

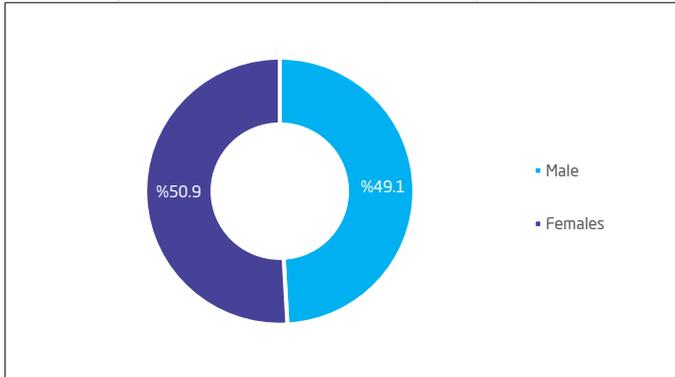
Umrah performers increase by 31% in Q4 2024

The number of Umrah performers recorded a 31% increase in Q4 of 2024 compared to the same quarter in 2023, reaching 7,435,625 Umrah performers. Males accounted for approximately 53%, while females constituted around 47%. Saudi Umrah performers represented 4.5% of the total during the same period.

External Umrah performers

The total number of external Umrah performers in Q4 2024 reached 5,283,795, reflecting a 26.2% increase compared to Q4 2023. Of these, 2,592,312 were male with 49.1%, while 2,691,483 were female with 50.9%. (Figure1)

Figure1: Distribution of external Umrah performers by sex - Q4 2024



External Umrah performers by visa type

Data showed that 64.7% of external Umrah performers entered on an Umrah visa, while 21.2% arrived on other types of visas. Additionally, 11.8% used an electronic visit visa, and Umrah performers who are citizens of GCC countries accounted for 2.3%.

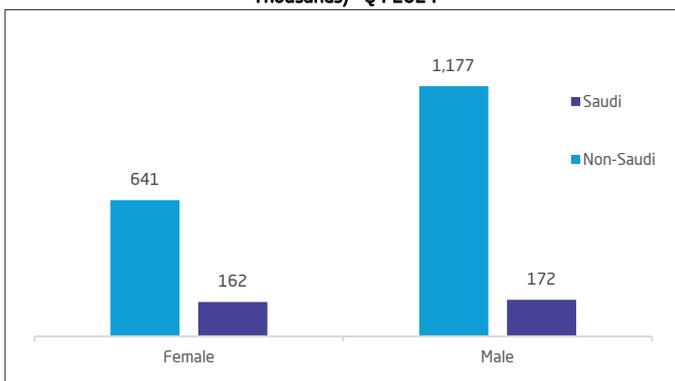
External Umrah performers by entry points

Data indicated that 84.4% of external Umrah performers arrived through airports, while 15.3% entered via land borders, and only 0.2% arrived through seaports.

Internal Umrah performers

The number of internal Umrah performers in Q4 2024 was estimated at 2,151,830, marking a 44.4% increase compared to the same period in 2023. Saudi citizens accounted for 333,388 with a percentage of 15.5%, while non-Saudi residents made up 1,818,442 with 84.5%. Among internal Umrah performers, males totaled 1,348,893 with 62.7%, while females numbered 802,937 by 37.3%. (Figure2).

Figure2: Distribution of internal Umrah performers by sex and nationality (in Thousands) - Q4 2024



External and internal Umrah performers by month

December recorded the highest number of external Umrah performers, accounting for 38.2%, with 2,019,451 performers. In contrast, October recorded the lowest number, with 1,590,767 performers. Similarly, December recorded the highest number of internal Umrah performers, reaching 760,247, with 35.3% for Q4 2024.

Internal Umrah performers by administrative region

Makkah Region accounted for the highest percentage of internal Umrah performers in Q4 2024, with 1,680,275 performers, by 78.1%. Riyadh Region followed with 176,511 performers, by 8.2%. The Northern Borders Region recorded the lowest number, with 2,567 performers, by 0.1%.

Umrah performers by age group

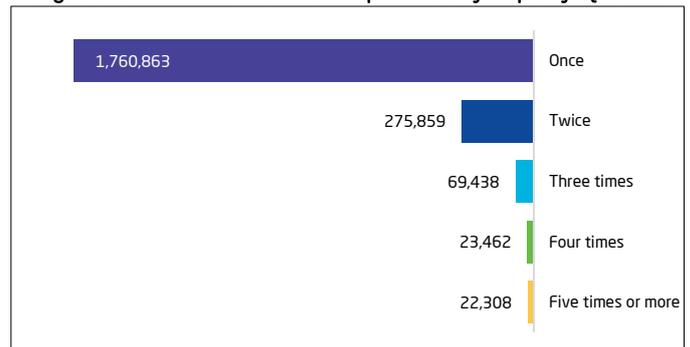
Among internal Umrah performers, the 30-39 age group represented the highest percentage at 30%.

For external Umrah performers, the 35-44 age group accounted for the largest percentage at 17.9%, while the 15-24 age group represented the lowest percentage at 9.4%.

Internal Umrah performers by frequency

The number of internal Umrah performers who performed Umrah once reached 1,760,863, with 61.8% being male and 38.2% female. November recorded the highest percentage of internal Umrah performers who performed Umrah once, accounting for 34% in Q4 2024. (Figure3)

Figure 3: Distribution of internal Umrah performers by frequency - Q4 2024



Key Umrah Indicators

Indicators	Unit	Q4 2024
Internal Umrah Performers	Number	2,151,830
External Umrah Performers		5,283,795
Total Umrah Performers		7,435,625

Source: Tables.

Methodology and Quality

The Umrah Statistics Report is published on a quarterly basis starting from 2024. It provides figures and percentages of external and internal Umrah performers based on administrative records from the Pilgrim Experience Program, along with approved statistical models. For more details, please refer to [the Methodology and Quality Report](#).