

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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Agriculture	35,930	35,762	34,643	N.A.	23,443	28,009
Fishing	10,997	10,510	9,806	N.A.	9,350	11,668
Mining and quarrying	66,209	64,552	60,493	N.A.	13,986	8,300
Manufacturing	473,691	462,966	468,916	N.A.	572,390	660,863
Electricity, gas and water supply	7,526	7,661	7,358	N.A.	9,672	9,455
Construction	1,711,761	1,682,416	1,641,724	N.A.	1,301,359	1,386,498
Trade and repair services	1,121,742	1,095,026	1,103,915	N.A.	1,041,800	1,129,192
Hotels and restaurants	235,549	237,990	249,867	N.A.	256,506	286,935
Transport, storage and communications	368,331	350,413	353,485	N.A.	283,709	297,330
Financial intermediation	71,167	72,948	72,075	N.A.	64,012	77,246
Business activities	593,792	610,943	649,245	N.A.	908,158	1,068,497
Education	87,876	91,628	93,152	N.A.	69,158	67,495
Health and social work	82,714	87,664	90,028	N.A.	76,197	84,846
Social and personal services	154,494	158,934	193,527	N.A.	233,988	306,913
Public administration		1,371	5,824	N.A.		51,253
Extraterritorial organizations	45	52	55	N.A.		
Private households	24	21	23	N.A.		
Undefined/other activities	17,502	25,047	60,647	N.A.	39,884	2,866
Total	5,039,350	4,995,904	5,094,783	4,799,196	4,903,612	5,477,366

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

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Characteristics of data:

The figures pertain to the number of workers registered in the UAE's private sector, with the MoHRE.

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

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

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.

Reference period: end of year.

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

Classification of activities: ISIC rev. 3.1

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?YXNzZXQ9NjAzNQ==>

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

Total figures published in the 2011-2019 dataset may have been readjusted by MoHRE in later publications.

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