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The private healthcare sector in Bahrain comprises a range of establishments, including hospitals, rehabilitation centers and dental clinics that are all regulated by the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA). In 2023, the sector's gross value-added amounted to 159.4 million BHD.



Sector Opportunities & Trends

01. Digital Transformation

The emergence of data lakes presents an opportunity for new healthcare delivery models. The increasing demand for virtual and telehealth care can be met through the utilization of AI, particularly in the development of personalized medicine. This combination allows for the effective utilization of healthcare data to drive insights and improve patient outcomes.

02. Preventative Healthcare

Preventative healthcare includes regular checkups, screenings and healthy lifestyle choices. Its goal is to prevent illnesses, enable early interventions and nurture a healthier population. Health insurers are expected to drive the adoption of preventative healthcare, particularly in addressing the prevalence of lifestyle diseases.

03. Medical Research & Clinical Trials

Bahrain has an opportunity to engage in collaborative medical research and clinical trials with other GCC countries, especially focusing on emerging diseases. By fostering partnerships and joint initiatives, Bahrain can contribute to advancing healthcare knowledge, promoting innovation and developing effective treatments and interventions. Such collaborations empower the private healthcare sector to address emerging health challenges and improve patient outcomes.

04. Medical Specialties

Bahrain's healthcare sector has the potential for growth and development by focusing on emerging medical specialties, such as geriatric care and genetics research, under the National Genome Center. Additionally, as the population ages and life expectancies increase, there is an opportunity to address the shortage of important specialties like cardiology, oncology, interventional radiology and critical care. Moreover, there is increasing activity in areas such as healthy aging, regenerative medicine, and medical waste and cleaning services, all of which play a crucial role in supporting medical facilities.

05. Long-term Care Facilities

Introducing long-term care facilities for patients will help ease hospital bed occupancy rates. There is also a need for rehabilitation centers to provide a safe, supportive environment for people to recover from injuries, addictions and other mental health issues.

06. Medical Tourism

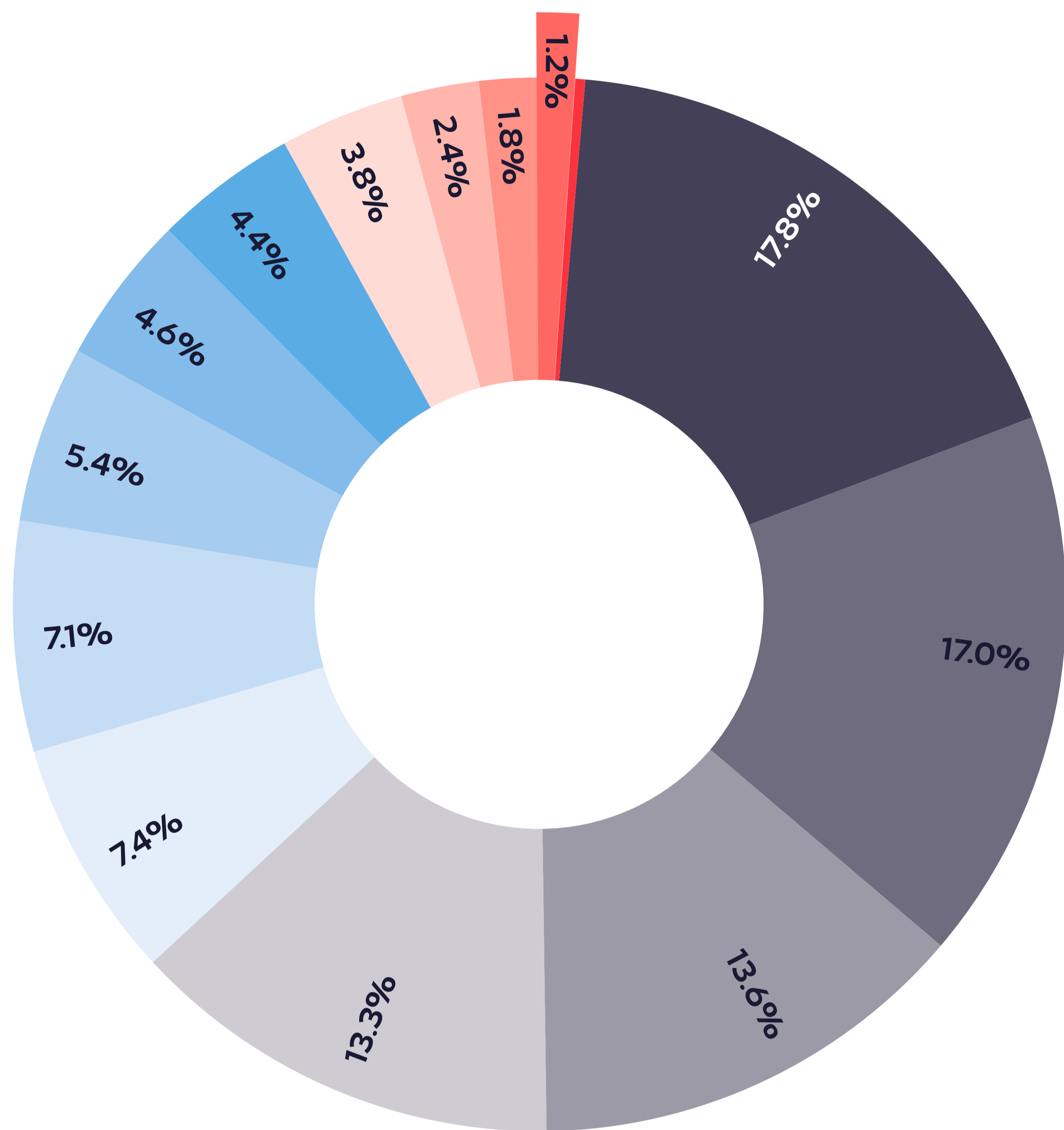
Medical and well-being tourism is one of the pillars of the government's economic recovery plan. Bahrain has the potential to attract medical tourists from neighboring countries, especially for IVF, cosmetic and rehabilitation treatments.

Private Healthcare Sector Economic Indicators

iGA-National Accounts, 2023

Private Healthcare Sector Contribution to Real GDP

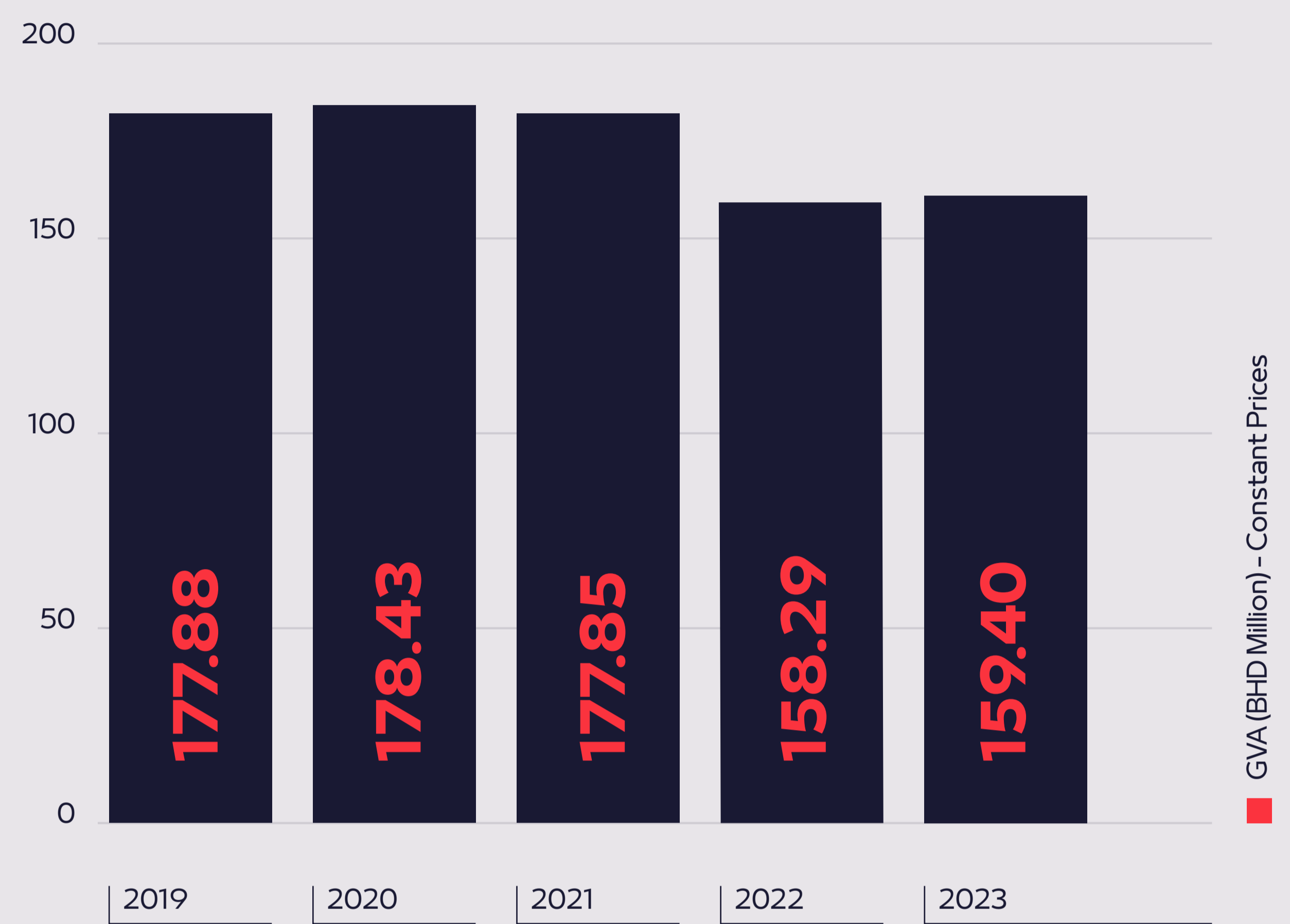
(%, 2023)



Financial & Insurance Activities	17.8%	Net Tax on Products	4.6%
Mining & Quarrying	17.0%	Trade	4.4%
Manufacturing	13.6%	Others ²	3.8%
Government Services	13.3%	Private Education Services	2.4%
Transport & Communication	7.4%	Hotels & Restaurants	1.8%
Construction	7.1%	Private Healthcare	1.2%
Real Estate & Business Activities	5.4%	Agriculture & Fishing	0.3%

Private Healthcare Sector GVA¹

(BHD M, 2019 - 2023)



¹ Gross Value added (GVA) is the measure of the value of goods and services produced in an area, industry or sector of an economy

² Others include Electricity & Water, Other Social & Personal Services, Private Non-Profit Institutions, and Households with Employed Persons

Private Healthcare Sector Enterprises

LMRA, Q2 2023 - BLMi

2,049

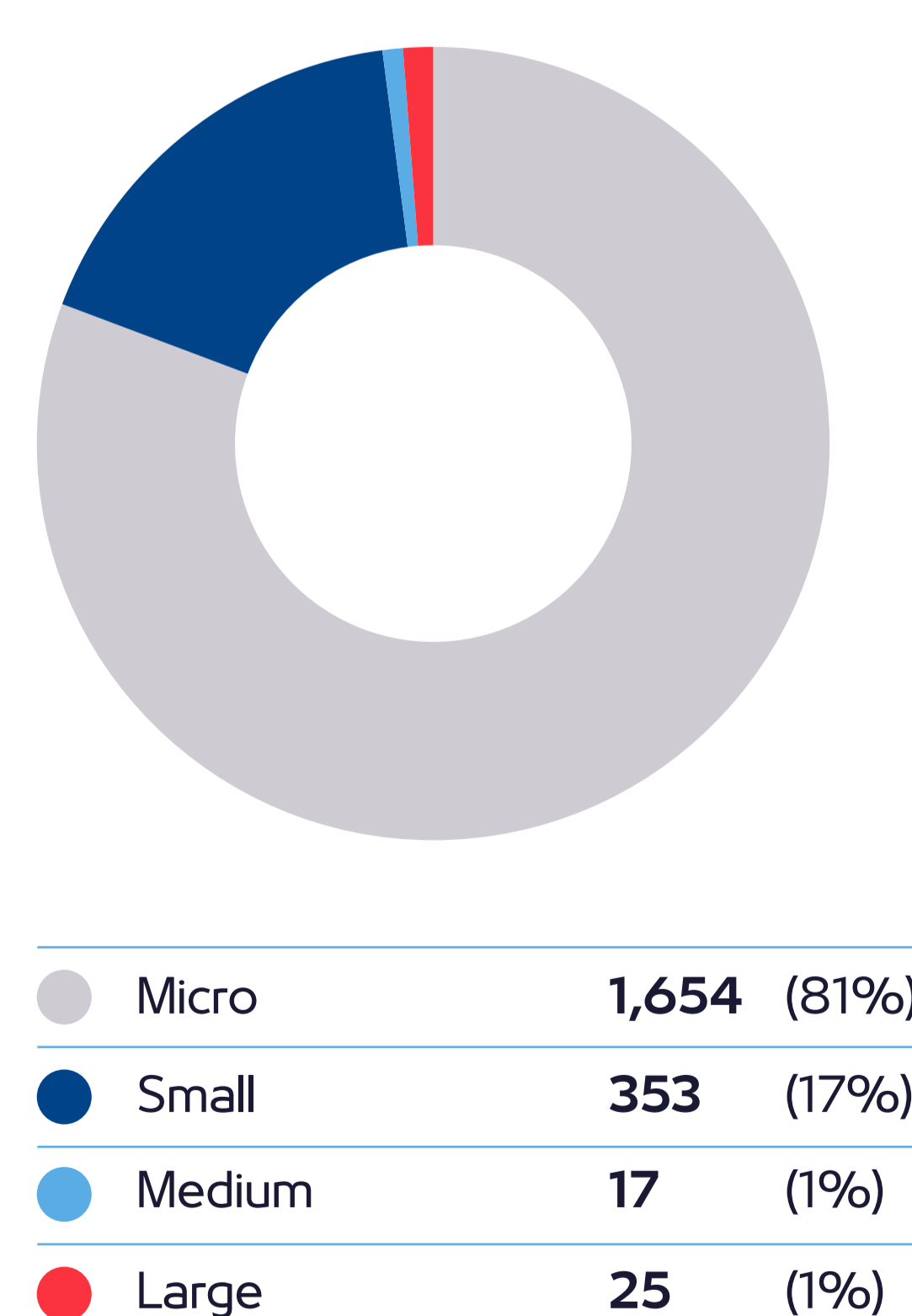
Active CRs

2.8%

of total Active CRs in Bahrain

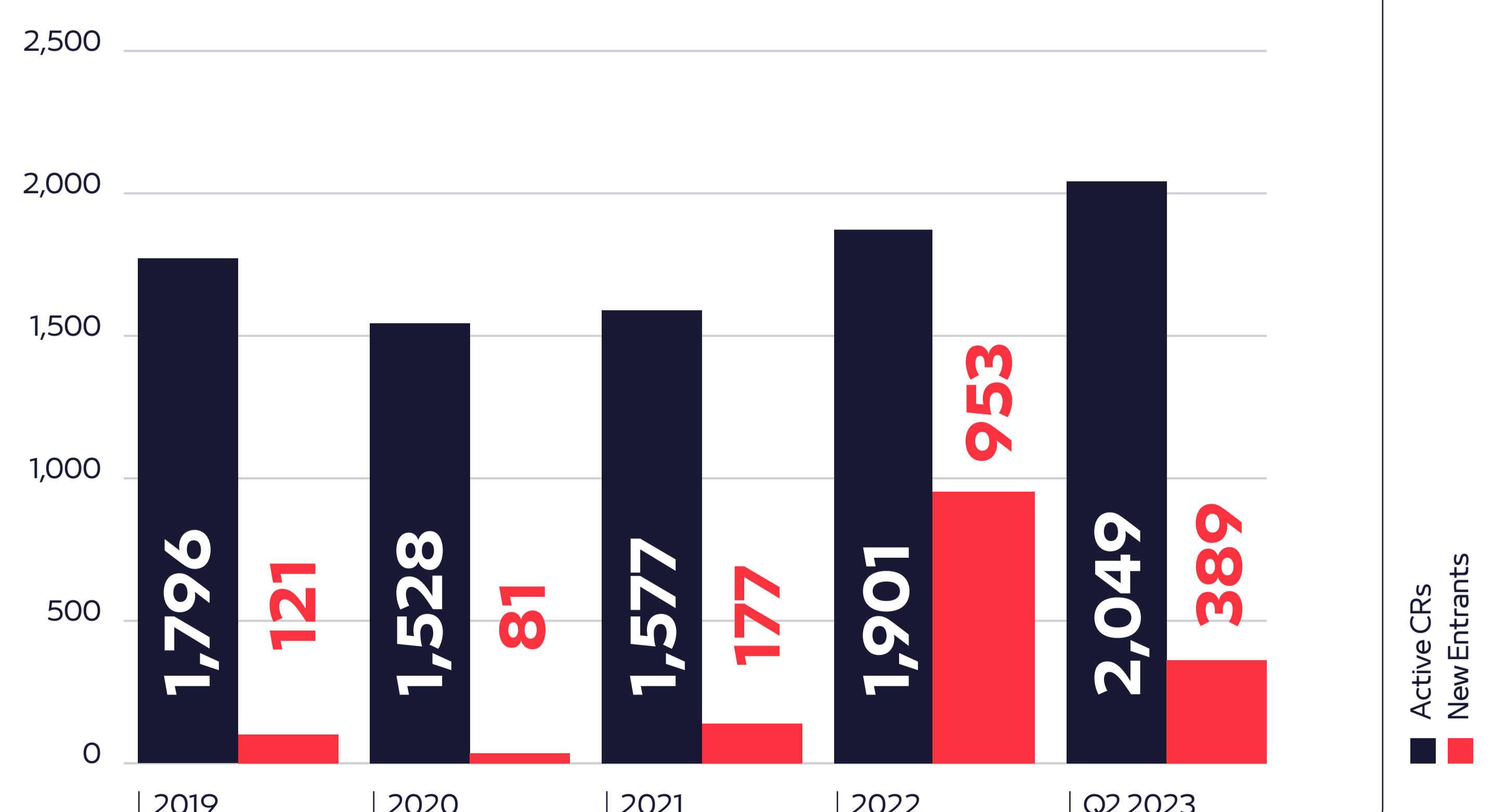
Private Healthcare Services Sector by Enterprise Size

(%, Q2 2023)



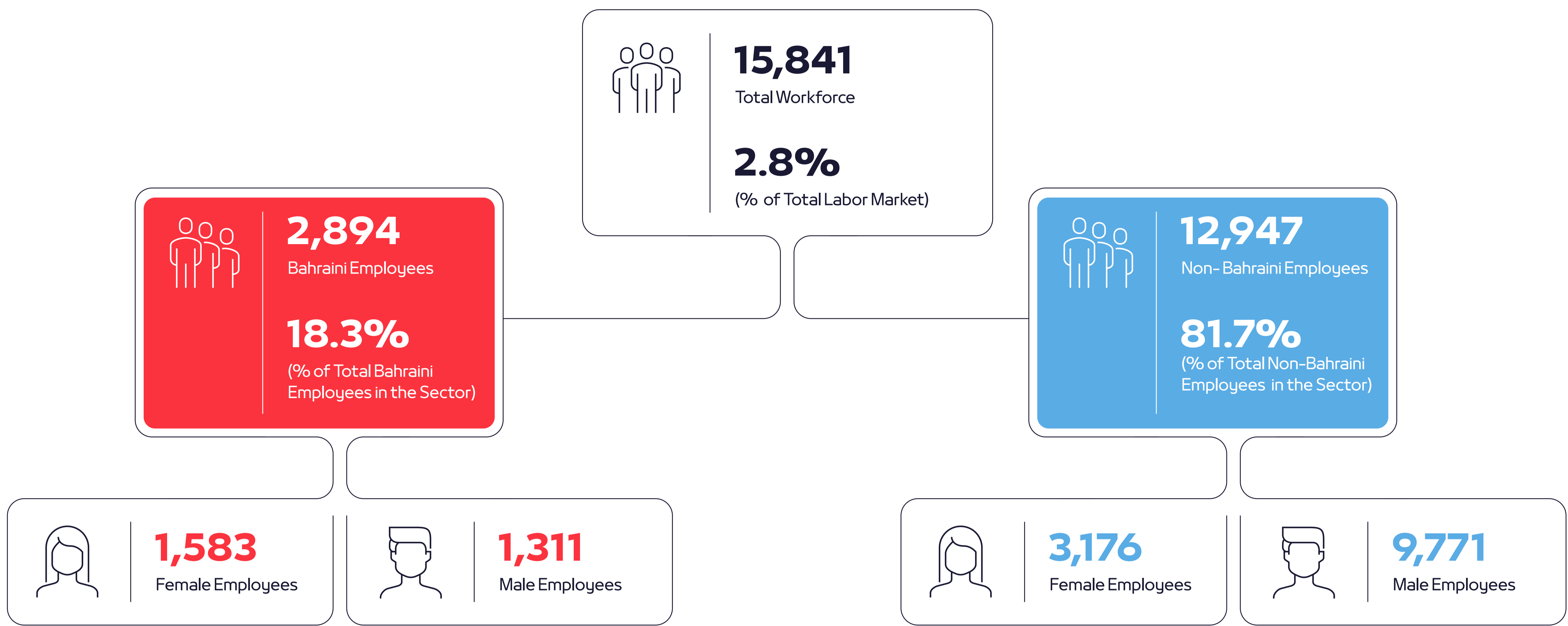
Private Healthcare Sector Active Commercial Registrations

(2019 - Q2 2023)

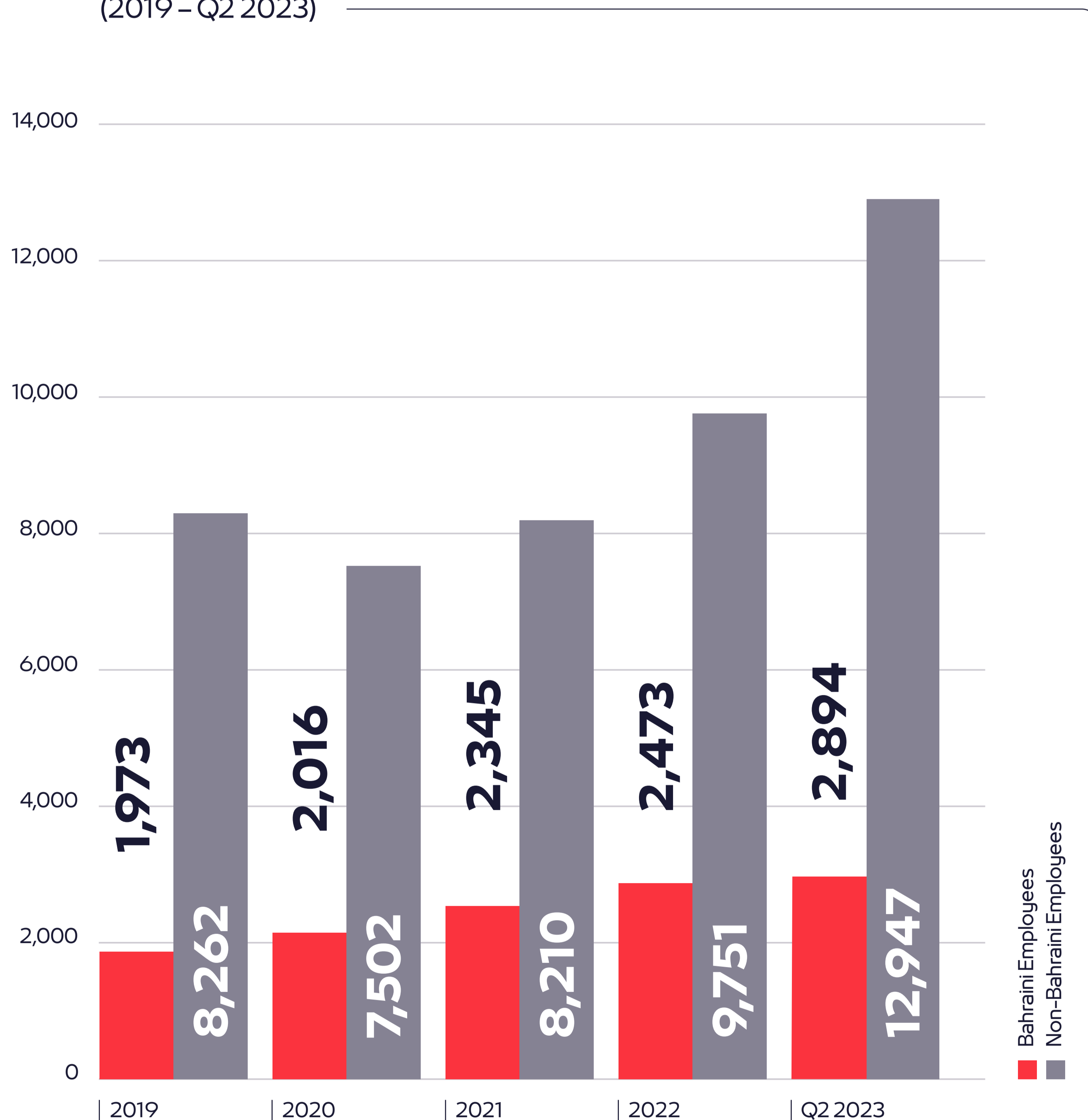


Private Healthcare Sector Employment

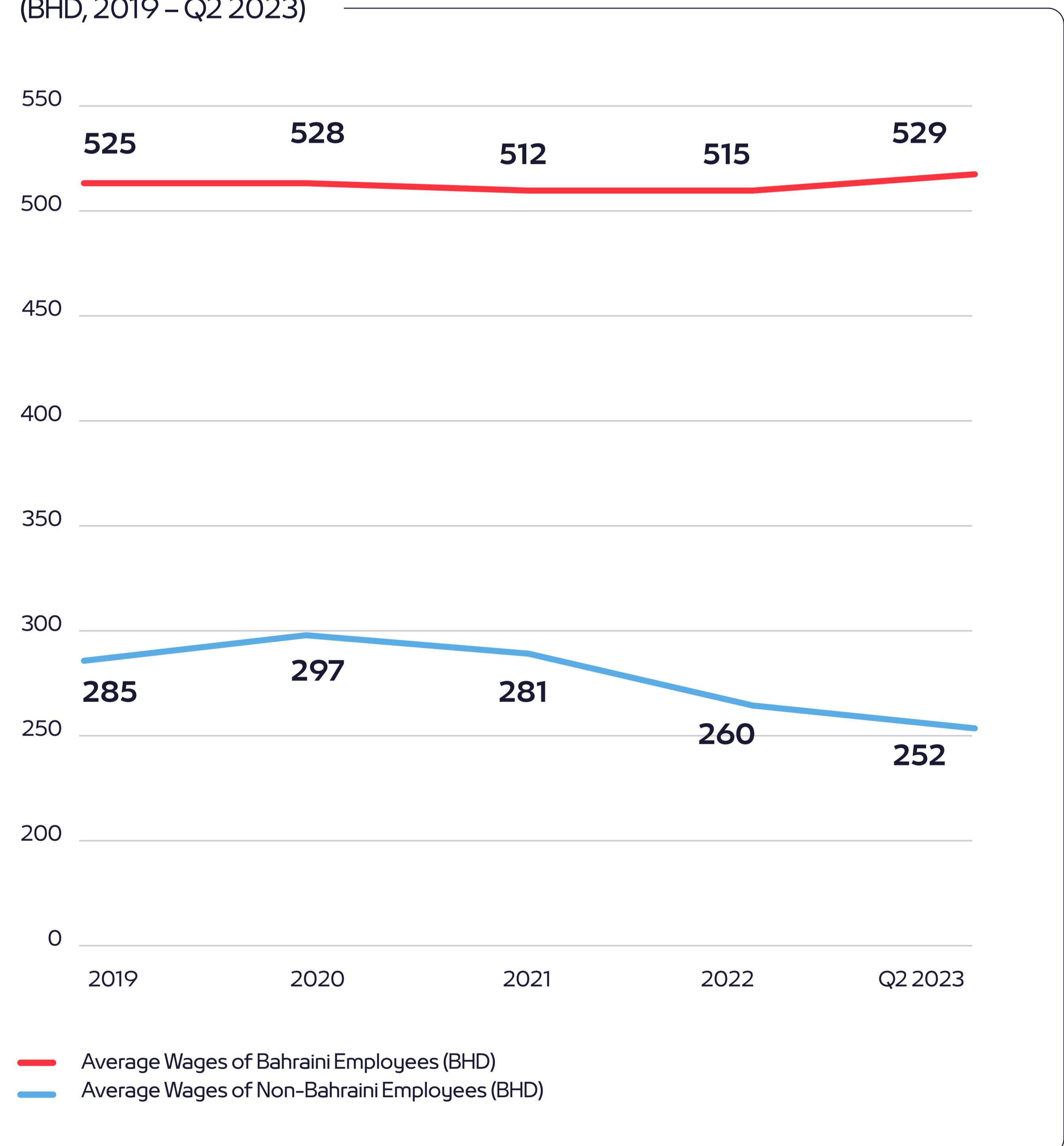
LMRA, Q2 2023 – BLMI



Private Healthcare Sector Employees by Citizenship
(2019 – Q2 2023)



Private Healthcare Sector Average Wages by Citizenship
(BHD, 2019 – Q2 2023)



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