

Volunteer rate among the population (aged 15 and above) reaches 19.0% during 12 months and 9.5% during four weeks in 2025

Based on the estimates of the Volunteer Work Survey conducted by the General Authority for Statistics (GASTAT), the volunteer rate in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia among the population (aged 15 years and above, both Saudis and non-Saudis) reached 9.5% during four weeks in 2025. The results showed that total male volunteer rate was higher than that of females, with 11.1% of males volunteering compared to 6.3% of females over the same period. The results also showed that the volunteer rate during the 12 months for the population (aged 15 years and above, both Saudis and non-Saudis) reached 19.0% in 2025. Similarly, total male volunteer rate was higher than that of females, as the volunteer rate during the 12 months reached 21.5% for males compared to 14.2% for females.

Volunteer rate during four weeks

Results of Volunteer Work Survey 2025 showed that the volunteer rate during the four weeks for Saudis reached 9.3% with 11.9% recorded for males and 6.8% for females. Among non-Saudis, the volunteer rate during the four weeks reached 9.6% with a higher rate among males compared to females, where non-Saudi males recorded 10.7% and non-Saudi females recorded 5.3%

Volunteer rate during 12 months

Results of Volunteer Work Survey 2025 showed that the volunteer rate during the 12 months for Saudis reached 18.9% with 22.6% recorded for males and 15.3% for females. Among non-Saudis, the volunteer rate during the 12 months reached 19.1% with a higher rate among males compared to females, where non-Saudi males recorded 21.0% and non-Saudi females recorded 11.9%

Table1 :Volunteer rate by nationality and sex

Volunteer rate%	During four weeks			During 12 months		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Total	11.1	6.3	9.5	21.5	14.2	19.0
Saudi	11.9	6.8	9.3	22.6	15.3	18.9
Non-Saudi	10.7	5.3	9.6	21.0	11.9	19.1

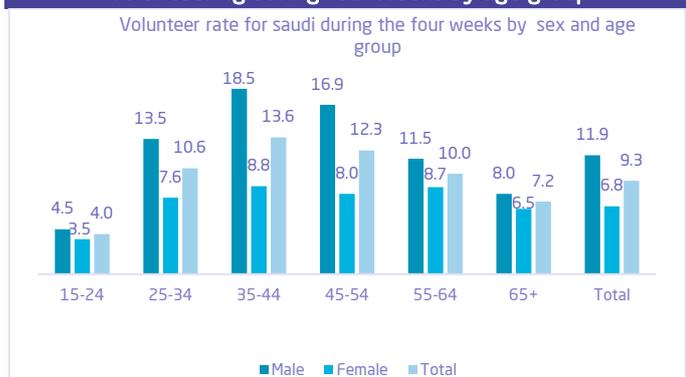
Source: Estimated data from the Volunteer Work Survey 2025 - General Authority for Statistics

Type of volunteering over four weeks

The results showed that most volunteer work over the four-week period was carried out individually and directly by volunteers, without supervision from organizations or volunteering agencies. For Saudis, the rate of direct volunteering was 7.5%, while the rate of organized volunteering through agencies was 1.6%, and the rate of mixed volunteering (both direct and organized) was 0.2%.

As for non-Saudis, the survey results indicated that the rate of direct volunteering over the four-week period was 8.0%, the rate of organized volunteering through agencies was 1.5%, while the rate of mixed volunteering (both direct and organized) was 0.1%.

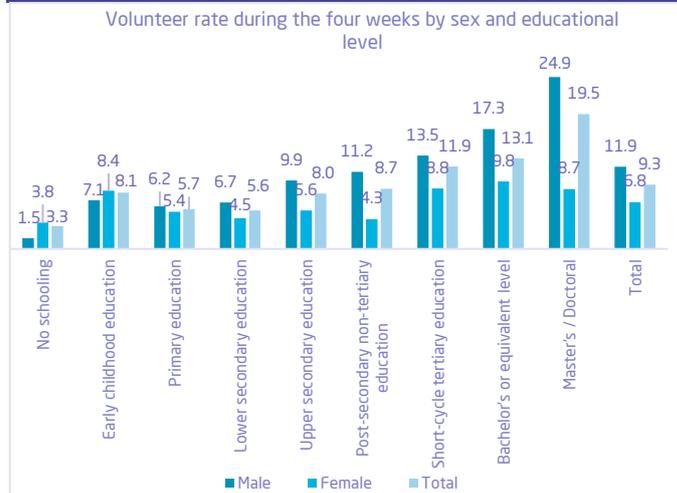
Volunteering during four weeks by age group



Source: Estimated data from the Volunteer Work Survey 2025 - General Authority for Statistics

Results of the Volunteer Work Survey 2025 showed that the highest rate of volunteering for all Saudis was in the age group of 35-44 years, reaching 13.6% and the rate among Saudi males in the same age group was 18.5% and among Saudi women in the same category was 8.8%

Volunteer rate during four weeks by educational level



Source: Estimated data from the Volunteer Work Survey 2025 - General Authority for Statistics

Results of the Volunteer Work Survey 2025 showed that the higher rate of volunteering was for short-cycle tertiary education and above. People with a master's or doctoral level of education recorded the highest rates of volunteering, reaching 19.5% among all Saudis, including 24.9% for Saudi males and 8.7% for Saudi females.

Average volunteering hours over four weeks

The average number of volunteering hours over four weeks for all Saudis (males and females) was 15 hours. Saudi males averaged 16 hours, and Saudi females averaged 12 hours.

Methodology

The Volunteer Work Survey 2025 is a household survey with a sample size of 24,000 households.

The sample was designed and selected from the housing frame of the 2022 Census. Data was collected during August and September of 2025

Using the phone interview method. The survey provides estimates of the characteristics of volunteering in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the population aged 15 years and above. The main indicators of volunteering are the following:

Volunteering Rate over Four Weeks (According to ILO standards, volunteering is measured over the four-week period preceding the household interview)

Volunteer rate during the four weeks,

Volunteer rate within 12 months,

Volunteer presentation method,

Average volunteering hours

Indicator Calculation Method:

•Overall volunteering rate = (Number of volunteers ÷ Population aged 15 and above) × 100

•Male volunteering rate = (Number of male volunteers ÷ Male population aged 15 and above) × 100

•Female volunteering rate = (Number of female volunteers ÷ Female population aged 15 and above) × 100

Characteristics of volunteers (educational level, age groups, etc.)

Volunteer work and volunteers are defined according to the International Labor Organization (ILO) standards as follows:

Volunteer work:

Any non-compulsory, unpaid activity performed to produce goods or provide services for others.

Volunteer:

A person who performs at least one hour of volunteer work during a short reference period.

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