

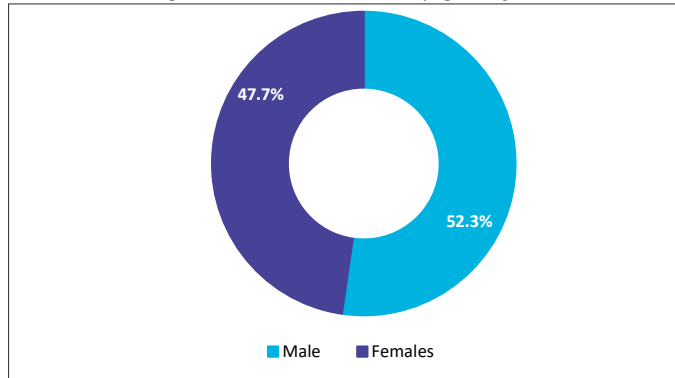
Total number of pilgrims reaches 1,707,301 in 2026

The total number of internal and external pilgrims reached 1,707,301 pilgrims in 2026, including 1,546,655 external pilgrims and 160,646 internal pilgrims (both Saudi and non-Saudi).

Pilgrims by sex

Statistics showed that the total number of pilgrims during 2026 reached 1,707,301. Male pilgrims reached 893,396, representing 52.3% of the total number of pilgrims, while female pilgrims reached 813,905, accounting for 47.7% of the total number of pilgrims during 2026. (Figure 1).

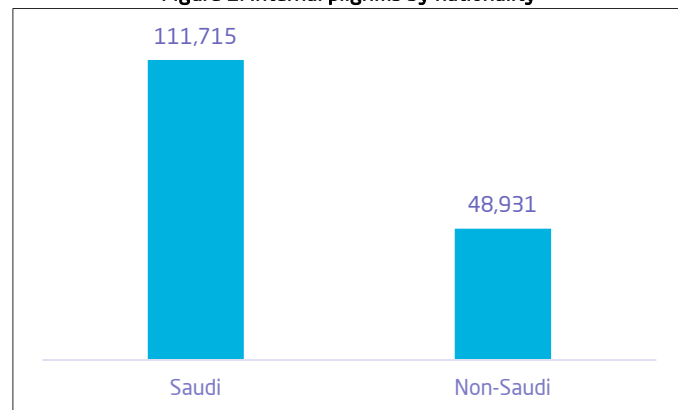
Figure 1. Relative distribution of pilgrims by sex



Internal pilgrims by nationality

The total number of internal pilgrims reached 160,646. Saudi pilgrims accounted for 111,715, representing 69.5% of the total number of internal pilgrims, while non-Saudi pilgrims residing in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia reached 48,931, accounting for 30.5% of the total number of internal pilgrims during 2026. (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Internal pilgrims by nationality



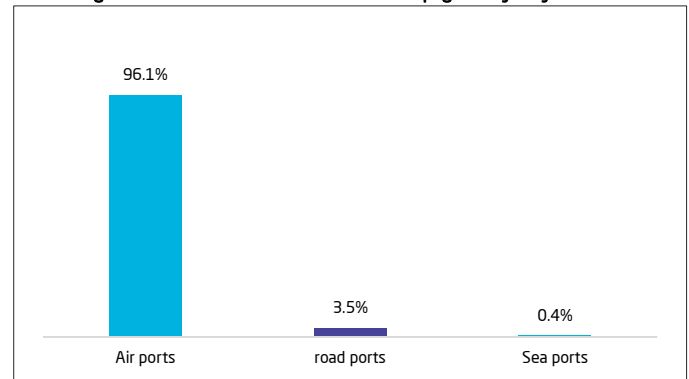
Pilgrims benefiting from the Makkah Route Initiative

The number of pilgrims benefiting from the "Makkah Route Initiative" during this year reached 388,694, representing 25.1% of the total number of external pilgrims.

External pilgrims by way of arrival

According to administrative records data, pilgrims from 165 different nationalities arrived in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Air entry points accounted for the largest share of arrivals, at 96.1%, totaling 1,485,729. Meanwhile, road entry points received 54,429 pilgrims, representing 3.5%, and 6,497 arrived through sea entry points, accounting for 0.4% (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Relative distribution of external pilgrims by way of arrival



Workforce and volunteers serving pilgrims

The number of workers serving pilgrims during 2026 reached 441,049 across the public and private sectors. In addition, the number of volunteers participating in serving pilgrims reached 26,701 volunteers.

Key Indicators of Hajj Statistics

Statistical indicators	Unit	Value
Total number of pilgrims	Number	1,707,301
Total number of external pilgrims	Number	1,546,655
Total number of internal pilgrims	Number	160,646
Total number of pilgrims benefiting from the Makkah Route Initiative	Number	388,694
Total workforce serving pilgrims	Number	441,049

Source: Tables

Methodology and quality

Data in Hajj Statistics Publication is based on administrative records provided by the Ministry of Interior, which include the number of pilgrims, their detailed characteristics, and the services provided within the temporal and spatial boundaries of the Hajj. These data are collected, analyzed, and classified according to the statistical procedures followed by the General Authority for Statistics. For more details, please refer to the [Methodology and Quality Report](#).