

UAE: Total labour force in the private sector by economic activity and Emirate (2015)

	Dubai	Abu Dhabi	Sharjah	Ajman	Ras Al Khaimah	Fujairah	Um Al Quwain	Total
Agriculture	15,133	18,149	332	114	479	238	31	34,476
Fishing	1,799	1,743	2,364	1,140	1,771	1,209	912	10,938
Mining and quarrying	2,950	61,088	816	228	146	3,429	29	68,686
Manufacturing	180,015	99,197	104,023	52,201	15,265	8,991	11,553	471,245
Electricity, gas and water supply	2,017	2,633	209	1,178	365	125	690	7,217
Construction	716,914	543,491	171,543	71,843	39,989	24,837	9,592	1,578,209
Trade and repair services	626,905	229,702	145,441	45,676	28,385	20,311	6,490	1,102,910
Hotels and restaurants	107,030	59,652	23,349	9,939	7,163	4,150	2,258	213,541
Transport, storage and communications	208,947	97,778	23,308	6,917	7,577	11,283	1,459	357,269
Financial intermediation	44,152	13,561	6,294	522	465	403	173	65,570
Business activities	277,897	200,935	29,601	10,646	7,452	3,506	918	530,955
Education	34,109	22,688	12,162	3,893	1,670	1,337	389	76,248
Health and social work	31,046	27,983	5,723	1,748	845	1,172	183	68,700
Social and personal services	52,434	52,043	20,520	6,866	6,336	3,543	1,112	142,854
Public administration								
Extraterritorial organizations	16	1	3					20
Private households		22	13					35
Undefined/other activities	4,427	563	156	19	187	60		5,412
Total	2,305,791	1,431,229	545,857	212,930	118,095	84,594	35,789	4,734,285

Source: GLMM's elaboration, based on data from the 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>

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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