

UAE: Total labour force in the private sector by economic activity and Emirate (2019)

	Dubai	Abu Dhabi	Sharjah	Ajman	Ras Al Khaimah	Fujairah	Um Al Quwain	Total
Agriculture	20,099	13,429	312	167	436	179	21	34,643
Fishing	1,615	1,345	2,450	816	1,539	1,225	816	9,806
Mining and quarrying	3,149	51,537	629	224	321	4,570	63	60,493
Manufacturing	180,859	94,154	102,855	50,238	14,046	8,292	18,472	468,916
Electricity, gas and water supply	1,872	2,233	411	1,337	430	209	866	7,358
Construction	868,433	420,654	187,508	81,094	42,808	28,122	13,105	1,641,724
Trade and repair services	631,670	219,403	147,737	49,043	27,856	21,236	6,970	1,103,915
Hotels and restaurants	120,805	71,456	27,251	12,836	9,230	5,411	2,878	249,867
Transport, storage and communications	207,507	92,700	25,976	7,659	7,543	10,374	1,726	353,485
Financial intermediation	48,531	15,822	6,347	458	482	297	138	72,075
Business activities	362,671	223,812	33,310	14,510	8,430	4,702	1,810	649,245
Education	39,615	28,655	15,606	5,013	1,956	1,660	647	93,152
Health and social work	39,560	37,024	7,452	3,053	1,216	1,420	303	90,028
Social and personal services	78,522	70,064	22,713	9,815	7,113	4,031	1,269	193,527
Public administration	3,248	1,520	441	490	46	40	39	5,824
Extraterritorial organizations	28	1	26					55
Private households	6	10	7					23
Undefined/other activities	16,919	38,000	3,176	1,671	624	186	71	60,647
Total	2,625,109	1,381,819	584,207	238,424	124,076	91,954	49,194	5,094,783

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 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>

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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