

UAE: Total labour force in the private sector by economic activity and Emirate (2011)

	Dubai	Abu Dhabi	Sharjah	Ajman	Ras Al Khaimah	Fujairah	Um Al Quwain	Total
Agriculture	10,093	13,909	435	101	449	195	22	25,204
Fishing	1,713	1,504	2,041	826	1,803	1,059	856	9,802
Mining and quarrying	3,453	52,200	742	106	178	1,977	24	58,680
Manufacturing	151,968	88,592	95,165	43,617	13,746	8,704	8,771	410,563
Electricity, gas and water supply	1,336	1,971	195	881	282	125	631	5,421
Construction	552,848	612,235	162,148	57,692	39,199	22,039	8,426	1,454,587
Trade and repair services	461,607	199,325	134,289	36,859	24,592	17,172	4,980	878,824
Hotels and restaurants	65,904	39,677	19,052	6,935	5,215	4,281	1,757	142,821
Transport, storage and communications	137,972	76,837	20,633	4,748	5,295	8,171	1,111	254,767
Financial intermediation	30,294	10,918	6,838	466	350	456	238	49,560
Business activities	162,442	150,600	26,991	7,302	5,630	3,462	592	357,019
Education	22,835	16,972	9,343	2,919	1,561	893	269	54,792
Health and social work	18,953	12,622	4,155	1,190	513	654	220	38,307
Social and personal services	34,897	41,129	17,714	5,343	5,440	2,917	992	108,432
Public administration								
Extraterritorial organizations	16							16
Private households		12	5					17
Undefined/other activities	3,334	192	115	13	203	22		3,879
Total	1,659,665	1,318,695	499,861	168,998	104,456	72,127	28,889	3,852,691

Source: GLMM's elaboration, based on data from the Labour Market Information System, Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation (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>

These data for 2011-2019 are available in a raw dataset downloadable in Excel (.csv) format.

<https://www.mohre.gov.ae/handlers/download.ashx?YXNzZXQ9NjAzNQ==>

Distributions of private sector workers by activity available for the period 2020-2022 are not disaggregated by Emirate.

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

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