for temporary or incidental reasons. This category also includes full-time and part-time workers.

Unemployed: Individuals who are able to work and wishing to do so, were still searching jobs during the survey. This category includes the unemployed who never entered the labour market,

and who have previously worked and had to leave their jobs for any reason as a result of labour market conditions.

<https://www.mohre.gov.ae/en/definitions.aspx>

Reference period: end of year.

Workers employed in the Free Zones are not included in the figures.

Total figures published during past years may have been readjusted by MoHRE in this dataset.

2. Institution which provides data:

Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation (MOHRE):
<http://www.mohre.gov.ae/en/home.aspx>

3. Data availability:

The data is taken from the “open data” section of MoHRE website:

<https://www.mohre.gov.ae/en/data-library/statistical-report.aspx>

Data is downloadable in Excel (.csv) format, for the current year.

Past years: data for 2011-2019 is available in a raw dataset

<https://www.mohre.gov.ae/handlers/download.ashx?YXNzZXQ9NjAzNw==>

No archive of data available for the period 2020-2021, as of Decembre 2022.

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