

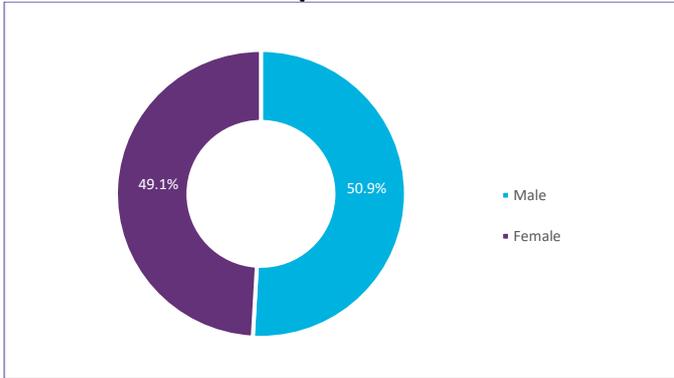
## Number of Umrah performers increases by 35.3% in Q3 of 2024

The total number of Umrah performers reached 6,270,868 in Q3 of 2024, with an increase of 35.3% compared to the same quarter of the previous year. The percentage of males among them was 57.3%, while the percentage of females was 42.7% of the total Umrah performers during the quarter. Saudi Umrah performers accounted for 10.7% of the total Umrah performers in Q3 of 2024.

### External Umrah performers

The total number of external Umrah performers was 3,364,627 in Q3 of 2024, with an increase of 29.8% compared to Q3 of 2023. The number of males among them was 1,713,038 with a percentage of 50.9%, while the number of females was 1,651,589 with a percentage of 49.1% of the total external Umrah performers during Q3 of 2024 (Figure 1).

Figure1. Distribution of external Umrah performers by sex (%) Q3 of 2024



### External Umrah performers by visa type

The results showed that 60.5% of external Umrah performers arrived through Umrah visas, while 29.6% arrived through other visas. Additionally, 7% arrived through electronic visit visas, and 2.9% arrived from Gulf countries citizens of the total external Umrah performers during Q3 of 2024.

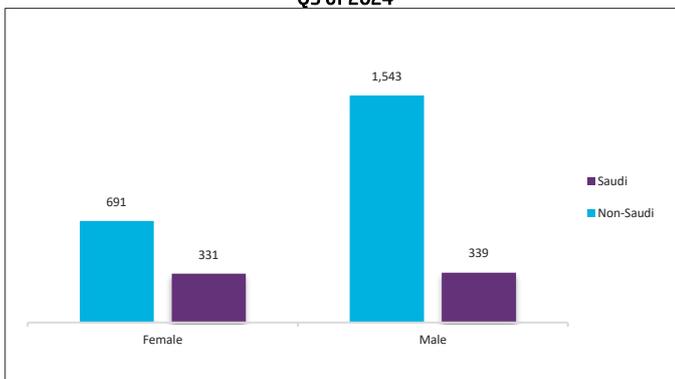
### External Umrah performers by entry points

The results indicated that 77.7% of external Umrah performers arrived through airports, 22.0 % arrived through land ports, and 0.3% arrived through seaports of the total external Umrah performers during Q3 of 2024.

### Internal Umrah performers

The total number of internal Umrah performers was approximately 2,906,241 in Q3 of 2024, with an increase of 42.4% compared to Q3 of 2023. The number of Saudi Umrah performers among them was 671,731 with a percentage of 23.1%, while the number of non-Saudi Umrah performers was 2,234,510 with a participation rate of 76.9% of the total Umrah performers during Q3 of 2024. The number of internal male Umrah performers recorded about 1,883,198 with a percentage of 64.8%, while the number of females recorded about 1,023,043 with a percentage of 35.2% of the total Umrah performers during Q3 of 2024 (Figure2).

Figure2. Distribution of internal Umrah performers by sex and nationality (number in thousands) Q3 of 2024



### External and internal Umrah performers by month

September recorded the highest number of external Umrah performers at 1,267,413 with an increase of 37.7% compared to the other months, whereas July was the lowest month, with 911,899 with a percentage of 27.1%. As August recorded the highest number of internal Umrah performers with 1,170,680 accounting for 40.3% of the total internal Umrah performers during Q3 of 2024.

### Internal Umrah performers by administrative region

Makkah Region recorded the highest number of internal Umrah performers during Q3 of 2024, with 2,100,394, accounting for 72.3% of the total internal Umrah performers. This was followed by Riyadh Region with 299,621 accounting for 10.3%. Northern Border Region had the lowest number of Umrah performers, with 4,410, accounting for 0.2% of the total internal Umrah performers during Q3 of 2024.

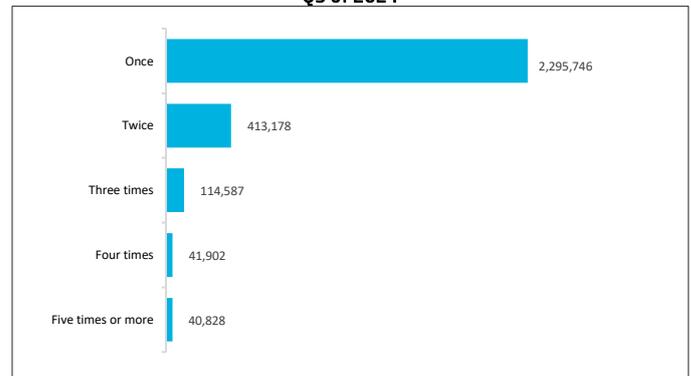
### Umrah performers by age group

Umrah performers (35-44 years) represented the highest percentage of external Umrah performers in Q2 of 2024, accounting for about 17.6% of the total external Umrah performers. While Umrah performers (65+) represented the lowest percentage of external Umrah performers during the same quarter, with a percentage of 9.2% of the total of external Umrah performers, and Umrah performers (30 - 39 years) represented the highest percentage of internal Umrah performers during Q3 of 2024, accounting for 29.2%.

### Internal Umrah performers by frequency

The number of internal Umrah performers who performed Umrah once was approximately 2,295,746, with males accounting for 64.0% and females for 36.0%. August had the highest percentage of internal Umrah performers who performed Umrah once, with 40.1% of the total internal Umrah performers who performed Umrah once during Q3 of 2024. (Figure 3)

Figure3. Distribution of internal Umrah performers by Umrah times (number) Q3 of 2024



### Key indicators of Umrah

Indicators	Unit	Q3 of 2024
Internal Umrah performers	Number	2,906,241
External Umrah performers		3,364,627
Total Umrah performers		6,270,868

Source :tables.

### Reference metadata

Umrah statistics are released quarterly starting from 2024, displaying the numbers and percentages of internal and external Umrah performers based on register-based data of the Pilgrim Experience Program in addition to the approved statistical models.

For more details, please refer to the reference metadata.