

Unemployed population (15 years and above) by nationality (Qatar/non-Qatari) and sex (2007; 2010; 2011; 2012)

	QATARI			NON-QATARI			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2007	701	1,348	2,049	868	1,386	2,254	1,569	2,734	4,303
2010	811	2,200	3,011	724	2,053	2,777	1,535	4,253	5,788
2011	865	2,172	3,037	1,081	3,082	4,163	1,946	5,254	7,200
2012	747	1,839	2,586	878	3,014	3,892	1,625	4,853	6,478

Source: Bulletins of Labour Force Sample Surveys, 2007 to 2009 and 2011 to 2012; *: census 2010

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

Census 2010:

Reference period for census 2010: the night of April 21st, 2010.

Implementation method: census is based on de jure method; i.e. registering people according to their usual place of residence at time of census.

Populations in transit or visiting Qatar as tourists, as well as residents of public housing or visitors staying in a household for less than two months after night of reference were excluded.

Populations away from usual residence in Qatar for reasons of duty, or on a visit abroad for less than two months, as well as individuals with no personal housing within Qatar staying with a household for more than two months, are counted in their usual/ present residence during census night.

Population of reference: all individuals (nationals and non-nationals) present within the State's borders during time of reference, including in labour camps.

Labour force Sample Surveys:

The Statistics Authority conducted the first labor Force Sample Survey in 2001. Starting from 2006, the execution of these surveys came to be on annual basis.

Labor Force Sample Surveys	Sampling frame	Sample size (households) individuals		Reference period
2007	nd	5,492	31,439	October 2007
2008	nd	6,104	nd	December 2008
2009	nd	6,109	35,839	October 2009
2011	nd	6,920	35,839	March 2011
2012	Census 2010	6,895	37,629	April 2012

Reference period for the labor force data: the week prior to the reference period for data collection.

Population of reference: all Qatari and non-Qatari households present in Qatar on the night of survey, living in normal and collective households.

The collective households are a group of persons not related to each other and sharing living conditions in a residential unit, I.e. labor camps, students living boarding schools, nurses in hospitals... etc. The survey covered the small collective households (includes less than 7 persons) and large collective households (includes 7 persons or more).

The survey did not cover short periods accommodation, i.e. hotels.

Unemployed population:

Persons aged 15 years and over who were, during the week preceding the survey, without employment, willing to work and looking seriously for a job.

There is a distinction between two kinds of unemployed persons:

a) First time unemployed: They are the persons who never worked previously, and were during the week preceding the survey looking actively for work.

b) Unemployed who previously worked: They are the persons with a work experience, who during the week preceding the survey were actively looking for a job

2. Institution which provides data

Qatar Statistics Authority (QSA)

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3. Data availability

Most Labour Force Surveys and publications related to the labour force are available on QSA's website, in PDF format and can be downloaded from:

<https://www.mdps.gov.qa/en/statistics1/pages/topicslisting.aspx?parent=Social&child=LaborForce>

Annual Bulletin of the Labour Force survey 2012 is available in Pdf and Excel formats:

http://www.qix.gov.qa/portal/page/portal/QIXPOC/Documents/QIX%20Knowledge%20Base/Publication/Labor%20Force%20Researches/labor%20force%20sample%20survey/Source_QSA/Labour_Force_Statistics_QSA_Bu_AE_2012.pdf

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See also Qatar Information Exchange, an interactive data base compiling data on the labour force taken from available surveys:

http://www.qix.gov.qa/portal/page/portal/qix/subject_area/Statistics?subject_area=183

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