

The number of Umrah performers increases by 11.61% in 2021

According to the results of the register-based data of the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah "for internal Umrah performers and Umrah performers from abroad", the number of Umrah performers in 2021 reached 6,499,463, an increase of 11.61% over the year 2020. The percentage of Saudi Umrah performers represents 46.7% of the total internal Umrah performers, and the percentage of Umrah performers from abroad is 0.19%, while the percentage of internal Umrah performers is 99.81%.

The number of Umrah performers from abroad

- The total number of Umrah performers from abroad in 2021 reached 12,653, a decrease of 99.7% over the year 2020– a development which has to be read in light of worldwide travel restrictions due to the Covid pandemic. Males represent 8,110 of Umrah performers from abroad, with a percentage of 64.1%, while females represent 35.9%. The age group 40-49 years represents the highest number of Umrah performers from abroad, reaching 6,138, with a percentage of 48.5% of the total number of Umrah performers from abroad. In contrast, in 2020, the age group of 60 years and over recorded the highest number of Umrah performers from abroad, representing 25.87%.
- Based on the ports of entry, Umrah performers from abroad travelling by air represent 100%, differing from the previous year, where Umrah performers from abroad travelling by air represent 93.06%. King Abdulaziz International Airport in Jeddah recorded the highest port of entry with 11,326 Umrah performers, with a percentage of 89.5%, and Prince Muhammad bin Abdulaziz Airport in Madinah recorded 1,307 Umrah performers, with a percentage of 10.5%.
- According to the duration of stay for Umrah performers from abroad, the two-week stay period recorded the highest frequency of 8,383 Umrah performers, with a percentage of 66.3%, similar to year 2020, where the duration of stay for two weeks was 54.53%.
- The number of Umrah performers from abroad reached its peak in the month of Ramadan with 6,282 Umrah performers, as it reached 49.6%.

Substantial increase of internal Umrah performers

- The total number of internal Umrah performers in 2021 reached 6,486,810, an increase of 228.5% over the year 2020. The 3,028,149 Saudi Umrah performers represent 46.7% of all internal Umrah performers, while the 3,458,661 non-Saudi Umrah performers represent the majority (53.3%). Males of internal Umrah performers represent 63.6% and females 36.4% of all internal Umrah performers.
- The 1,535,923 Saudi male internal performers represent 23.7%, Saudi females 23% of all internal Umrah performers.
- The 2,589,233 Non-Saudi male internal performers represent 39.9%, non-Saudi females 13.4% of all internal Umrah performers.
- The age group (30-39) years represents the highest number of internal Umrah performers, with 2,172,580 Umrah performers, recording 33.5% of the total number of internal Umrah performers. Similarly, in 2020, the age group (30-39) recorded

the highest number of internal Umrah performers, with the percentage of 30.89%.

- Makkah region represents the highest number of internal Umrah performers with 4,346,745 Umrah performers, with a percentage of 67% of the total internal Umrah performers. Saudis represent 42.9% of the total number of Umrah performers in Makkah region. The Northern Border province is the lowest in the number of internal Umrah performers with 12,731 Umrah performers, with a percentage of 0.19% of the total number of internal Umrah performers.
- 62% performed Umrah for the first time, 19.68% for the second time, 8.29% for the third time, and 4.13% for the fourth time.

22.67% of internal Umrah performers chose the month of Ramadan

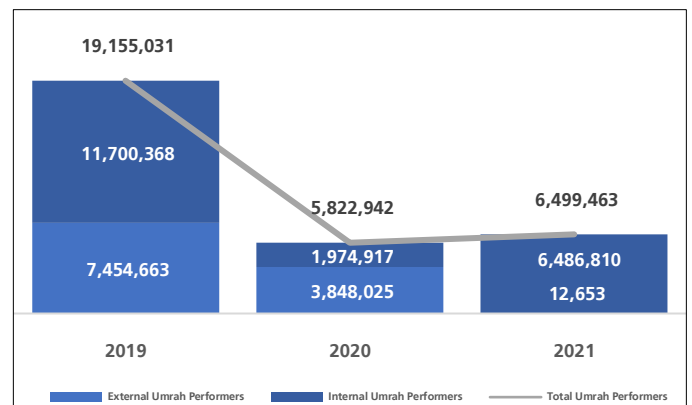
- The number of internal Umrah performers reached its peak during the month of Ramadan, with 1,470,697 Umrah performers (among which 931,478 Saudis) and a percentage of 22.67% of all Umrah performers.
- Saudis represent 63.33% of internal Umrah performers during the month of Ramadan, while males represent 55.45%, and non-Saudi males of internal Umrah performers represent 78.69%.

Table1. Relative Change in the Total Number of Umrah Performers

Distribution	Relative Change	
	2020	2021
Total Umrah performers	-69,60	11,61
Total Umrah performers from abroad	-48,40	-99,7
Total internal Umrah performers	-83,12	228,5

Source: [Tables](#)

Figure 1. The Numeric Distribution of the Total Number of Umrah Performers



Methodology

Umrah statistics are conducted annually and reflect the numbers and percentages of Umrah performers based on the data source according to the administrative records of the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah for internal Umrah performers. Data of internal Umrah performers are collected based on (sex, nationality (Saudi/non-Saudi), administrative region, age groups, and months of Umrah). Regarding Umrah performers from abroad, their data are collected by (sex, age group, months of Umrah, entry ports, and duration of stay), in addition to calculating the growth rate over the previous year. [Methodology](#)