

# Increase in the number of activated logistics centers to 23 in 2024

In 2024, the number of activated logistics centers in Saudi Arabia increased to 23, compared with 22 centers in 2023, with a total area of 34.6 million square meters based on the results of Warehousing and Logistics Statistics. Makkah Region recorded the largest share of logistics-center area, amounting to 20.4 million square meters distributed across six logistics centers Figure (1). The statistics also show that logistics centers in 2024 were classified into six types by usage. Industrial cities ranked first with 15 centers, accounting for about 44.1% of the total, followed by internal distribution zones with nine centers and logistics zones at ports with four centers. Figure (2)

Figure 1. The area of actived logistics centers in Saudi Arabia for 2024 (one thousand square meters)

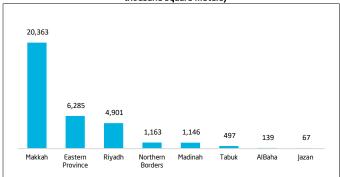
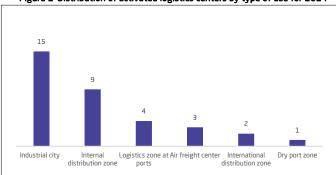


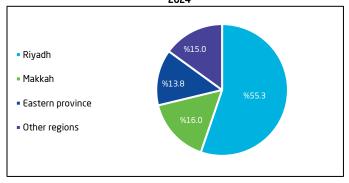
Figure 2 Distribution of activated logistics centers by type of use for 2024



### Number of licensed warehouses in Saudi Arabia

The 2024 statistics showed that the total number of licensed commercial warehouses in Saudi Arabia amounted to 12,234, with a total area of 22 million square meters. These warehouses were distributed across the administrative regions, with Riyadh Region recording the highest number of licensed commercial warehouses and the largest total area, at 6,763 warehouses and a total area of 10.7 million square meters, accounting for 55.3% of all licensed commercial warehouses in Saudi Arabia. In addition, the total number of licensed construction warehouses amounted to 1,189 licenses, with a combined area of 7.5 million square meters. Figure (3)

Figure 3. Relative distribution of commercial warehouses by region in Saudi Arabia, 2024



#### Quantity of freight by mode of transportation

The data showed that the total volume of import, export, domestic, and international freights transported via maritime routes amounted to 331.3 million tons. International freights, imported and exported through ports, amounted to 25.7 million tons. Domestic freights transported by railway totaled 15.6 million tons, while the volume of import, export, and transit freights transported by air amounted to 1.2 million tons.

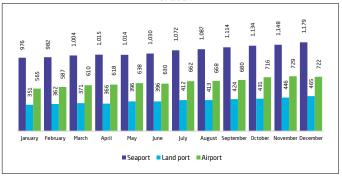
#### **Delivery activity data**

In 2024, the number of completed orders in the order-delivery activity exceeded 290 million orders, representing an increase of 27.2% compared with 2023. Meanwhile, the average delivery time declined from 45 to 35 minutes. In terms of workforce, the total number of active Saudi drivers exceeded 140 thousand drivers, increasing by 21.0% compared with 2023, while the number of non-Saudi drivers exceeded 302 thousand drivers, rising by 5.0% compared with 2023.

#### Number of valid customs clearance activity licenses

In 2024, the number of valid customs clearance licenses increased across various ports of entry. By the end of the year, the total number of licenses at seaports amounted to 1,179, recording an increase of 26.1% compared with the same period in 2023. The number of valid licenses at road ports rose to 465, while at airports the number of licenses amounted to 722 by the end of the year. Figure (4)

Figure 4. Number of valid customs clearance activity licenses by month and port for 2024



## Activities of postal and parcel sector in Saudi Arabia

Data for 2024 showed a notable improvement in the performance of the parcel and postal services sector. The number of freights increased to over 180 million, compared to more than 140 million in 2023. The average delivery time decreased to two days, and the on-time delivery compliance rate increased to 96%, compared to 94% in 2023.

Key indicators of Warehousing and Logistics Statistics		
Key indicators	Unit	2024
Number of activated logistics centers	Number	23
Number of postal service sales outlets	Number	+1200
Total number of licenses for commercial warehouses	Number	12,234
Total number of licenses for construction warehouses	Number	1,189
Number of electronic transport documents issued for road-transported goods	Number (Million)	16.2
Number of logistics contracts in industrial cities	Number	74
Orders completed through licensed delivery applications	Number (Million)	+290
Number of licensed parcel companies for freight transport	Number	47

<u>Tables</u>

#### Methodology and quality

The Warehousing and Logistics Statistics are an annual publication that provides statistics and indicators about the warehousing and logistics sector. This publication serves as a reliable basis for conducting studies and research in the field of warehousing and logistics, as well as for local, regional, and international comparisons. The publication is based on data from administrative records obtained from several government and private entities. Methodology and Quality Report.