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## Saudi Arabia Population clock

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<b>32 889 183</b>	<b>Current population</b>
<b>18 160 749</b>	Current male population (55.2%)
<b>14 728 434</b>	Current female population (44.8%)
<b>193 044</b>	Births this year
<b>737</b>	Births today
<b>31 417</b>	Deaths this year
<b>120</b>	Deaths today
<b>52 825</b>	Net migration this year
<b>202</b>	Net migration today
<b>214 452</b>	Population growth this year
<b>819</b>	Population growth today

## Saudi Arabia Executions...

Amnesty International said at least 680 executions were carried out last year, 2016 - up by four on the previous year. Half of those took place in Iran (314). Iraq executed 129, **Saudi Arabia 79** and the US 43. The minimum number of executions was down from at least 712 in 2009.

The Middle East saw 557 executions in six countries - the vast majority of the list. In Tunisia, 125 people on death row had their sentence commuted to life by the transitional government.

Methods of execution included beheading, electrocution, hanging, lethal injection and various kinds of shooting (by firing squad, and at close range to the heart or the head). Public executions were known to have been carried out in Iran, North Korea, Saudi Arabia and Somalia. **In Saudi Arabia, executions are usually beheadings with a sword.** In one case recorded by Amnesty, a Sudanese man's head was sewn back onto his body and hung from a pole in a public place.

### 10 countries with the most executions

Death penalty around the world Click heading to sort		
Country	Total executed, 2007-12	Total sentenced to death, 2007-12
CHINA	<b>THOUSANDS</b>	<b>THOUSANDS</b>
IRAN	1,663	156
<b>SAUDI ARABIA</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>54</b>
IRAQ	256	1,420
UNITED STATES	220	504
PAKISTAN	171	1,497
YEMEN	152	109
KOREA (NORTH)	105	0
VIETNAM	58	258
LIBYA	39	0

SOURCE: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

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## Saudi Arabia Military

The [Kingdom of Saudi Arabia](#) has one of the best-funded defense forces in the Middle East. The kingdom spends 25% of its budget, or about \$88 billion,<sup>[8]</sup> on its military. In terms of manpower, **Saudi Arabia has about 688,000 active personnel in its military, with 300,000 army troops.**<sup>[12]</sup>

[Saudi Arabia](#) also has more than **200,000 men in its [national guard](#)**<sup>[13]</sup> and 25,000 tribal levies,<sup>[14]</sup> which is used primarily to secure internal threats but has been used as an expeditionary force too.

The navy has about **60,000 members**,<sup>[15]</sup> **[air defense forces](#) and [strategic rocket forces](#) about 40,000 soldiers.** In addition to the [air forces](#) with more than 63,000 active employees,<sup>[16]</sup> also there is a military intelligence service, the [General Intelligence Presidency](#) (GIP).

The [Saudi Arabian National Guard](#) is not a reserve but a fully operational front-line force, and originated out of [Abdul Aziz's](#) tribal military-religious force, the [Ikhwan](#). Its modern existence, however, is attributable to it being effectively [Abdullah's](#) private army since the 1960s and, unlike the rest of the armed forces, is independent of [the Ministry of Defense](#).