

UAE: Unemployed population by nationality (Emirati/ non-Emirati) and Emirate (2005)

Emirate	Unemployment category	Emiratis	Non-Emiratis	Total
Abu Dhabi	Worked before	6,074	5,316	11,390
	Never worked before	4,246	12,937	17,183
Dubai	Worked before	3,162	3,236	6,398
	Never worked before	3,131	7,793	10,924
Sharjah	Worked before	2,117	2,564	4,681
	Never worked before	2,465	10,687	13,152
Ajman	Worked before	548	773	1,321
	Never worked before	541	2,945	3,486
Umm Al Quwain	Worked before	299	193	492
	Never worked before	333	674	1,007
Ras AL Khaima	Worked before	1,722	588	2,310
	Never worked before	1,879	2,463	4,342
Al Fujairah	Worked before	787	250	1,037
	Never worked before	1,356	709	2,065
Total UAE	Worked before	14,709	12,920	27,629
	Never worked before	13,951	38,208	52,159

Source: NBS, Ministry of Economy.

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Characteristics of data, definitions and population counting operations in the UAE

The first population census was conducted in 1968 by the Council of Developing Trucial States.

After Independence in 1971, a population census of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi was conducted that same year.

The first general population and establishments census in the UAE was conducted in 1975. It was the first census in the region following scientific standards and international recommendations. The other federal censuses were conducted in 1980, 1985, 1995 and 2005.

Reference days for UAE censuses: 30/12/1975; 15/12/1980, 16/12/1985, 16/12/1995; 29/10/2001; 06/12/2005.

Implementation method: the census was carried out according to de jure methodology, i.e. counting persons using their usual place of residence

Population of reference: Emirati nationals usually residing in the country+all foreign residents holding a valid residence permit+resident GCC nationals (nationals of other GCC states don't need a permit to stay in the UAE)

Unemployment refers to persons aged 15 years and over who during the reference period: Are without work, available to work and actively seeking work.

Unemployed persons are available to start work in the two weeks following the interview and who had either looked for work in the four weeks prior to the interview or were waiting to start a job they had already found.

The unemployed are divided into two categories: the unemployed who have worked before and the unemployed who have never worked before (the new unemployed).

2010' federal census was eventually cancelled but the Emirates Identity Authority (EIDA), an independent federal authority established in 2004, is currently in charge of recording all UAE residents, national and expatriates in order to set up a Population Register and an ID card program. The process is stil ongoing.

2. Institution which provides data

National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)

3. Data availability

Population statistics are available on NBS's website:

<http://www.uaestatistics.gov.ae/EnglishHome/tabid/96/Default.aspx>

<http://www.uaestatistics.gov.ae/Home/tabid/38/Default.aspx>

Data are classified by subject and statistical publications are available on PDF or Excel format. Population data disagregated by nationality (Emirati/ non-Emirati) are scarce.

2005' census data is available at:

<http://www.uaestatistics.gov.ae/EnglishHome/ReportsByDepartmentEnglish/tabid/104/Default.aspx?MenuId=1&NDId=365>

The present data is taken from:

<http://www.uaestatistics.gov.ae/EnglishHome/ReportDetailsEnglish/tabid/121/Default.aspx?ItemId=1869&PTID=104&MenuId=1>

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