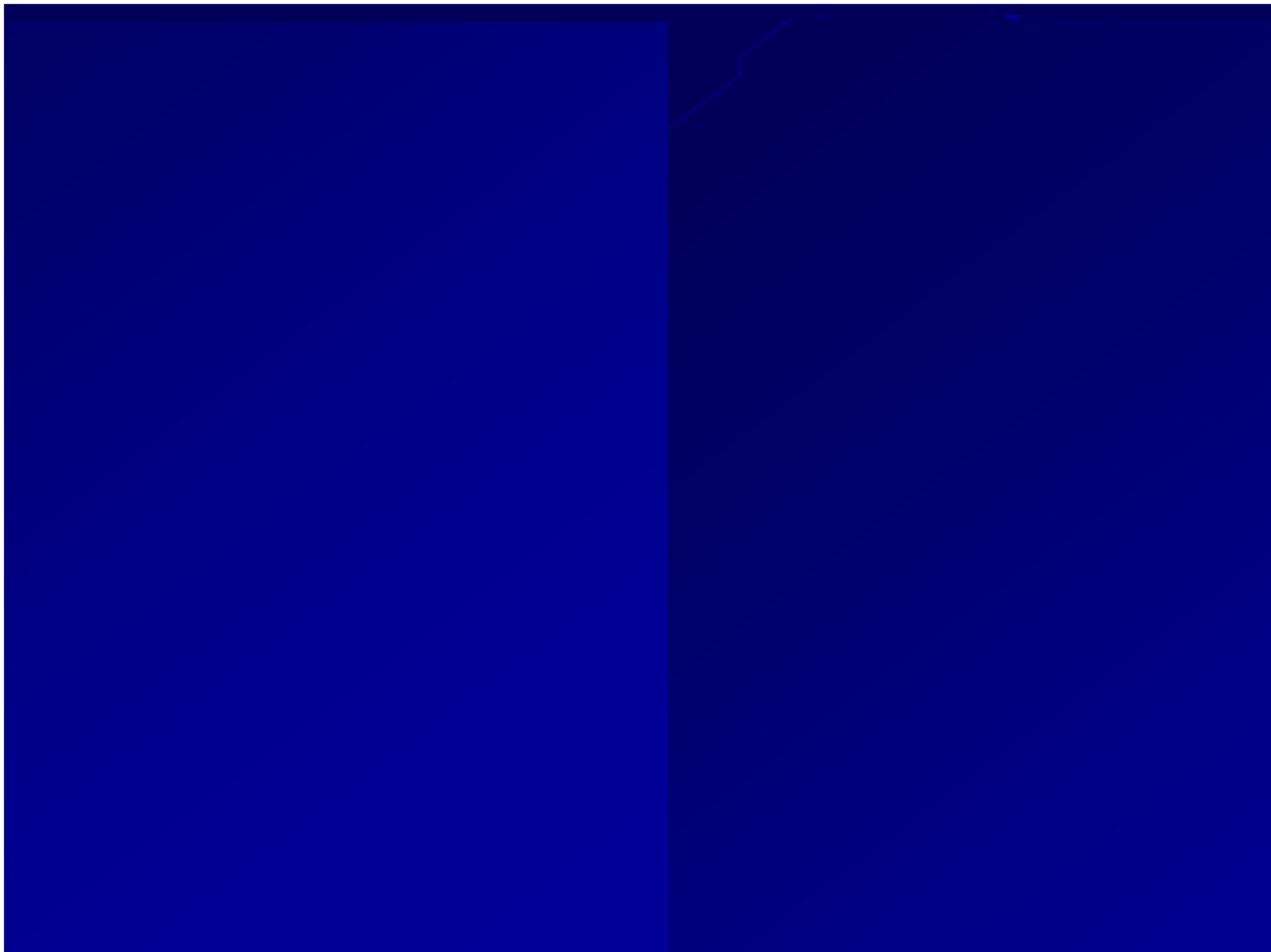
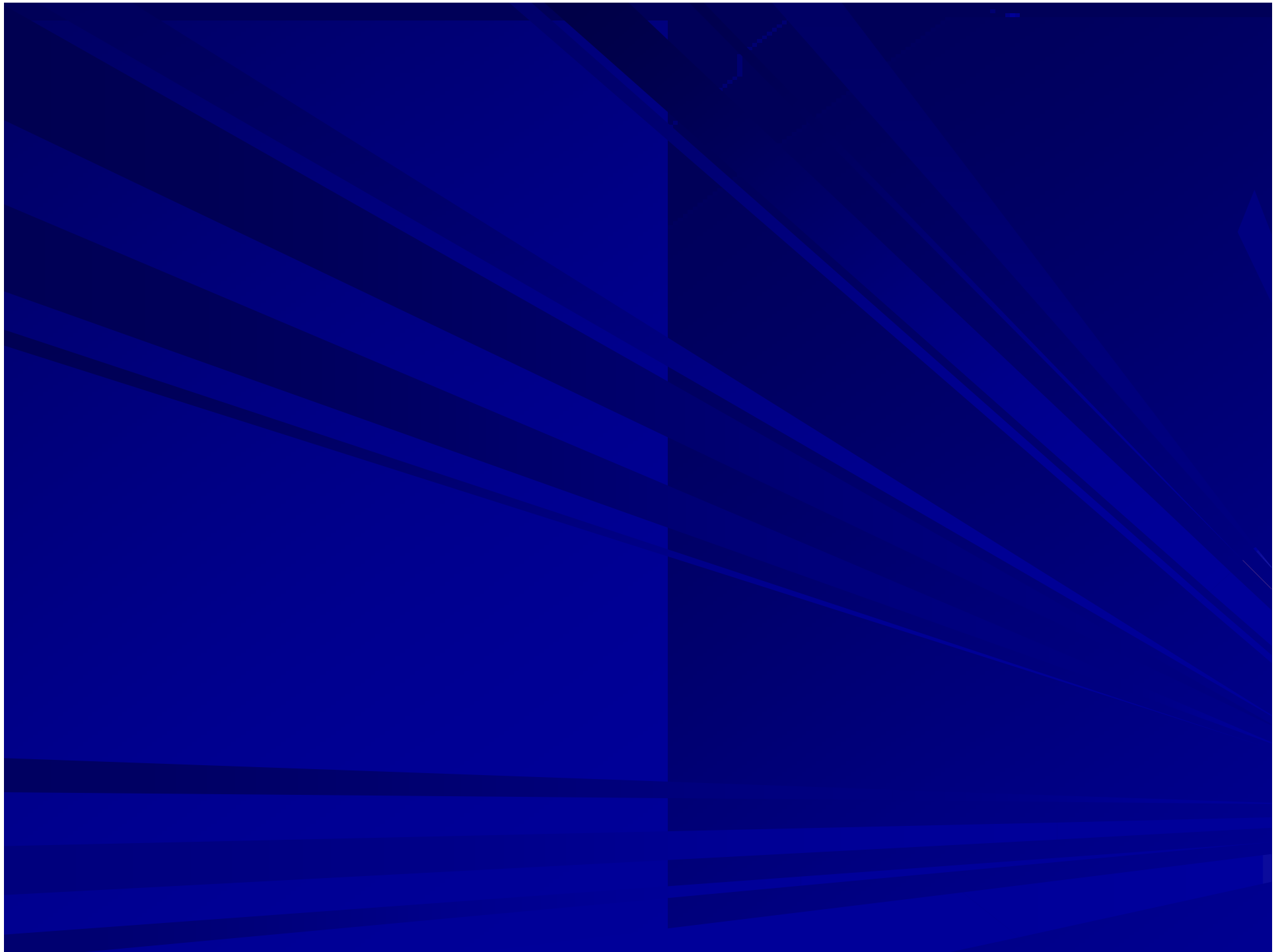


- Population of the GCC countries has jumped from 7,766 (million) in 1970 to 13,700 (million) in 1980, and to 33,075 (million) in 2005.
- The highest annual growth rate took place during the period of 1975-1985.
- The oil boom of the 1970s is a major factor behind the large influx of foreign labour.

**Table1**  
**Medium Projection**  
**(2025 -1990( )%(For GCC States Population and Average Annual Growth Rate**

Year Period	State					
	Kuwait	Qatar	Sultanat of Oman	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Kingdom of Bahrain	United Arab Emirates
	)In Thousand(Population					
1950	152	25	456	3.201	115	70
1955	199	35	603	3.503	134	79
1960	278	45	558	4.076	156	90
1965	471	70	631	4.793	191	144
1970	744	111	723	5.745	220	223
1975	1.007	171	880	7.251	272	505
1980	1.375	229	1.130	9.604	347	1.015
1985	1.720	358	1.426	12.238	413	1.552
1990	2.143	453	1.786	15.400	490	2.014
1995	1.691	612	2.154	17.091	573	2.352
2000	914.1	565	2.638	20.345	640	2.608
2005	2.175	610	2.989	23.765	698	2.840
2010	2.473	063	3.515	27.588	744	3.056
2015	2.766	693	4.110	31.748	793	3.230
2020	3.017	727	4.746	30.096	643	3.384
2025	3.219	754	5.411	40.473	887	3.468











- The need for foreign labour in the GCC countries will continue for some long years to come.
- The interests of powerful officials and merchants, property owners and labour recruiters, in addition to the social and economic welfare of the region, depend entirely on the presence of foreign communities.
- Surely they are here to stay for unforeseeable time to come.

**Table 2**  
**Economic activities by nationality**  
**1973-1981**

	1981 Bahrain		1980 Qatar		1980 UAE		1980 Kuwait		1975 Oman		1973 Saudi	
	migra nt	Natio nal	migra nt	Natio nal	migran t	National	mi gra nt	Natio nal	migra nt	Natio nal	migra nt	Natio nal
Agriculture	1273	2473	-	-	20936	4676	522	2927	-	-	62.9	37.1
Industries	8704	7461	-	-	54164	3217	1	5588	35.9	64.1	61.8	38.2
Constructio n	25358	3903	-	-	153483	1497	423	1309	66.6	33.4	47.6	52.4
,Gas	999	1875	-	-	-	-	15	2070	19.5	80.5	21.7	78.3
electric	12.67	5836	-	-	70452	3879	958	4592	46.0	.45	52.8	47.2
Commerce	1	26990	-	-	38894	3144	35	7849	18.6	81.4	46.1	53.9
Transport	4524	979	-	-	115043	37838	610	78263	64.0	36.1	56.3	43.7
Services	25242						1		-	-	-	-
Others	9245						541					
							53					
							223					
							27					
							154					
							656					
<b>Total</b>	<b>88015</b>	<b>58124</b>	<b>102,7</b>	<b>18,910</b>	<b>502,97</b>	<b>54,251</b>	<b>38,</b>	<b>130,49</b>	<b>41,8</b>	<b>84,2</b>	<b>49,8</b>	<b>50.2</b>
			<b>63</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>608</b>	<b>8</b>				

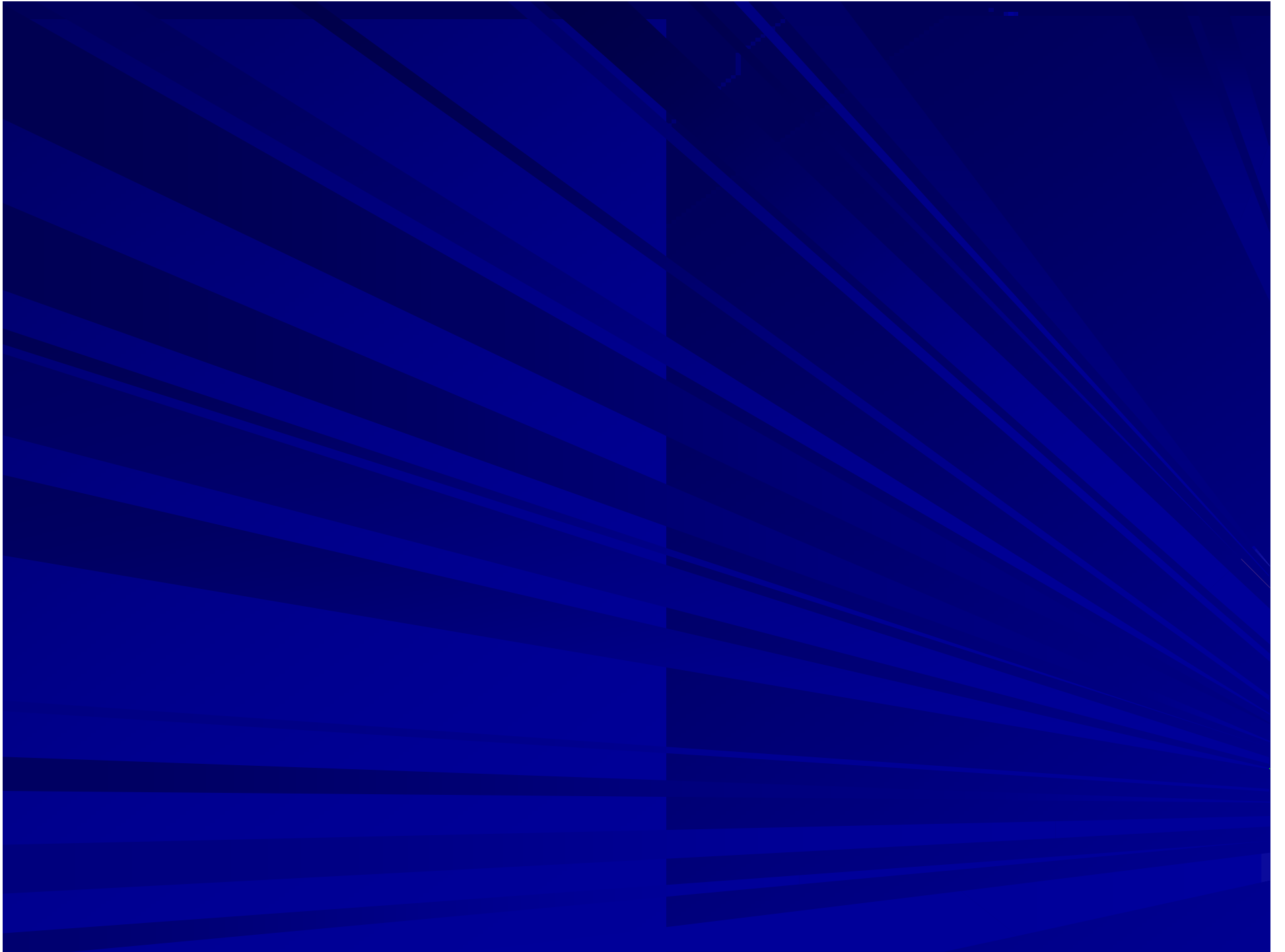


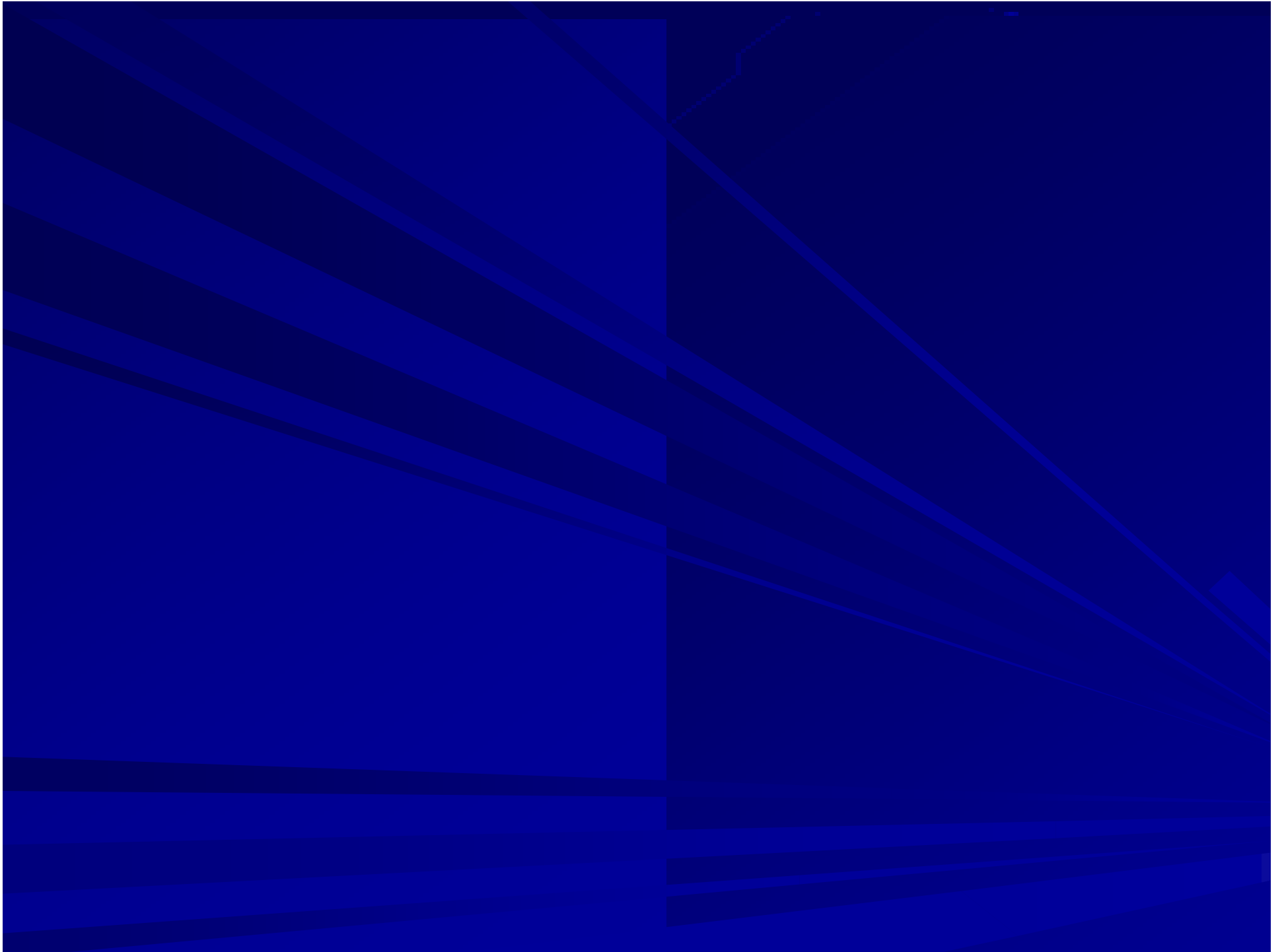
**Table 4****Labour force in GCC Countries-in Thousands (1995-2002)**

year	State						
	Kuwait	Qatar	Sultanas of Oman	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Kingdom of Bahrain	United Arab Emirates	Total
1995	1.132.0	238.5	510.8	6.575.2	201.8	1.074.4	8.500.7
1996	1.179.9	241.3	511.7	6.554.6	213.0	1.108.7	10.081.3
1997	1.232.8	285.7	531.4	8.988.9	283.2	1.477.0	10.845.1
1998	1.248.1	315.5	634.5	7.079.5	294.7	1.760.0	9.241.6
1999	1.207.2	316.5	633.9	5.864.9	291.1	1.909.0	10.114.5
2000	1.214.3	322.9	861.2	5.986.9	300.7	2.079.0	10.381.5
2001	1.320.2		704.9	6.089.8	308.3		10.719.2
2002			731.5				2.051.7

# Problem of unemployment

- **Can you imagine the problem of unemployment in the GCC countries?**
- **Looking for a job is a difficult task in the case of Saudi, Bahraini, and Omani nationals.**
- **Unemployment is the problem officials tend to talk about secretly.**





- It is a cultural and social problem before it can be an economic one.
- It has produced political problems to authorities of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.
- Mackenzie and NRS in Bahrain and Sanad in Oman have produced results, but it has a long way to achieve the goals.



# Regional and Arab Cooperation

- Arab and regional treaties on the movement of Arab labour looks impressive



