

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

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

**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 Emiratization (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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