

Are you working or looking for work?



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Help us to understand the labour market
in KSA!



What is this survey about?

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a quarterly survey conducted by the General Authority for Statistics with an aim to assess the current state of the KSA labour market. It is a tool used to calculate the national and regional employment and unemployment rates, among many other indicators.

The survey results will be leveraged to make important decisions regarding job creation, education and training, retirement pensions, and income support. The survey will allow us to better understand the structure and development of the labour market in KSA by addressing key questions such as:

- How high is the unemployment rate in KSA, and how is it evolving?
- What types of jobs are occupied?
- How many hours do people work on average?
- What is the average wage of the workforce?

How is a particular household selected?

To obtain regular results describing the labour market in KSA, a representative sample of households is randomly selected across the whole country and interviewed every quarter. The survey collects information from all the members of a household who are 15 years or older.

A household participating for the first time in the LFS receive an SMS to signal that the household is part of the selected sample. GASTAT will contact this household by telephone to conduct the interview.





Why is the participation in this survey important?

In those unprecedented times, and as KSA continues to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever to form a comprehensive and accurate understanding of the job market, cost of living, and the overall economy. The insights that will be generated from this survey will be leveraged to inform government decisions in order better assist the Kingdom through these challenging times.

Whether a person is employed, unemployed, or inactive, the participation is essential to make sure that all the diversity of the KSA labour market is represented in this survey!

What does this survey involve?

● Collection period:

The survey is conducted on a quarterly basis, and data is collected over several weeks in each quarter.

Interviews are held during the day and in the evening, including weekends and statutory holidays, and results are published at the end of every quarter.

● Collection method:

Since March 2020, interviews are conducted via telephone only (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing) to ensure the health and safety of interviewees as well as the General Authority for Statistics' interviewers.

Topics covered in the survey:

The interviewer will ask questions on key topics related to the labour status such as:

- Employment.
- Unemployment.
- Wages.
- Working hours.
- Job seeking methods, period of unemployment, and previous work and training experiences.

What about confidentiality?

The data collected will be kept confidential and will not be passed on to any individual or organization for any purposes. Responses collected will exclusively be used for statistical purposes and will not have any impact on benefits you may be receiving in any way whatsoever.

The privacy of any individual respondent will strictly be protected by the General Authority for Statistics.





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