

# Saudi women The partner of success

International Women's Day



## Introduction



Saudi women are yet another great asset. We will continue to develop their talents, invest in their productive capabilities, enable them to strengthen their future, and contribute to the development of our society and economy.

## Methodology

This report discusses the most prominent statistical indicators and other statistical measures for Saudi women in the age group (15 years or more) and some statistics regarding women in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The latest results of the surveys of the General Authority for Statistics and administrative data were used to deliver various statistics in Social, economic, educational, health, cultural areas.

## References



Institutional innovation survey 2018



ICT Access and Usage by Households and Individuals Survey 2019



Household health survey 2018



Culture and Household Entertainment Survey 2018



Bulletin Gender Statistics 2018



Population Estimates



Expenditure And Income Survey 2018



Household Sports Practice Survey 2019



Voluntary work survey 2018



Labor force survey 2019 Q3



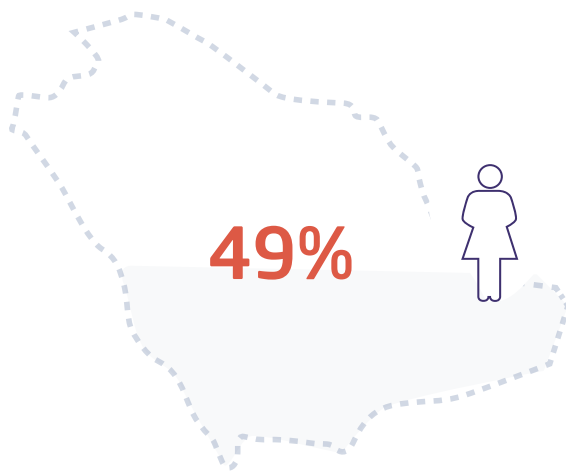
Statistical Yearbook



# General Indicators

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## Saudi women represent almost half of Saudi society



Of the total Saudi population for 15 years and above  
This percentage is nearly the same in most administrative regions

## Looking at the distribution of Saudi women according to age groups

it is noted **the average age of Saudi females**

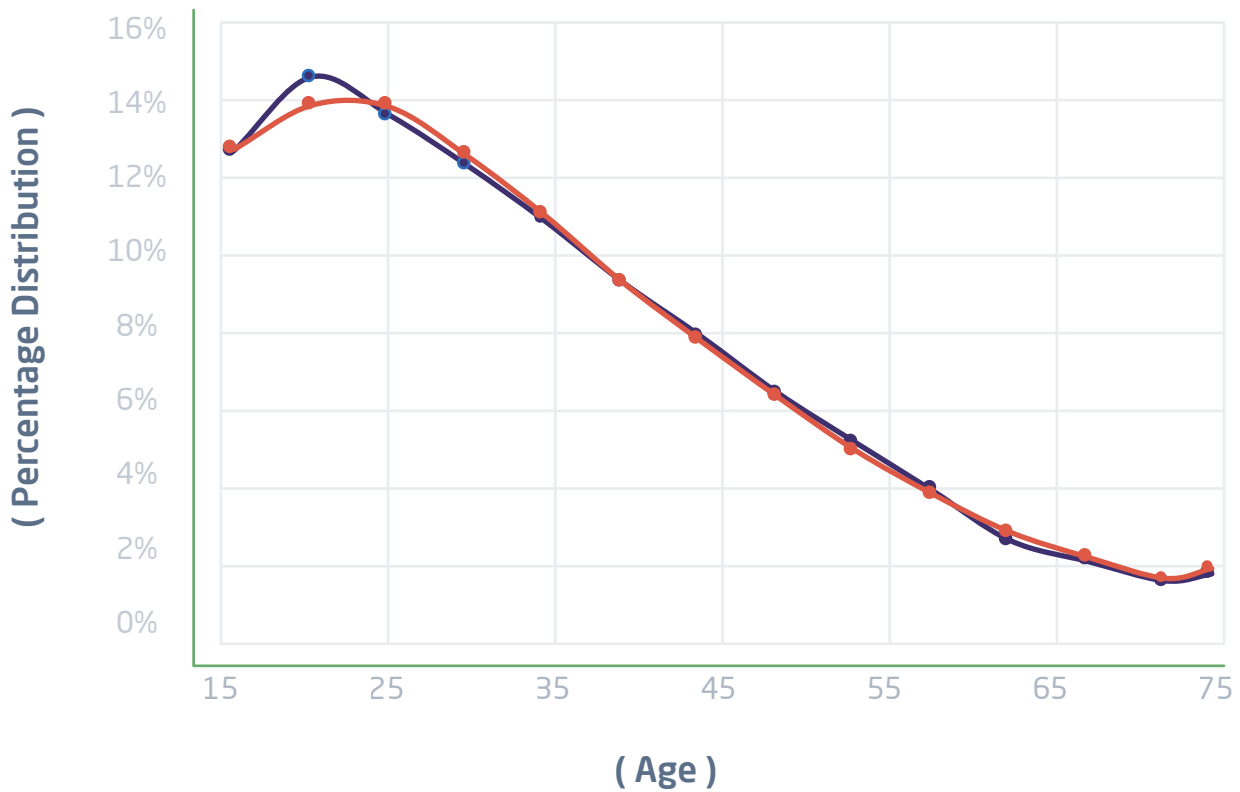
**28**  
years old

while **half of the Saudi females are less than**

**27**  
years old  
(median age)

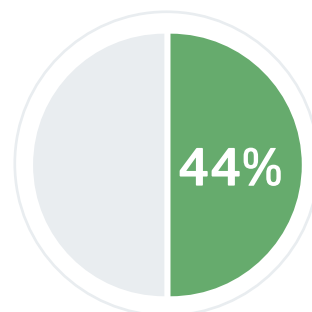


Percentage distribution of Saudi population by age and gender



It is clear from the chart that **the largest percentage of females and males are at the youth category**, and this is consistent with the fact that Saudi society is a young community with

percentage of young people in both males and females



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The Kingdom's 2030 vision contributes to enhancing the position of women and supporting more rights to achieving gender equality, and back them up in attain success at the national and international levels, which also allowed women to play an important role in development.

To measure the Saudi women's participation in development, the National Women's Observatory was established and construct a composite index "The Saudi Women Participation in Development Index" indicators calculated at the level of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



The Index consist of 5 pillars:



The Educational Pillar



The Health Pillar



The Economic Pillar



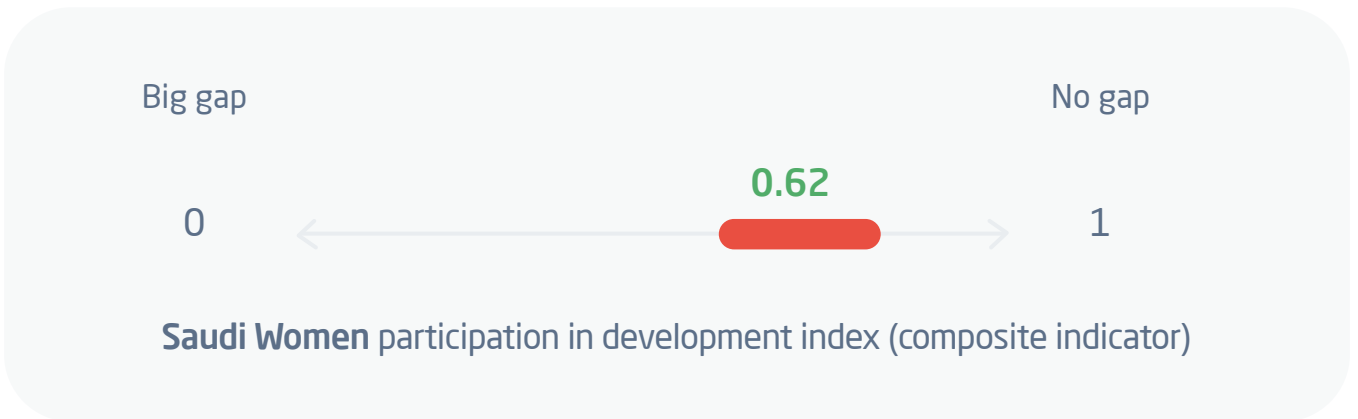
The Organizational Pillar



the Social Pillar

Each pillar contains weighted variables selected accordance to global indices and expert opinion in regards to national development priorities. Values for variables are updated annually using register and survey data from the General Authority for Statistics. Results appear as numbers between zero and one, where participation of women in development increases the closer the number is to one and decreases the closer the number is to zero.

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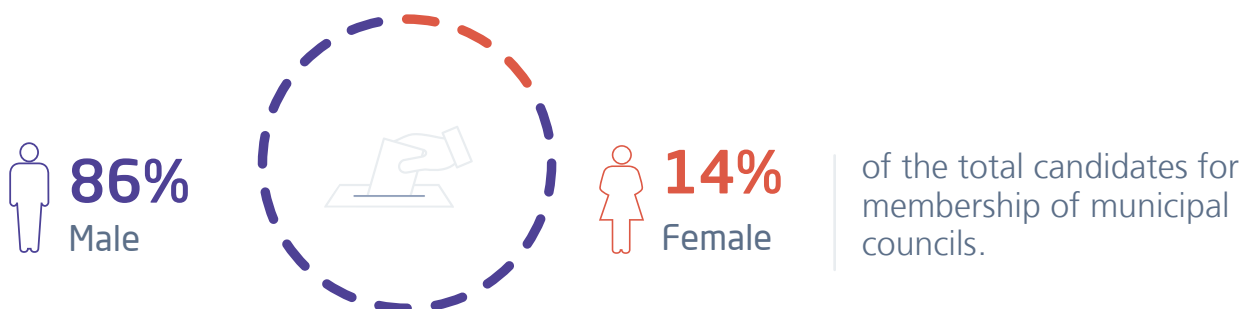
It appears from the index has the great achievement in educational and health pillars, while participation appeared to be fair in the social pillar. On the other hand, the participation is still low in economic and organizational pillar



In order to support the empowerment of Saudi women and enhance their participation in development and to bridge the gender gap in the organizational pillar, Saudi women participates in municipal elections as voters and candidates



It is noted from the previous rate, **the weak participation of females in the municipal councils**, and this can be explained by the low turnout for female candidates, as the ratio of female compared to male candidates reached only:







On 26 September 2017, King Salman issued a statement recognizing the right of **Saudi women to drive**, Licenses were set to be issued to women **starting from 24 June 2018**

Since that date until January 2020, the total **number of driving licenses** issued to women in Saudi Arabia reached



**174624**  
licenses



**84.8%**  
of them are issued for  
Saudi females

The **top 3 administrative** regions that issued

**90%** of Saudi women licenses



Riyadh  
**47.7%**

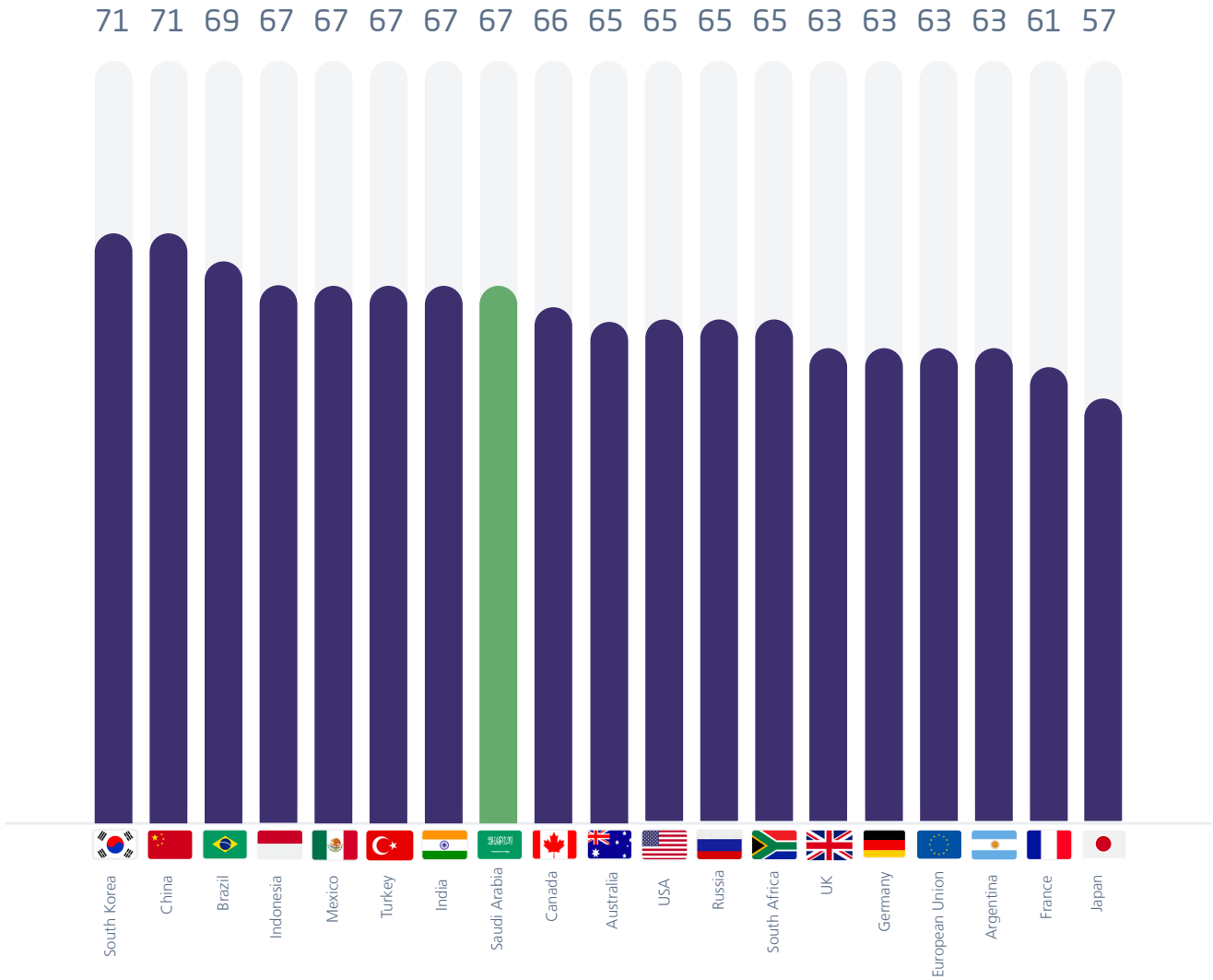


Eastern  
**27.9%**



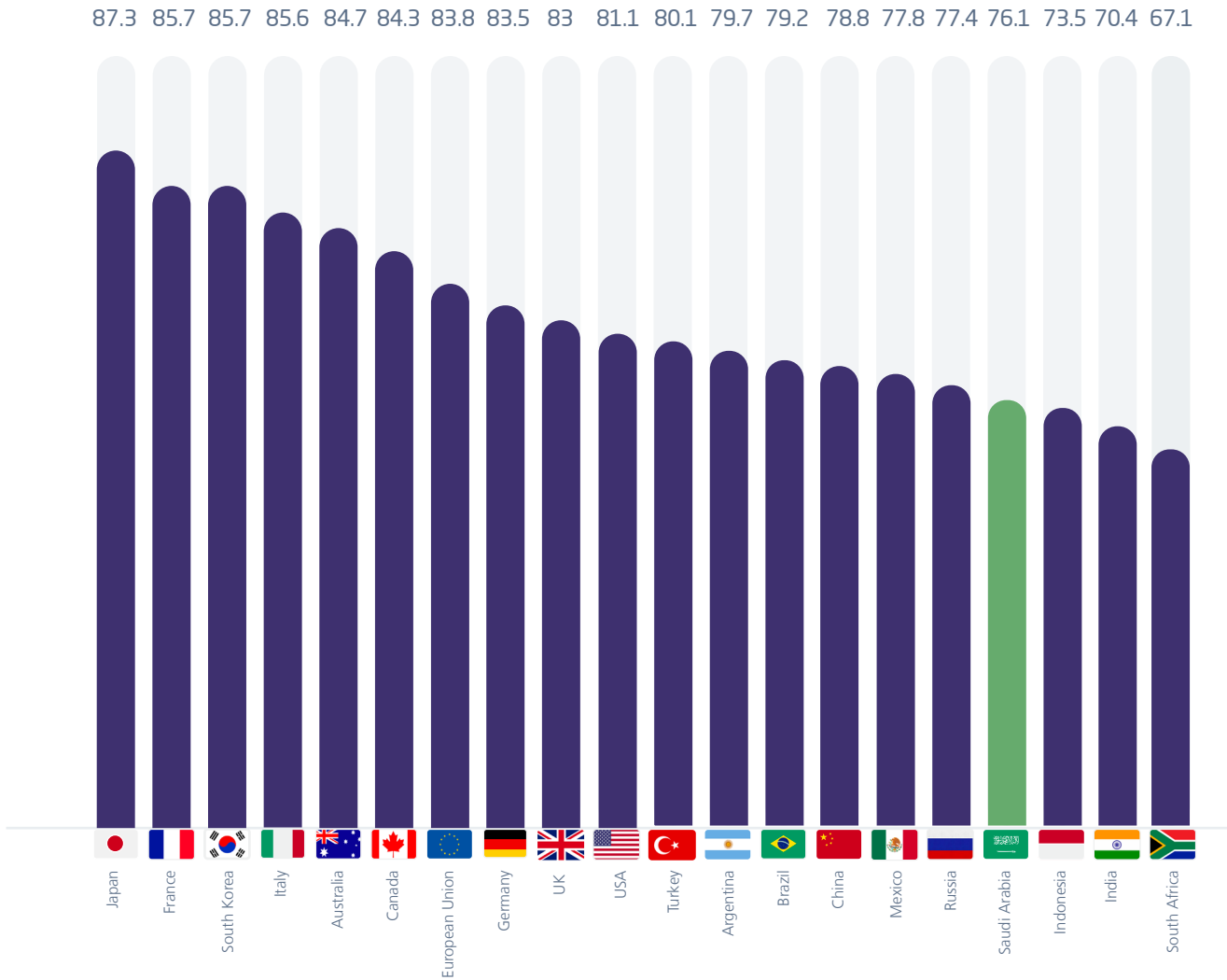
Makkah  
**14.4%**

## Percentage of females 15-64 years old out of total female population compared to the G20 countries



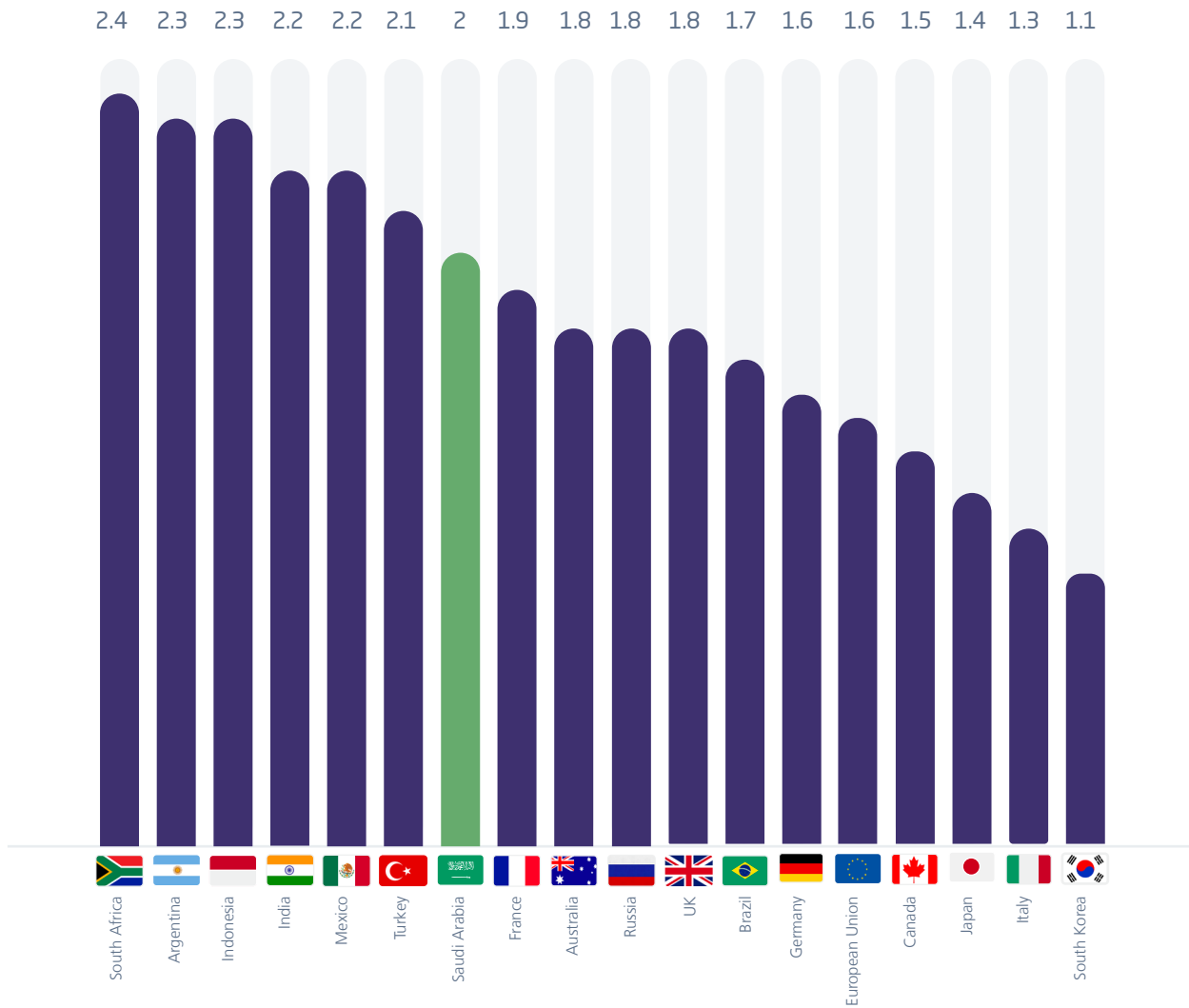
The percentage of females in working age in Saudi Arabia appeared within **the average percentages** among the countries of the **G20**

## Life expectancy at birth, women (by years) in the Kingdom compared to the G20 countries



The female life expectancy in Saudi Arabia is **76.1** years which is higher than the female life expectancy in India, Indonesia and South Africa, and lower than the rest of the **G20** countries

### Female fertility rate out of total population compared to the G20 countries



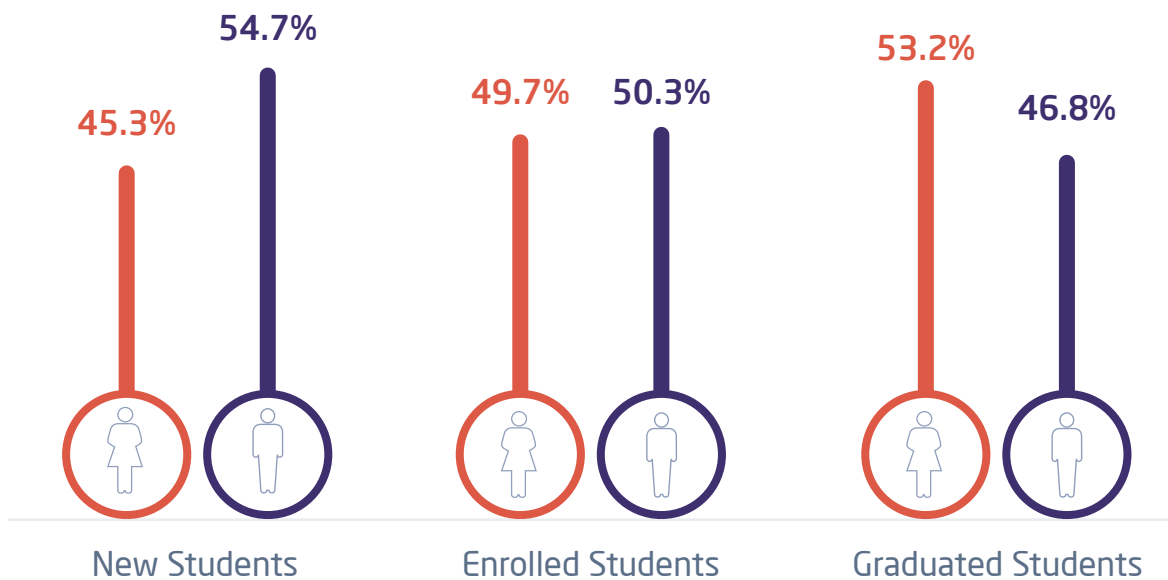
Fertility rate of females in Saudi Arabia appeared within the average percentages among the countries of the **G20**

# Education

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Percentage distribution of **Saudi female students 18 years and above who are new (enrolled) students**, enrolled students and graduated students to male students in higher education

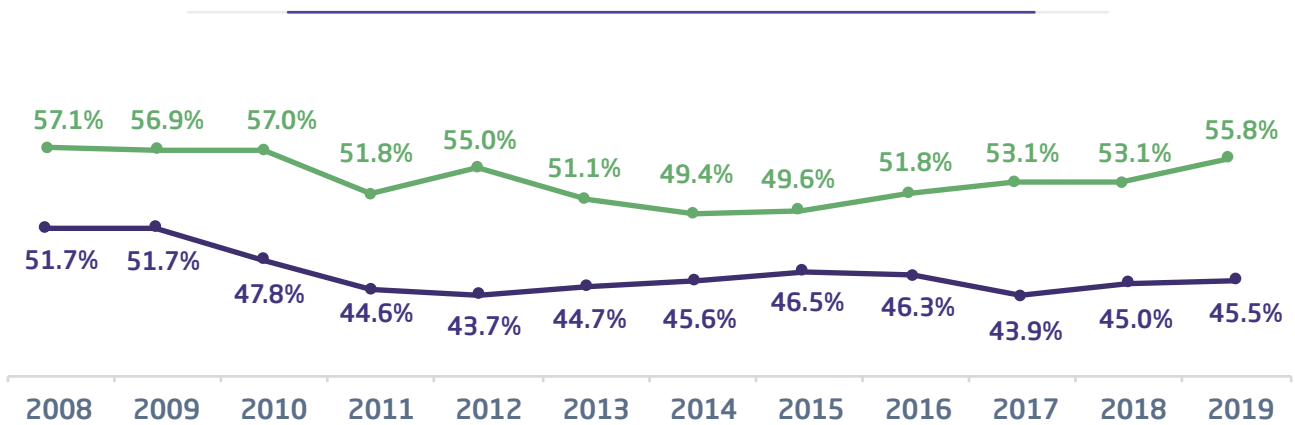


We notice that percentage of enrolled student (males and females) is equivalent

slight higher for female graduate by **53.2%**

slight lower for new (enrolled) females student by **45.3%**

Percentage of **Saudi female students 18 years and above** who are newly enrolled student and graduated student (2008-2019) compared to the counterparts male in higher education



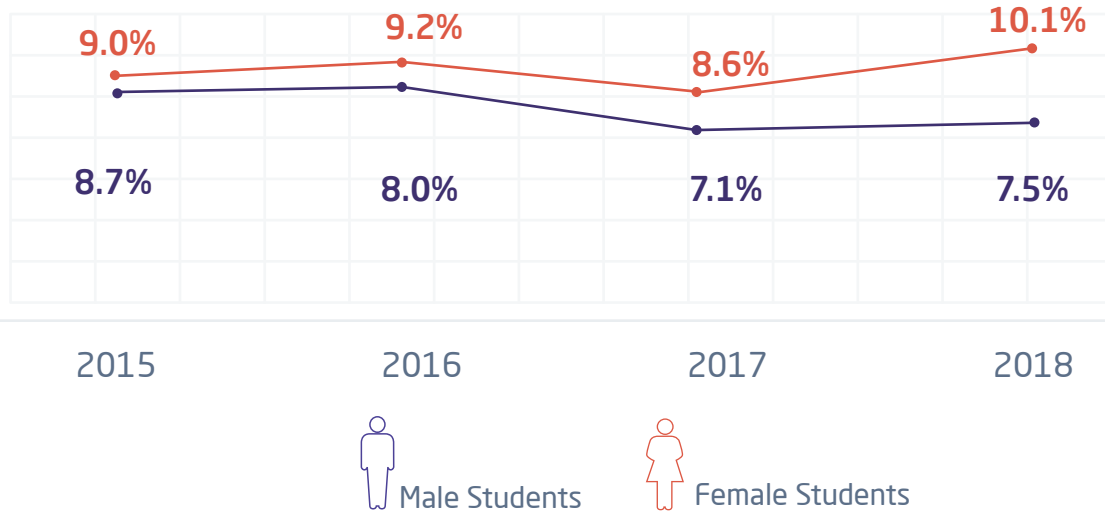
New Student



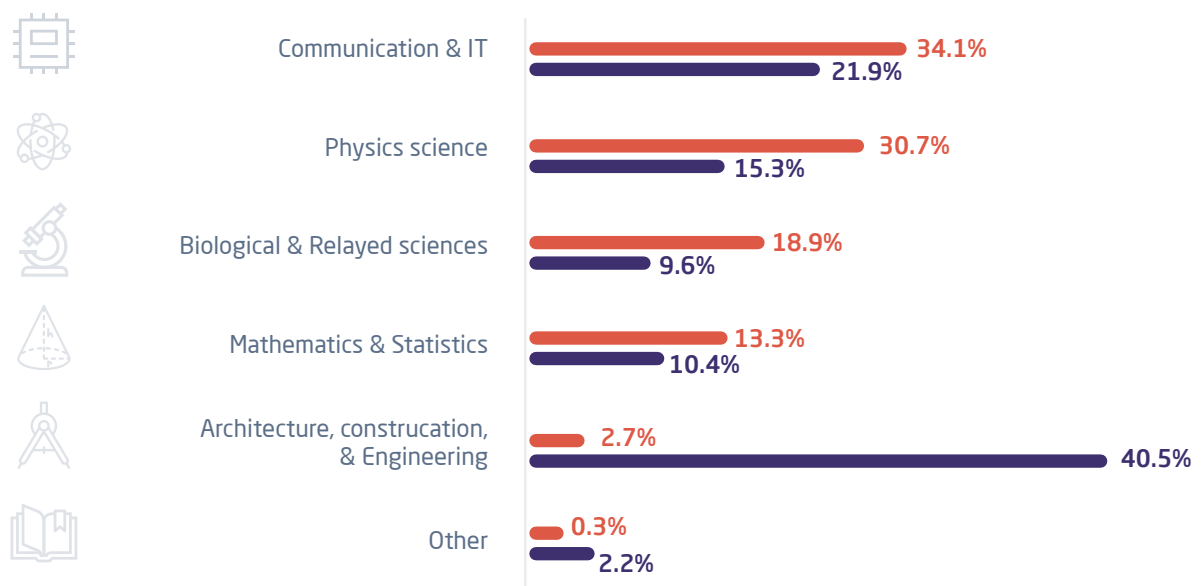
Graduated Student

It is noticeable that the percentage of **Saudi female new enrolled and graduated student is equivalent**, in general, to Student males, with a slight superiority of female graduate and slight superiority of male new enrolled students.

Percentage of **Saudi female graduated students with a Bachelor's degree** from STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) majors compared to male students (2018)



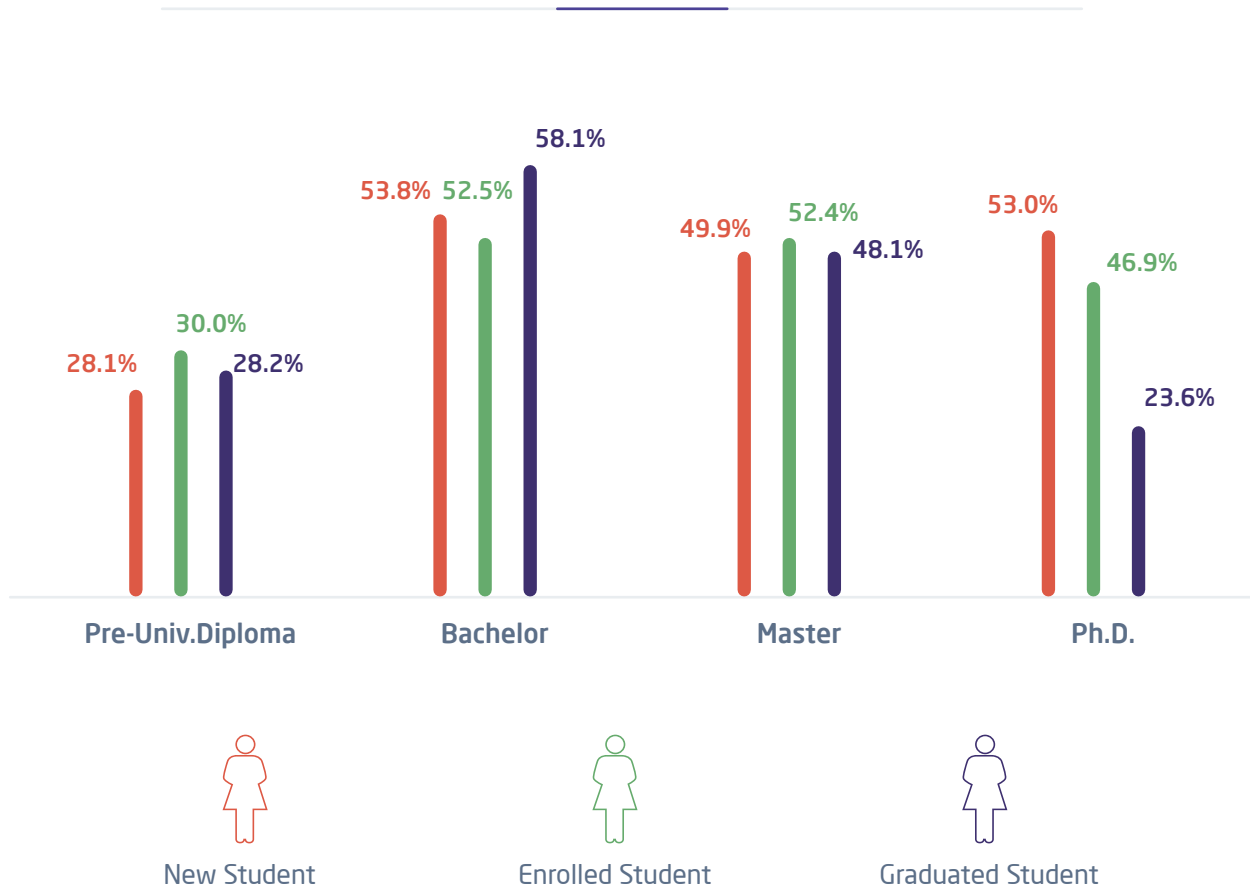
Share of **Saudi students with a Bachelor's degree** from STEM majors compared by their major (2018)



In 2018 37.600 Students earned a STEM major, **58%** of which were female students. While the most preferred STEM majors of female students are Communication and Information Technology (**34.1%**) and Physics (**30.7%**), the preferred STEM studies of male students were Architecture, construction and engineering (**40.5%**) and Communication and Information Technology (**21.9%**)

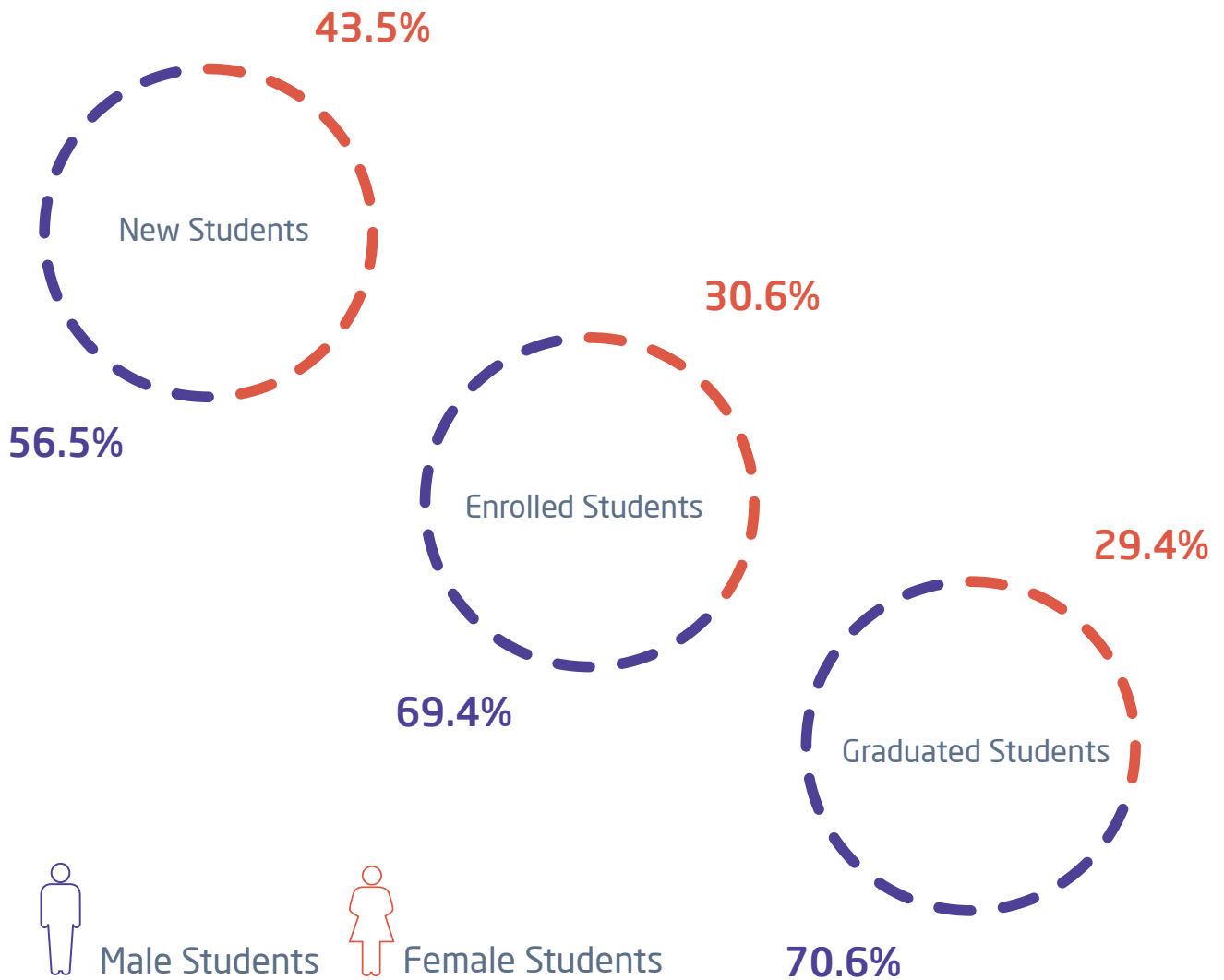


Percentage of **new enrolled, enrolled and graduated female students** compared to male students in higher education by academic degree



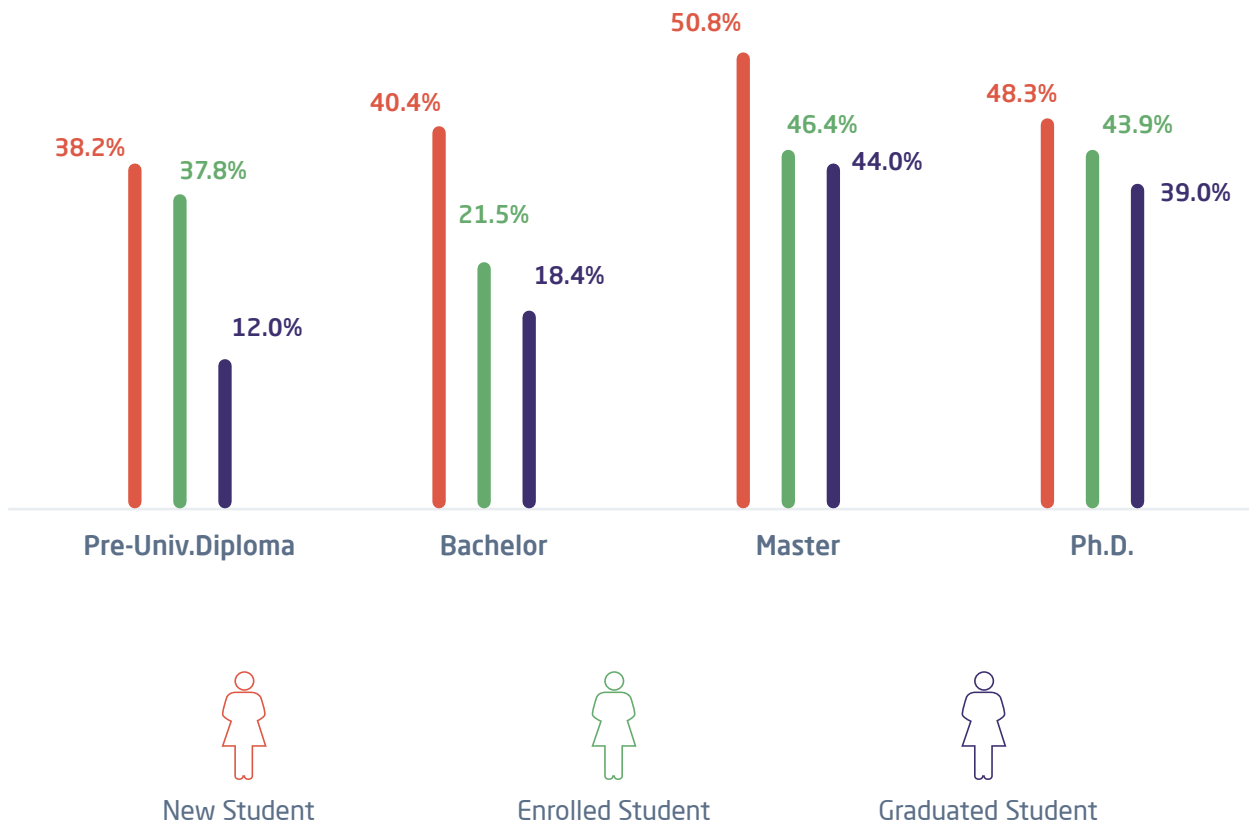
Pre-university diploma recorded the least percentages of females newly enrolled, graduated, and enrolled students compared to male students with **28.1%**, **28.2%**, and **30%**, respectively. Likewise, the percentage of PhD female graduate which is **23.6%** compared to male students, Otherwise, the percentage were approximately equal in other academic degrees.

Percentage distribution of Saudi female **abroad students** who are new enrolled, enrolled students and graduated students to abroad males students



From the graph, it is noticed that the percentage of female and male new students are fairly close, Noting that there is a large disparity between male and female in enrolled and graduated abroad students by around **70%** and **30%**, respectively.

The percentage of new enrolled , enrolled and graduated female students compared to male students who are studying abroad to complete higher education by educational level



While the enrolment of female in masters and PhD levels is almost as high as male's, the share of female graduating is lower than male's share in all educational levels.

### Percentage distribution of Saudi women academic faculty members compared to Saudi males by qualification



Generally, the percentage of Saudi faculty members (male, female) is almost equivalent, **45%**, the highest percentage of women faculty members in Higher Diploma qualification (**62.2%**)

# Health

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**13.9%**

Percentage of Saudi female covered by Health Insurance.  
(where the rest of them are mostly receiving health care,  
for free, in government hospitals)



**92.3%**

Percentage of Saudi women 15 years and above by their  
Personal Assessment of having good Health



**2.3**

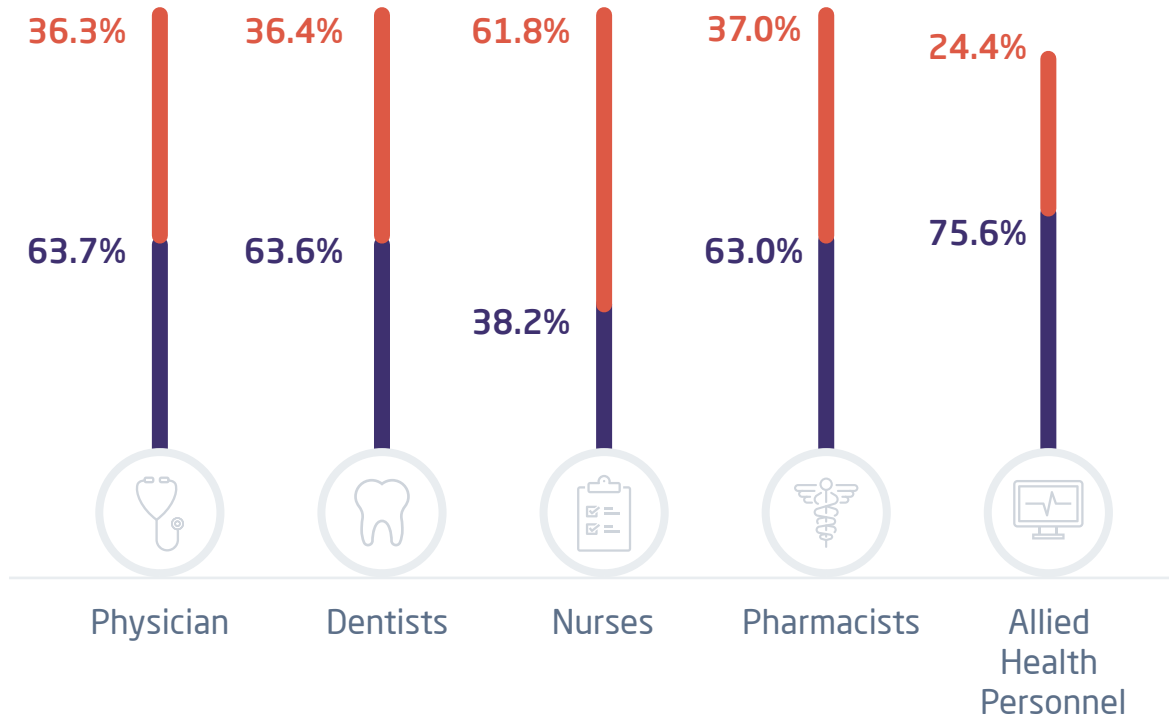
Mortality rate of Saudi women



**99.4%**

Percentage of births attended by skilled health  
professionals

### Percentage distribution of Saudi Workers in the Health Field by Main Occupation and Gender



Male



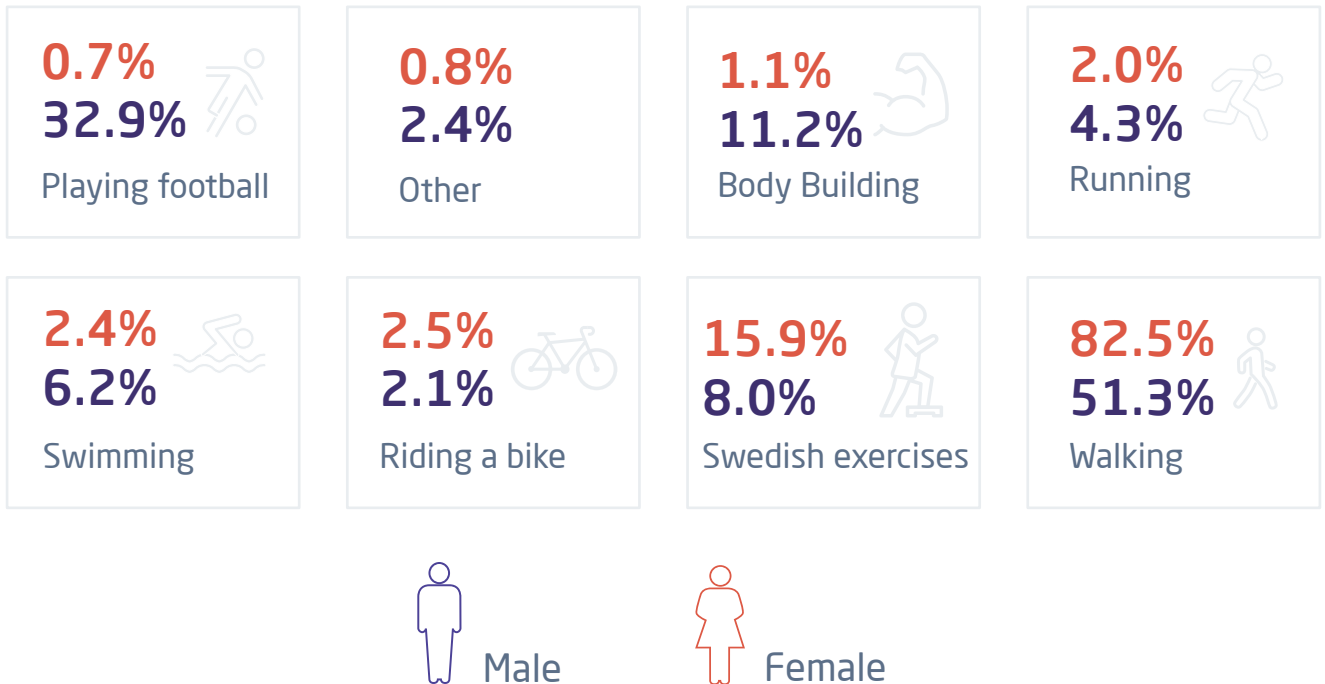
Female

It is noted that the percentage of females is less than males in all occupations except nursing

Percentage of Saudi individuals (15 years and above) who practice sport (150 minute and more weekly) by gender



Percentage of Saudi individuals (15 years and above) who practice sport (150 minute and more weekly) by sporting activity and gender out of total practitioner



It is observed that walking is the most practiced sport for females and males with percentage of 82.5%,51.3% respectively, while there is difference in practicing other sports.

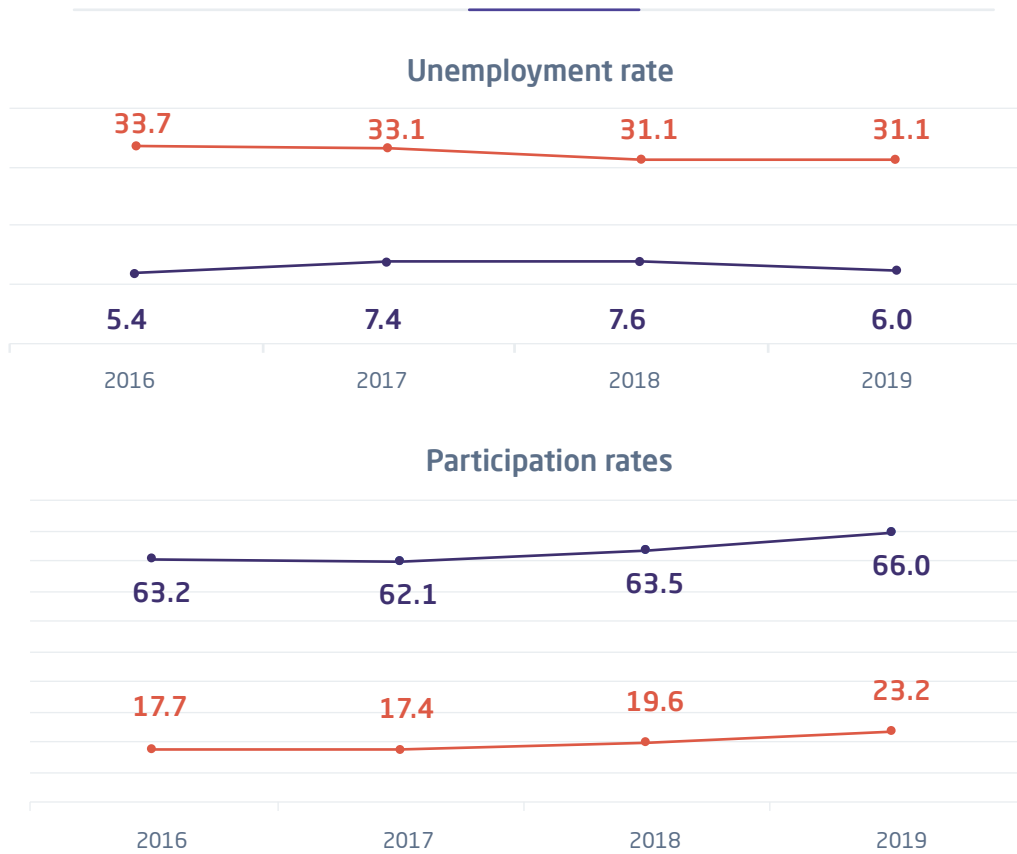


# Economy

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### Comparison of unemployment and economic participation rates for Saudi population 15 years and above from 2016 Q2 to 2019 Q2



While less than one out of four women participate in the labor market, the participation rate of women rose by more than five percentage points since 2016. Unemployment rate of women is more than five times higher than men's unemployment rate.

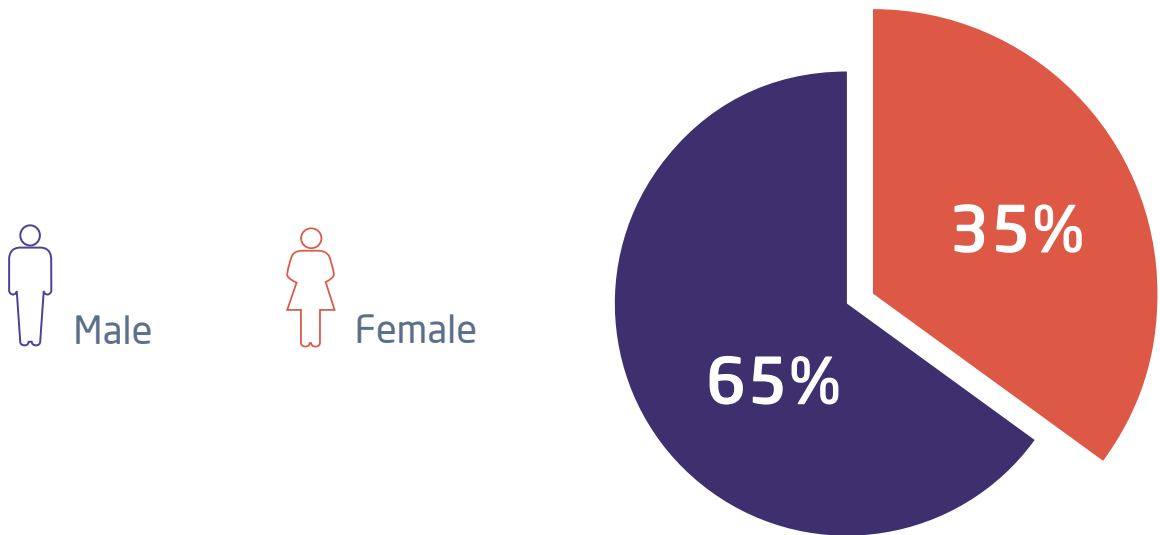


Male



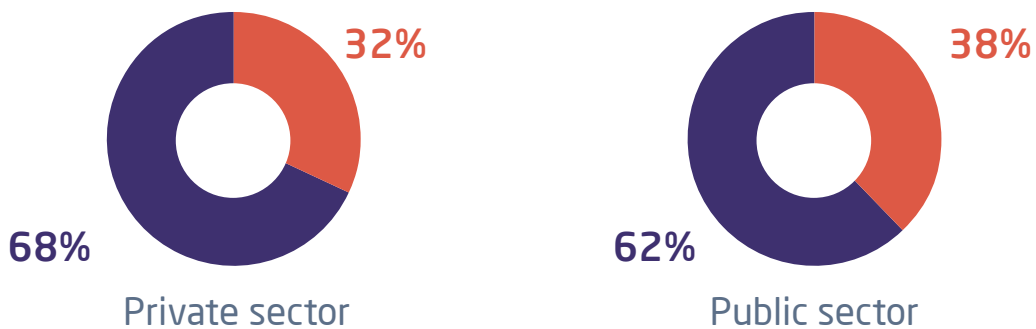
Female

Percentage distribution of **Saudi employees** 15 years and above by **gender**



The data shows that the percentage of males employee **65%** is higher than females employee **35%**

Percentage distribution of **Saudi employee** 15 years and above by **sector and gender**



The percentage of females compare to males in the public sector is higher than the private sector

### Distribution of average monthly wages of Saudi employees by Wage level and gender ( in Saudi Riyal)

High	<b>12,595 S.R</b>	<b>13,956 S.R</b>	
Medium	<b>4,747 S.R</b>	<b>5,221 S.R</b>	
Low	<b>958 S.R</b>	<b>974 S.R</b>	



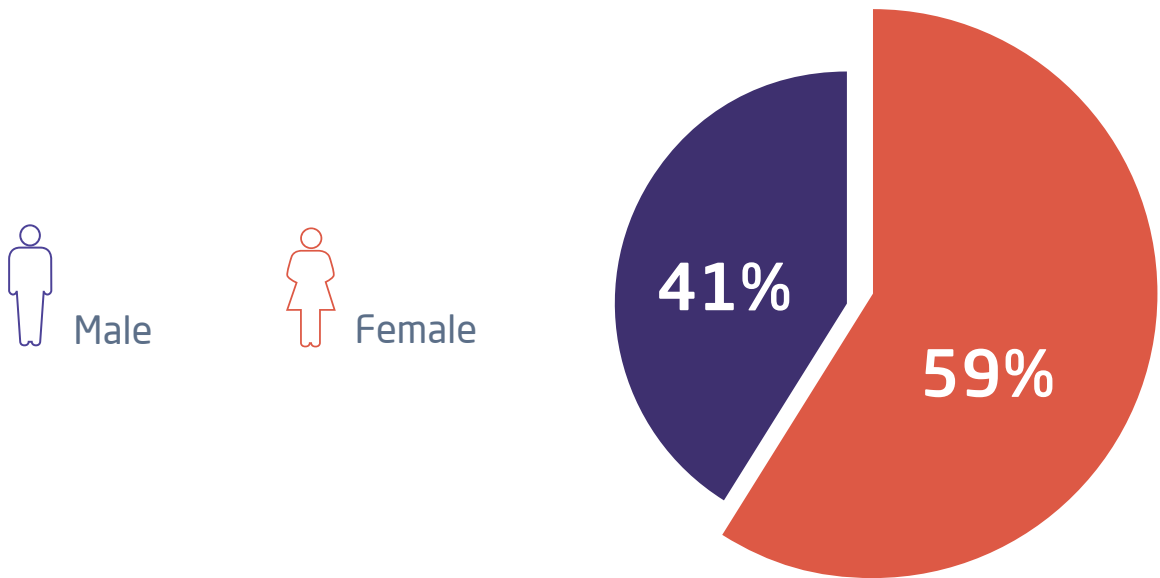
Female



Male

While the level of monthly salaries of male and female is almost equal at low wages, differences increase with higher monthly wages

### Percentage distribution of Saudi employees in innovative establishments by gender



It is noticed that the percentage of Saudi female employees is **59%** which is higher than **41%** of males

### Percentage of Saudi female employees in innovative establishments\* to the total women employees in establishments



#### \*Innovation establishments:

It is the establishments that produce a product, an operation, or a new improved organization or marketing method that is largely different from previous products or operations at the establishment, and that is provided to potential users or used in the production process.

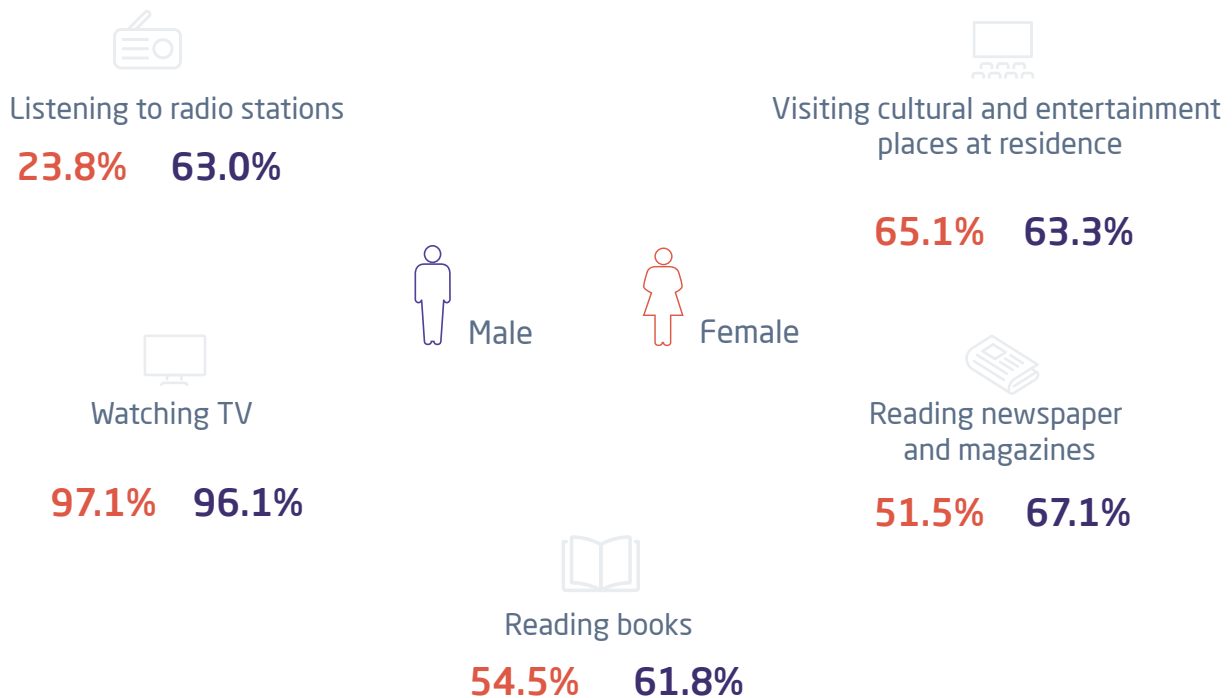
# Culture

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### Cultural and Entertainment Indicators

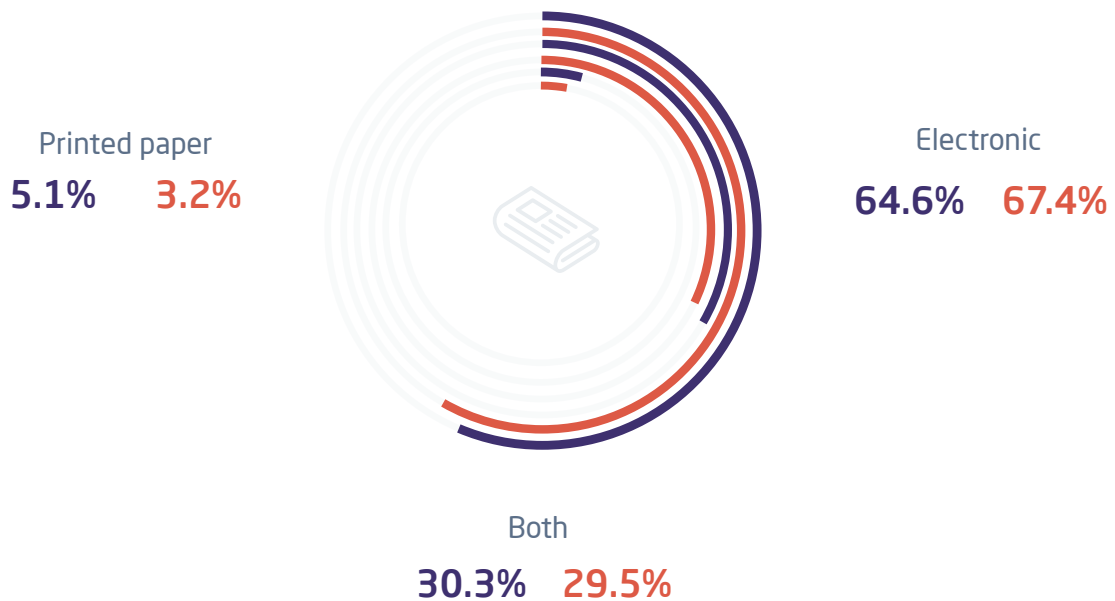
Percentage of key cultural and entertainment indicators of Saudi individuals 15 years and above by sex



It appears from the cultural and entertainment indicators of Saudi society that they are generally close, noting the difference in the percentage of listening to radio stations (**Males: 63.0%**) (**Female: 23.8%**)

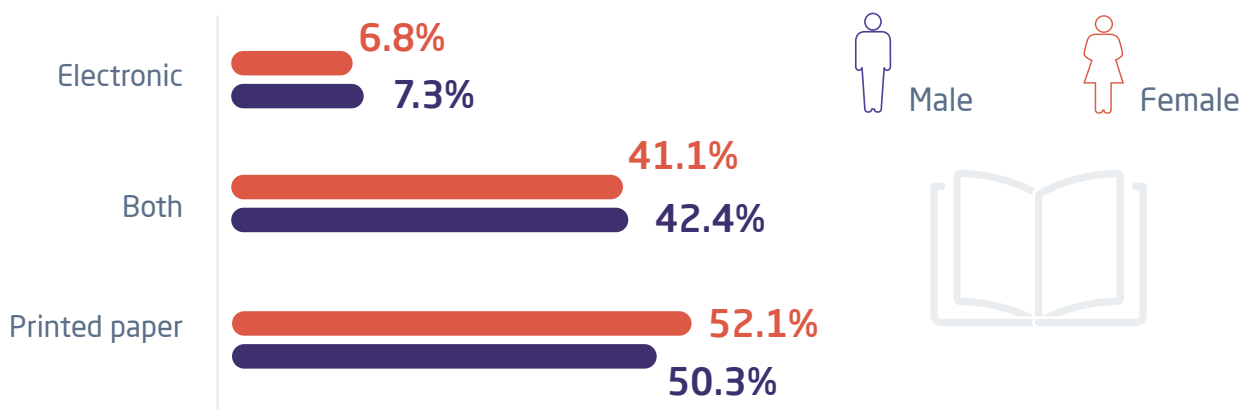
## Newspapers/magazines and books that Saudi 15 years and above reads, by reading types and sex

### Read newspapers or magazines



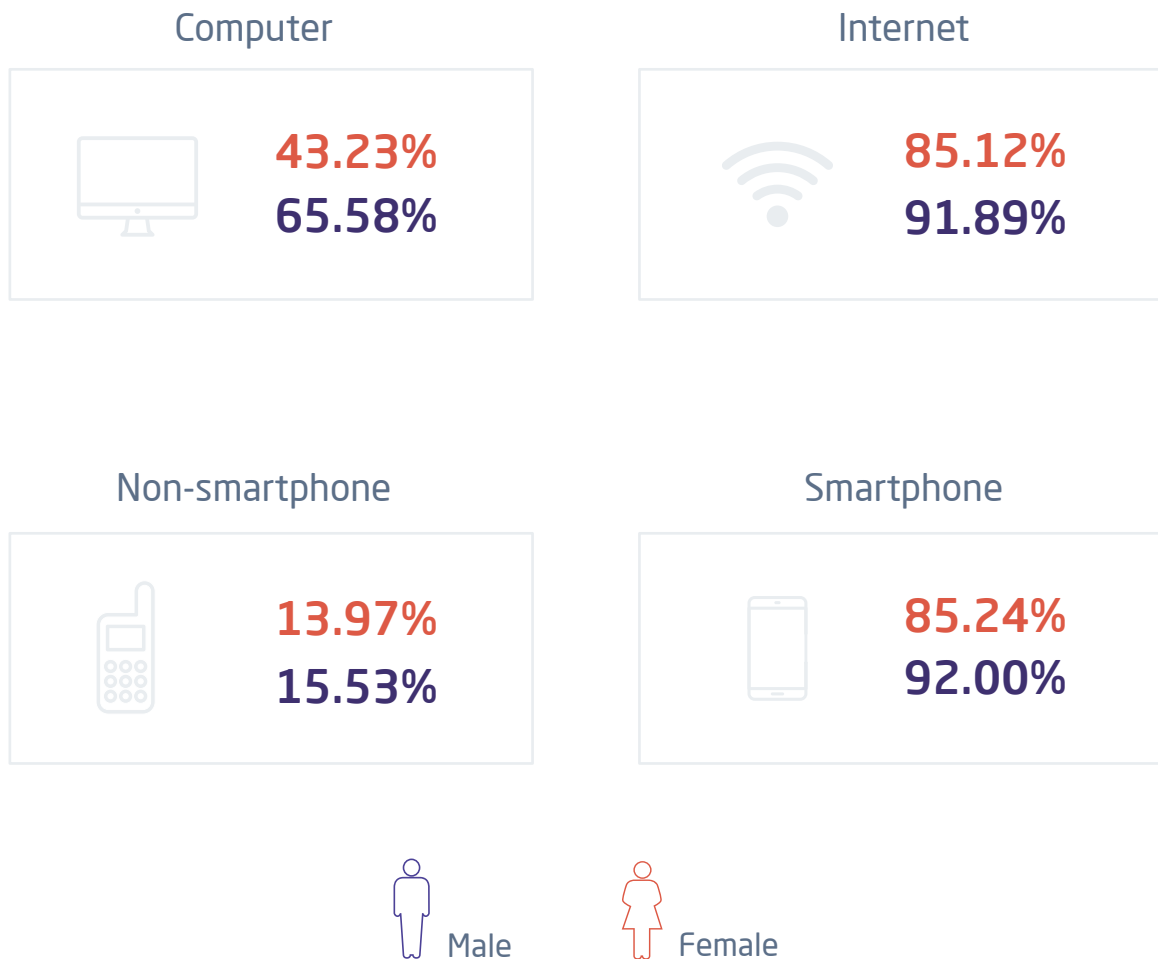
The percentage of Saudis (males and females) 15 years and above who prefer to read Electronic newspapers or magazines is **67.4%** for females and **64.6%** for males, On the contrary, printed paper books are still the most preferred by **52.1%** for females and **50.3%** for males.

### Read books

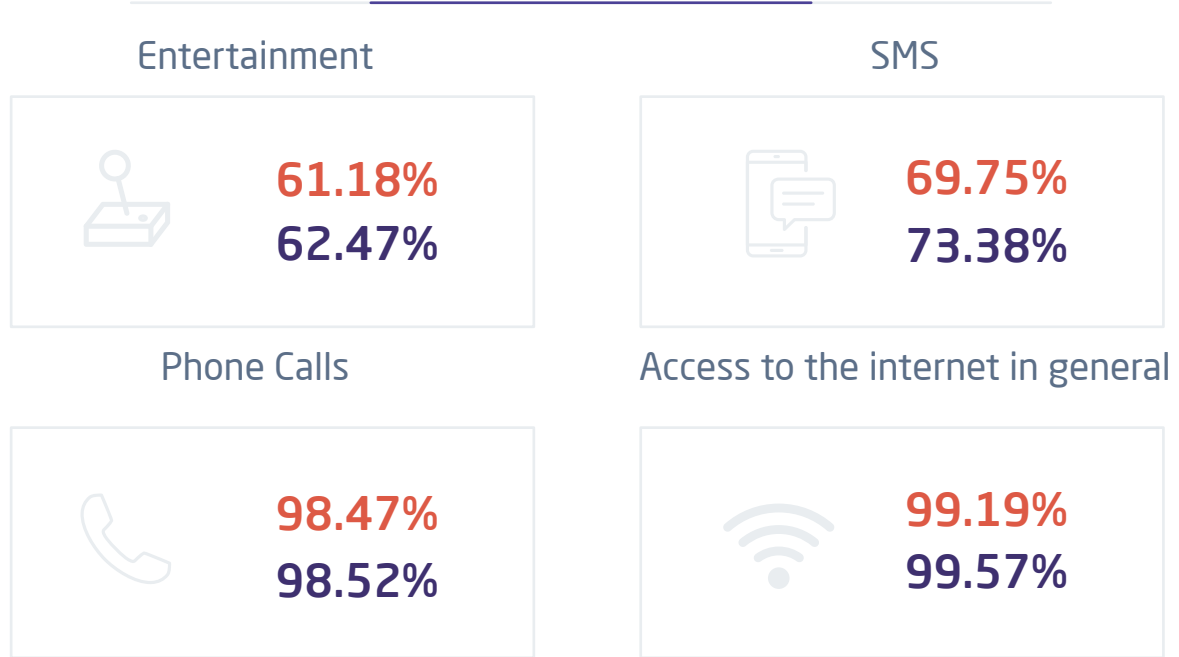




Percentage of individuals 15 years and above for the main indicators of ICT  
(Information and Communications Technology) during  
the last 3 months by gender



Percentage of individuals 15 years and above of smart phone uses (during the last 3 months) by gender out of total smartphones users



It is noticed that there is similar interest for Saudi males and females In the uses of smart phones

Percentage of individuals 15 years and above of computer uses (during the last 3 months) by gender out of total computer users



Also, Saudi males and females use computer for personal purpose with highest percentage.



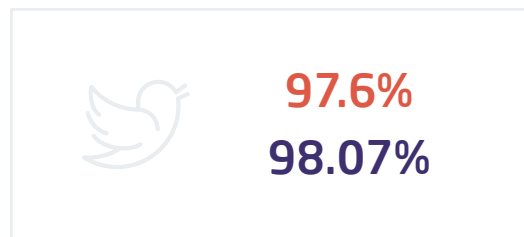
Male



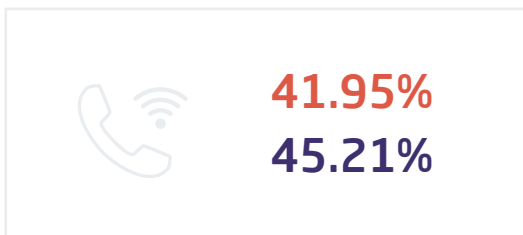
Female

Percentage of individuals 15 years and above and the **internet uses** (during the last 3 months) by **gender out of total internet users**

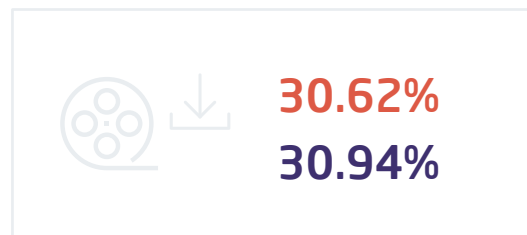
Participation in social networks, professional networks, using social media



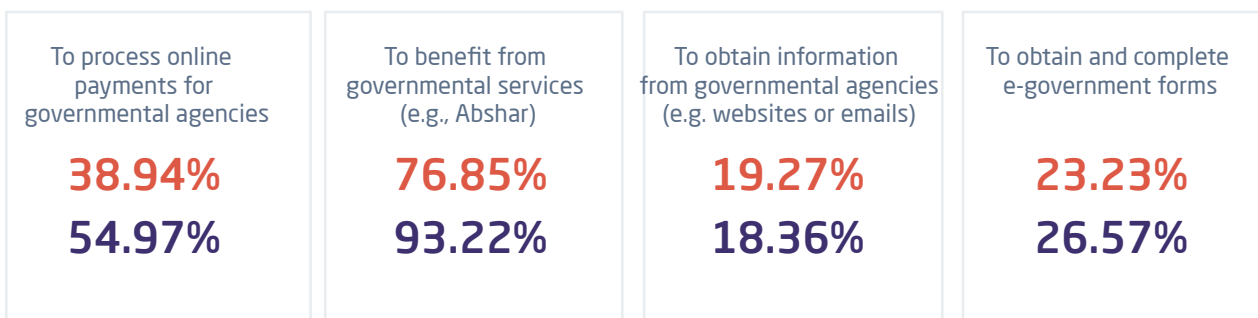
Internet phone calls



Play or download games / download movies, pictures music or videos



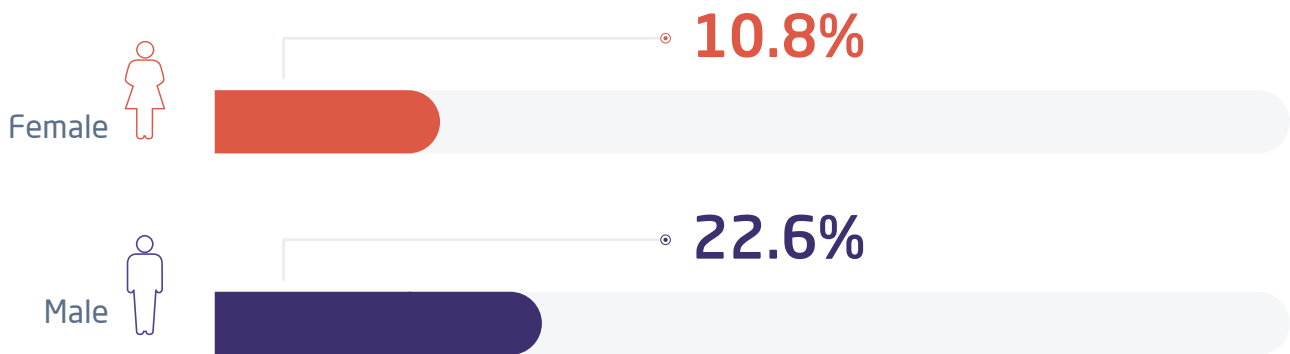
Percentage of individuals 15 years and above and **the government e-services** that they used (during the last 3 months) by **gender out of total government e-services users**



# Social Participation

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Percentage of **Saudi female volunteers** 15 years and above during the previous 12 months before the survey (2018) compared to Saudi males



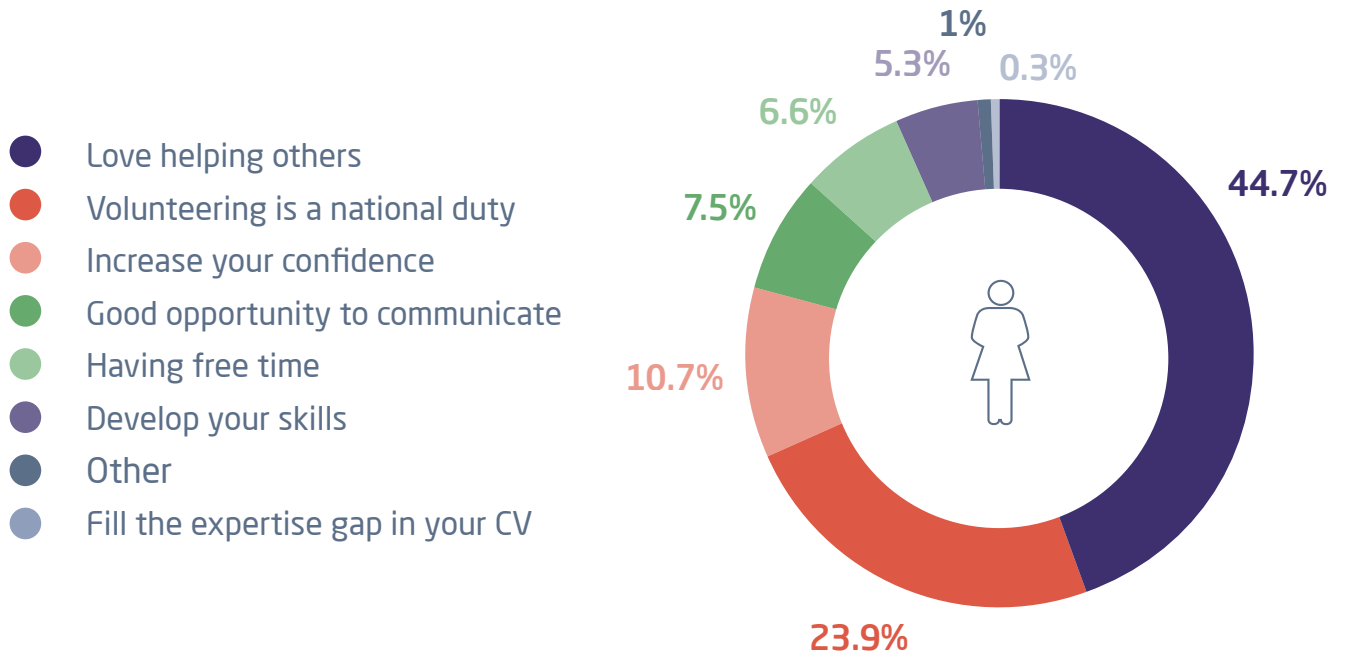
The percentage of Saudi males volunteers exceeded females

**Average volunteer work hours for Saudi female volunteers 15 years and above during previous 12 months before the survey (2018) compared to Saudi males**



It is noticed that the number of volunteering hours of Saudi female and male is close, **47.1** and **55.2** hours, respectively during previous 12 months

Percentage distribution of Saudi female volunteers 15 years and above by reasons for volunteering work



Percentage distribution of Saudi male volunteers 15 years and above by reasons for volunteer work

