

Total number of pilgrims in 2025-1446H reaches 1,673,230

The total number of internal and external pilgrims in 2025 reached 1,673,230 pilgrims. External pilgrims accounted for 90%, with 1,506,576 pilgrims arriving through various entry points. However, internal pilgrims (Saudi citizens and residents) represented 10%, with 166,654 pilgrims (Figure1).

Beneficiaries from Makkah Route Initiative

The number of countries benefiting from "Makkah Route Initiative" reached 8 countries, with 314,337 pilgrims benefiting from the initiative in 2025. This represents 20.9% of the total number of external pilgrims. Makkah Route Initiative was launched during the 2017 Hajj season and aims to facilitate travel procedures for those arriving to perform Hajj.

Relative distribution of external pilgrims by way of arrival

The administrative data records showed that the number of external pilgrims arriving through airports reached 1,435,017 pilgrims, representing 95.3% of the total external pilgrims. Those arriving via land ports totaled 66,465 pilgrims, accounting for 4.4%, while 5,094 pilgrims arrived through seaports, making up 0.3%. Approximately 171 different nationalities were recorded. (Figure2)

Relative distribution of pilgrims by gender

The administrative data records showed that the number of male pilgrims reached 877,841, representing 52.5% of the total, while the number of female pilgrims was 795,389 accounting for 47.5% of the overall total. Saudi male pilgrims represented 32.1% of internal Saudi pilgrims, while Saudi female pilgrims represented 35.7% of the same group. (Figure3)

Number of employees serving pilgrims

The number of workers in Hajj 1446H / 2025 from both the public and private sectors, including the security sector, totaled 420,070 individuals inside and outside the holy sites. Males accounted for 92% of the workforce, while females represented 8% during the 1446H / 2025 Hajj season.

Key indicators of Hajj Statistics

Indicator	Unit	Number
Total number of internal pilgrims	Pilgrim	166,654
Total number of external pilgrims	Pilgrim	1,506,576
Total number of pilgrims	Pilgrim	1,673,230
Total number of male pilgrims	Pilgrim	877,841
Total number of female pilgrims	Pilgrim	795,389
Total number of countries benefiting from Makkah Route Initiative	Country	8
Total number of pilgrims benefiting from Makkah Route Initiative	Pilgrim	314,337
Number of workforces participating in Hajj	Employed	420,070

Source: [Tables](#).

Figure1. Relative distribution of pilgrims 2025

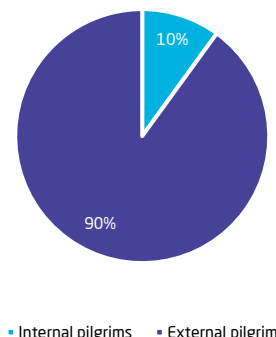


Figure2. Relative distribution of external pilgrims by port

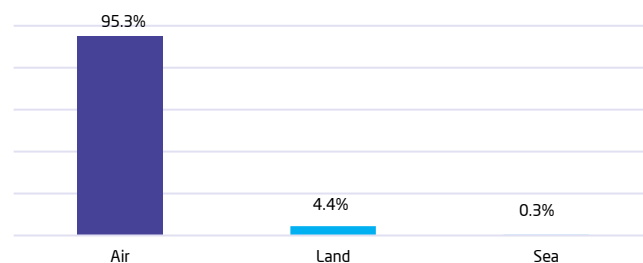
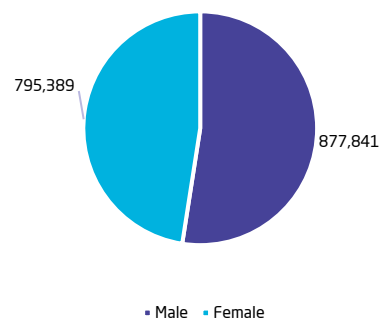


Figure3. Distribution of pilgrims by gender



Methodology and Quality

Data in Hajj Statistics Publication are 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. [Methodology and Quality Report](#)