

# [UAE: Total labour force in the private sector by economic activity and sex \(2011-2019\)](#)

	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Agriculture	24,627	577	26,009	722	27,080	911	33,013	1,349	33,214	1,262	31,740	858	35,020	910	34,813	949	33,935	708
Fishing	9,793	9	10,316	4	10,221	3	10,815	4	10,934	4	11,084	4	10,983	14	10,492	18	9,786	20
Mining and quarrying	56,638	2,042	61,455	2,146	61,397	2,378	64,534	2,774	65,856	2,830	64,071	2,823	63,480	2,729	61,792	2,760	57,551	2,942
Manufacturing	399,782	10,781	410,821	11,110	407,088	11,452	442,906	12,767	458,059	13,186	458,826	13,219	460,295	13,396	449,572	13,394	454,997	13,919
Electricity, gas and water supply	5,240	181	5,395	188	5,690	185	6,217	224	6,986	231	7,459	242	7,280	246	7,411	250	7,111	247
Construction	1,436,561	18,026	1,418,225	18,821	1,332,186	19,785	1,448,774	23,454	1,552,772	25,437	1,607,056	26,153	1,683,973	27,788	1,653,737	28,679	1,609,864	31,860
Trade and repair services	796,428	82,396	840,694	92,451	856,674	98,939	940,591	113,016	982,774	120,136	990,873	123,167	997,025	124,717	972,262	122,764	978,479	125,436
Hotels and restaurants	127,709	15,112	141,771	18,181	151,234	20,794	173,954	24,067	187,651	25,890	198,075	27,270	207,387	28,162	209,489	28,501	219,558	30,309
Transport, storage and communications	243,876	10,891	261,239	12,264	277,680	13,372	316,931	15,201	341,222	16,047	352,618	15,902	351,898	16,433	333,756	16,657	336,520	16,965
Financial intermediation	36,623	12,937	37,776	13,862	39,326	14,626	43,440	16,304	47,469	18,101	48,964	18,666	51,458	19,709	52,508	20,440	51,166	20,909
Business activities	311,656	45,363	341,731	50,972	365,065	57,356	418,023	69,714	452,255	78,700	468,106	83,654	501,039	92,753	511,149	99,794	537,808	111,437
Education	24,935	29,857	25,725	34,857	26,374	36,322	28,799	42,217	29,913	46,335	30,972	51,161	32,186	55,690	32,131	59,497	31,366	61,786
Health and social work	19,518	18,789	21,727	22,047	24,018	25,129	27,859	30,817	32,000	36,700	35,162	41,957	37,398	45,316	38,979	48,685	38,899	51,129
Social and personal services	84,255	24,177	88,664	28,866	90,739	31,564	99,361	36,483	103,853	39,001	107,016	41,165	110,723	43,771	115,365	43,569	146,013	47,514
Public administration															1,103	268	4,682	1,142
Extraterritorial organizations	11	5	14	11	17	9	7	10	8	12	13	21	15	30	21	31	23	32
Private households	17		20		26		33		34	1	30	1	22	2	19	2	22	1
Undefined/other activities	3,456	423	3,658	516	3,833	673	4,231	838	4,434	978	16,010	1,749	15,299	2,203	22,184	2,863	55,731	4,916
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,581,125</b>	<b>271,566</b>	<b>3,695,240</b>	<b>307,018</b>	<b>3,678,648</b>	<b>333,498</b>	<b>4,059,488</b>	<b>389,239</b>	<b>4,309,434</b>	<b>424,851</b>	<b>4,428,075</b>	<b>448,012</b>	<b>4,565,481</b>	<b>473,869</b>	<b>4,506,783</b>	<b>489,121</b>	<b>4,573,511</b>	<b>521,272</b>

**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 sex.

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

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