

UAE: Total labour force in the private sector by occupation (2011-2022)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Managers	85,314	96,211	109,415	128,108	143,732	153,421	165,686	175,018	198,765	N.A.	239,231	290,410
Professionals	237,610	254,818	275,785	322,765	367,499	394,816	420,913	436,397	455,044	N.A.	461,138	540,208
Technicians and associate professionals	210,681	218,451	226,955	255,486	276,668	285,110	299,571	304,759	316,546	N.A.	331,844	407,069
Clerical support workers	256,220	283,134	302,138	344,048	368,352	373,653	380,384	374,220	391,712	N.A.	475,335	512,817
Service and sales workers	547,696	598,271	625,676	699,073	731,065	740,400	750,770	746,648	764,004	N.A.	786,193	856,146
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	9,504	9,959	9,828	10,622	10,867	11,399	12,019	11,807	11,655	N.A.	14,625	15,784
Craft and related trades workers	1,029,822	1,035,940	985,443	1,072,763	1,143,756	1,168,838	1,207,833	1,171,991	1,143,592	N.A.	1,117,677	1,213,752
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	385,020	402,447	416,412	464,830	496,154	516,460	524,809	513,577	518,484	N.A.	490,091	560,030
Elementary occupations	1,090,766	1,102,983	1,060,462	1,151,002	1,196,164	1,231,971	1,277,356	1,261,468	1,294,972	N.A.	987,478	1,081,146
NA	58	44	32	30	28	19	9	19	9	N.A.		4
Total	3,852,691	4,002,258	4,012,146	4,448,727	4,734,285	4,876,087	5,039,350	4,995,904	5,094,783	N.A.	4,903,612	5,477,366

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 occupations: ISCO-08

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>

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 2020-2022, as of February 2023.

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

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