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Introduction

The Eastern Province is one of the largest regions in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by area, and one of the most influential in the national development landscape due to its natural, economic, and civilizational assets. These have made the province a fundamental pillar in the Kingdom's development journey. The region has received significant attention and support from the wise leadership, may Allah protect them, which has contributed to reaching major achievements and enhancing the quality of life in the province.

"Sharqia in Numbers" report is an output of the Urban Observatory at Sharqia Development Authority. It serves as a reference for the region's residents and interested parties, providing accurate data and statistics that reflect the current state of development.

The importance of this report lies in its comprehensiveness and diversity of its sections. The data and statistics were compiled from open data sources from various development entities, in an effort to promote the principle of transparency and utilize available resources. This ensures the reliability of the outputs and facilitates access for the province's residents and decision-makers.

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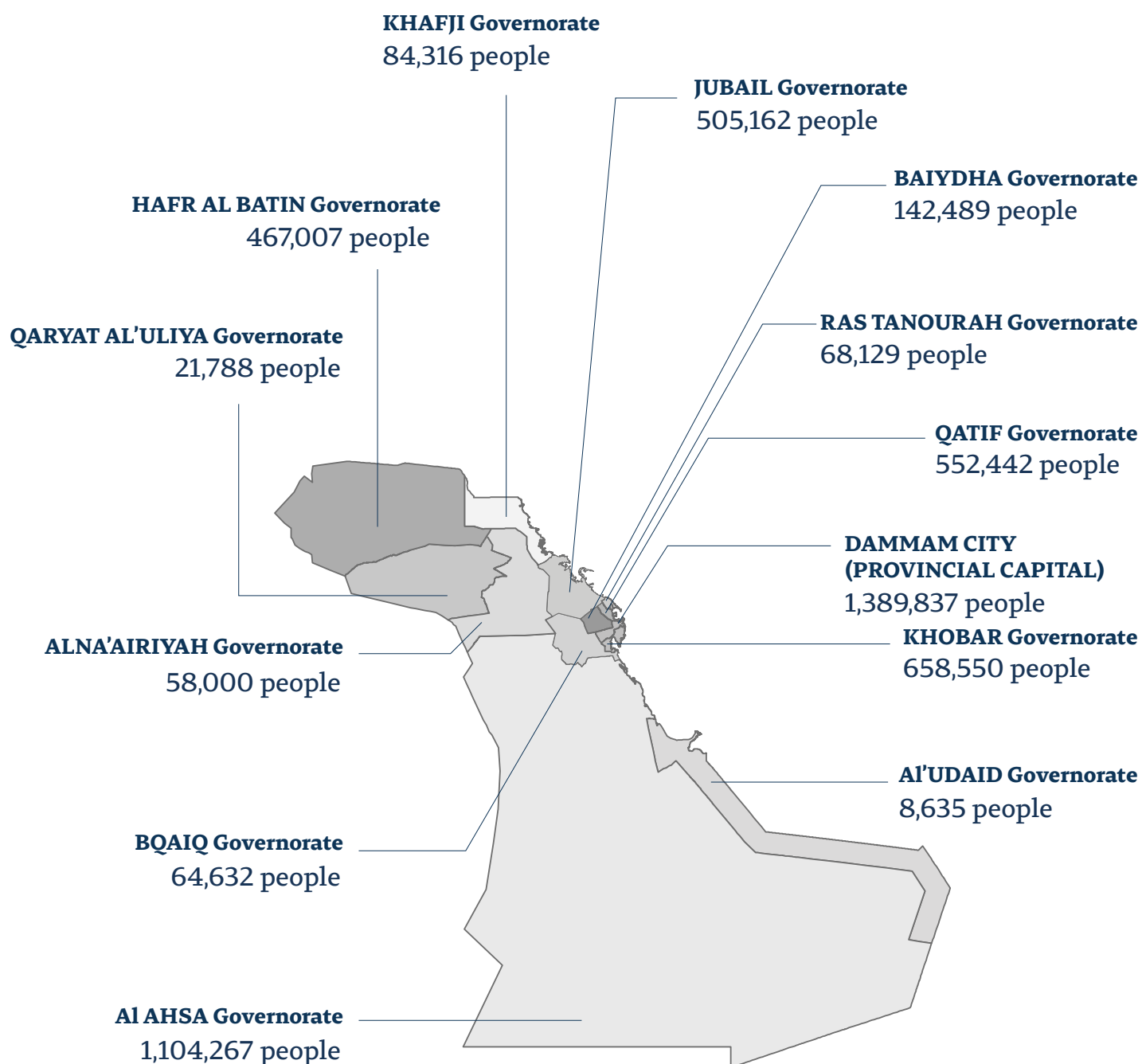
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Eastern Province Governorates



Total Area of the Eastern Province
528,922.73 km²

Population Characteristics

Total Population of the Eastern Province

5,125,254 People

Non-Saudis

2,175,400 people

Females

410,580
people

Males

1,764,820
people

Saudis

2,949,854 people

Females

1,444,796
people

Males

1,505,058
people

Housing



Commercial Housing

112,080 units

Private Housing

1,349,769 units

Public Housing

Government-provided housing for employees
or housing provided by charitable organizations

4,035 units

Employer-Provided Housing

849 units

Islands & Coasts

Largest Islands (Darin and Tarout Islands)

32 km²

Total Islands

62 islands

Lengths of Major Coastlines Facing the Arabian Gulf (Approximate)

Dhahran

60 km

Khobar

85 km

Dammam

95 km

Qatif

50 km

Ras Tanura

90 km

Labor Market

Saudi Employees Registered in Social Insurance

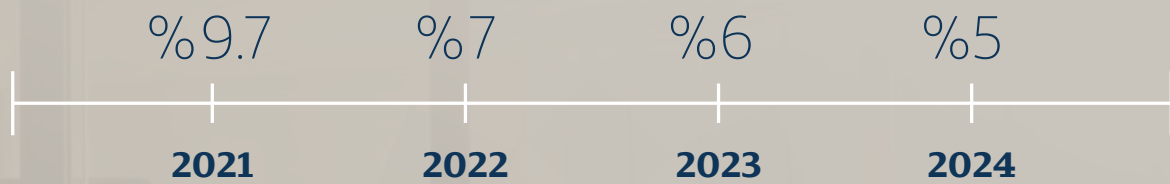
Private Sector	Government Sector
547,694 employees	42,742 employees

Non-Saudi Employees Registered in Social Insurance

Private Sector	Government Sector
1,475,001 employees	12,571 employees

Unemployment Rate

Sharqia Region Achieves Significant Progress in Reducing the Overall Unemployment Rate for Saudis



Real Estate Deals



Commercial Transactions

4,313 deals

Value of Commercial Transactions

11,9 billion ﷹ

Residential Transactions

30,511 deals

Value of Residential Transactions

23 billion ﷹ

Investments and Industries



Number of Factories

2,618 factories

Value of Factory Investments

+624 million ﷵ

Total Stock of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

+365 billion ﷵ

Airports



Air Traffic in Sharqia Airports

King Fahd International Airport

99,568 flights 11,090,794 passengers

Al-Ahsa Airport

7,134 flights 182,319 passengers

Qaisumah Airport

3,266 flights 289,219 passengers

Airports



Capacity of Sharqia Airports

King Fahd International Airport

12.6 million passengers

Al-Ahsa Airport

1 million passengers

Qaisumah Airport

700 million passengers



Public Transportation



Public Bus Passengers

600 thousand passengers

Public Bus Trips

+ 347 thousand passengers



Railways



Railway Stations

3 stations

Passengers Departing from Sharqia

+937 thousand Passengers

Passengers Arriving to Sharqia

+927 thousand passengers

Passenger numbers include those departing from and arriving at Sharqia Train Stations (Dammam – Al-Hofuf – Buqayq)



Land Ports



6 Land Ports

Kuwait



Al-Khafji

Kuwait



Al-Ruqai

Bahrain



King Fahd
Causeway

Qatar



Salwa

Oman



Rub' al Khali

United Arab
Emirates



Al-Batha

King Fahd Causeway 2024

Vehicles

- **Departing from Sharqia**
6,902,328 vehicles
- **Arriving in Sharqia**
7,223,623 vehicles
- **Total Transiting Vehicles**
14,125,951 vehicles

Trucks

- **Departing from Sharqia**
227,402 trucks
- **Arriving in Sharqia**
191,109 trucks
- **Total Transiting Trucks**
418,511 trucks



Ports' Capacity



King Abdulaziz Port in Dammam

105 million tons

Jubail Commercial Port

36 million tons

King Fahd Industrial Port

70 million tons

Ras Al Khair Industrial Port

35 million tons



Cargo Unloaded at Ports



King Abdulaziz Port in Dammam

+ 29 million tons

Jubail Commercial Port

+ 2 million tons

King Fahd Industrial Port

+ 8 million tons

Ras Al Khair Industrial Port

+ 1.2 million tons



Cargo Unloaded at Ports



King Abdulaziz Port in Dammam

+10 million tons

Jubail Commercial Port

+1.5 million tons

King Fahd Industrial Port

+53 million tons

Ras Al Khair Industrial Port

+8 million tons



Health Facilities



Ministry of Health Hospitals

38 hospitals



Other Government Hospitals

13 hospitals



Private Sector Hospitals

33 hospitals



Hospital Beds

13,704 beds



Medical Staff

Doctors

19,285 total doctors

Nurses

33,052 total nurses



General Education

School Students

1,013,773 **total students**

424,584 **male students** 589,189 **female students**

School Teachers

67,306 **total teachers**

28,544 **male teachers** 38,762 **female teachers**

Schools

3,741 **total schools**

1,403 **boys' schools** 2,338 **girls' schools**

Classrooms

39,665 **total classes**

16,277 **boys' classrooms** 23,388 **girls' classrooms**

Gifted Students



Sharqia is the highest among the Kingdom's regions
**in the number of students
registered as gifted**

18,867

Gifted and talented boys and girls

Gifted Boys

9,056 gifted boys

Gifted Girls

9,811 gifted girls

University Education

Government Universities

5 universities

Including universities affiliated with the Ministry of Education and King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals

Students

154,498 total students

Males	Females
79,294	75,204

Private Universities and Colleges

15 universities

Students

15,161 total students

Males	Females
7,687	7,474

Total students at government and private universities

169,659 students

Number of students enrolled in universities affiliated with the Ministry of Education (Council of University Affairs)

Patents for 2024

Global Ranking

According to  **ONAI**
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS

Ranked **1st** Globally



King Faisal University

631 patents

Ranked **5th** Globally



King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals

265 patents

Ranked **15th** Globally



Imam Abdulrahman bin Faisal University

141 patents



College of Applied Medical Sciences

(King Saud bin Abdulaziz University
for Health Sciences in Al-Ahsa Governorate)

10 patents



University of Hafr Al-Batin

4 patents

Published Scientific Research 2024

- **King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals**

2,959 scientific papers

- **Imam Abdulrahman bin Faisal University**

1,978 scientific papers

- **King Faisal University**

2,900 scientific papers

- **University of Hafr Al-Batin**

1,029 scientific papers

- **College of Applied Medical Sciences**

(King Saud bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences in Al-Ahsa Governorate)

111 scientific papers

Vocational Training Centers

• Government Sector

16 centers

• Private Sector

297 centers



Sports Facilities

Sports Facilities

17 facilities

Sports Venues

212 sports venues

Sports Clubs

405 clubs

Municipal Stadiums

683 stadiums



Tourism



Tourists

+18.6 million tourists

Tourist Spending

+25 billion 

Hotels

78 hotels

Resorts

138 resorts

Aparthotels

8 facilities

Serviced Apartments

219 facilities

Entertainment

Entertainment Events

196 entertainment events

Theaters

38 theaters

Entertainment Shows

249 shows

Cinemas

12 cinemas



Exhibitions and Conferences

Events

Governmental

393 events

Private

974 events

Including exhibitions, conferences, and accompanying events

Public Parks

• **Public Parks**
1,027 parks

• **Public Parks Area**
11,632,428 square meters

Heritage and Antiquities

Archaeological Sites

734 archaeological Sites

Museums

33 museums

Architectural Heritage Sites

122 heritage Sites



Historic Mosques

Total Number of Historic Mosques

49 mosques

The Most Prominent Historic Mosques in Al-Ahsa Governorate

Umm Zariniq
Mosque
94
people

Jawatha
Mosque
170
people

Abu Bakr Al-Mulla
Mosque
166
people

Al-Habish
Mosque
90
people

Palm Trees

Fruitful Palm Trees

3,901,427 palm trees

Total Palm Trees

4,188,661 palm trees

Annual Date Production

258,749 crescents

Agriculture

Nurseries

49 nurseries

Planted Trees

+7.7 million trees

Beekeepers

+1,600 beekeepers

Rural Farms

44 farms

Planted Flowers

+22 million flowers



Livestock and Fisheries

Lamb

51 thousand heads

Calves

13 thousand heads

Goats

117 thousand heads

Egg Production

1.04 billion eggs

Sheep

238,029 heads

Broiler Production

132 million chickens

Camels

3,400 heads

Aquaculture Production

1,400 tons

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As an official output of the Urban Observatory at Sharqia Development Authority, this report serves as an authoritative reference on the state of development in the province.

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General Authority of Civil Aviation

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Ministry of Education

School Students	2025
Teachers	2025
Classrooms	2025
Schools	2025
Gifted Students	2024

Council of University Affairs

Public Universities	2024
Private Universities and Colleges	2024
University Students	2024

King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals

Patents	2024
Published Scientific Research	2024

University of Hafar Al-Batin

Patents	2024
Published Scientific Research	2024

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Training centers in the government sector	2023
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Ministry of Sports

Sports Facilities	2025
Sports Clubs	2025

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General Organization for Social Insurance (GOSI)

Saudi Employees in the Public and Private Sectors	2023
Non-Saudi Employees in the Public and Private Sectors	2023

Ministry of Health

Hospitals	2023
Hospital Beds	2023
Doctors	2023
Nurses	2023

Ministry of Tourism

Tourists	2024
Tourist Spending	2024
Tourist Accommodation Facilities	2024

General Entertainment Authority

Events and Entertainment Shows	2024
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General Authority for Exhibitions and Conferences

Events and Entertainment Shows	2024
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Ministry of Culture

Theaters	2024
Cinemas	2024
Archaeological Sites	2024
Museums	2024

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Total Number of Palm Trees	2023
Annual Date Production Quantity	2023

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Plant Network	2022
Total Production Capacity of the Plant Network	2022

Eastern Province Municipality

Public Bus Passengers (Within Cities)	2023
Public Bus Trips (Within Cities)	2023

Saudi Railway Company (SAR)

Stations	2024
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Mosques	2024
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Commercial Transactions	2024
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Factory Investments	2023
Value of Factory Investments	2023

Ministry of Investment

Stock of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)	2023
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Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture

Livestock and Fisheries	2024
Egg Production Quantity	2024
Broiler Chicken Production Quantity	2024
Aquaculture Production Quantity	2024
Beekeepers	2024
Rural Farms	2024
Nurseries	2024

Ministry of Municipalities and Housing

Planted Trees and Flowers	2024
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