

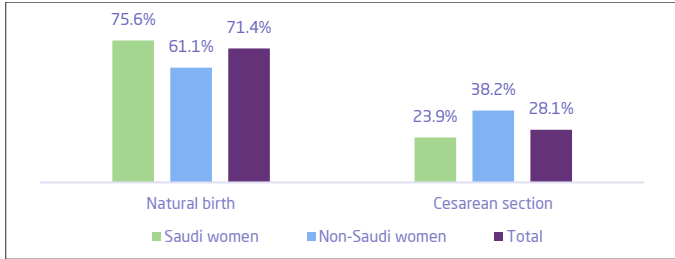


**Percentage of natural births out of total births in Saudi Arabia reaches 71.4% in 2024**

According to self-reported data from women (15-49 years), the results of the Woman and Child Health Survey 2024 revealed that 28.1% of all births in Saudi Arabia were cesarean sections, while 71.4% were natural births. The survey also found that 99.5% of women had at least one prenatal visit to a healthcare provider, and the average number of visits was 7.57. The presence of skilled health professionals during childbirth was reported at 99.6%. The survey also highlighted that 65.0% of women exclusively breastfed their newborns within the first hour after birth, while 53.2% of newborns were breastfed (by their mothers) during the previous day when the mother was asked. Regarding family planning, 56% of married women of reproductive age had their family planning needs met with modern methods. Furthermore, 74.9% of women made decisions regarding contraceptive use either independently or in consultation with their husbands, and 89.8% made healthcare decisions in the same manner.

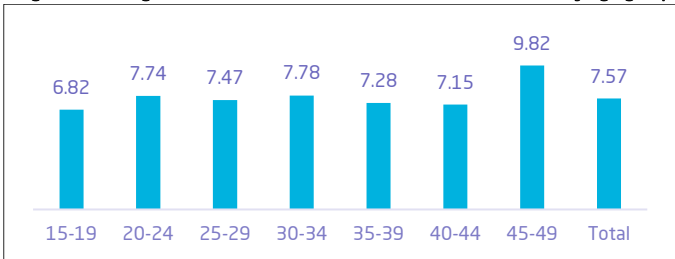
**28.1% of total births in Saudi Arabia are cesarean sections while 71.4% are natural births**

Figure 1. Percentage of births by type of delivery and nationality



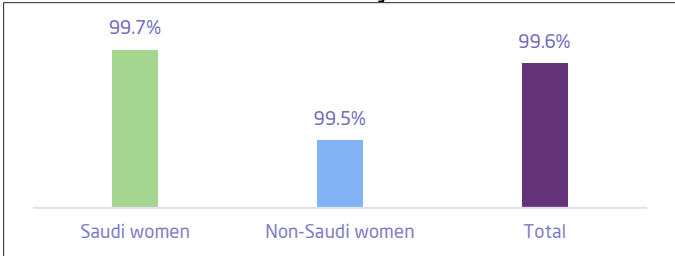
**99.5% of mothers have at least one visit to a healthcare provider before childbirth, and the average number of visits reaches 7.57**

Figure 2. Average number of antenatal care visits for the last child by age group



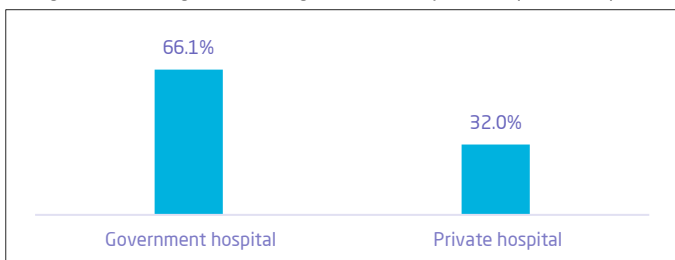
**99.6% of births are attended by skilled healthcare professionals**

Figure 3. Percentage of births attended by skilled healthcare professionals by nationality



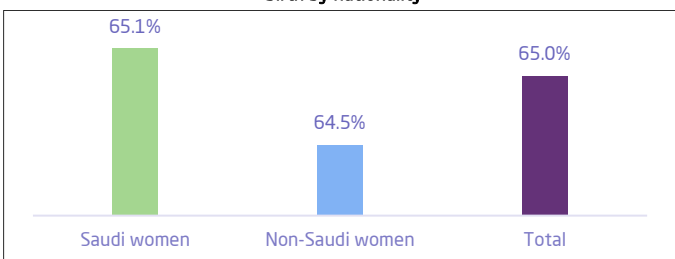
**66.1% is the percentage of births in government hospitals compared to 32% of births in private hospitals**

Figure 4. Percentage of births in government hospitals and private hospitals



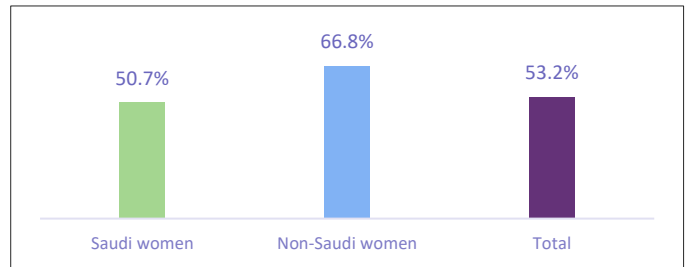
**65.0% of mothers breastfeed their babies during the first hour after birth**

Figure 5. Percentage of women who breastfed their babies within an hour after birth by nationality



**53.2% of newborns are breastfed (by their mothers) during the previous day when the mother is asked**

Figure 6. Percentage of newborns who were breastfed (by the mother) during the previous day when the mother was asked.



**29.9% of married women are currently using any form of contraception while 56% of married women of reproductive age have satisfactorily met their family planning needs through modern methods**

Figure 7. Percentage of married women currently using any form of contraception

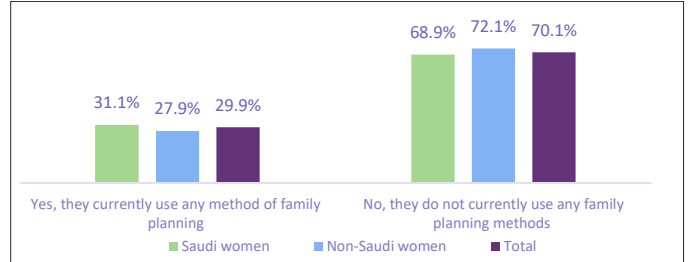


Figure 8. Percentage of married women of reproductive age who have adequately met their family planning needs using modern methods

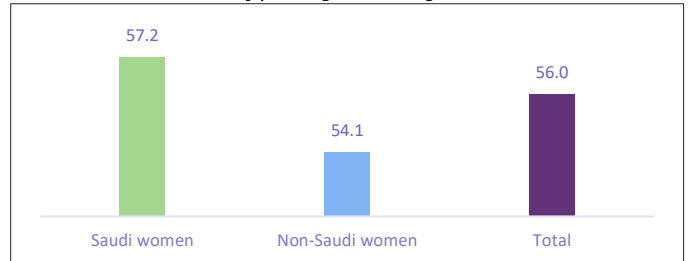
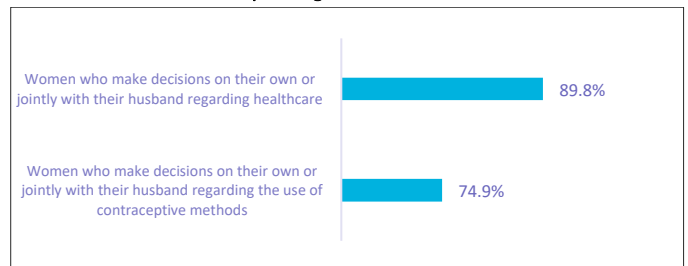


Figure 9. Percentage of women (15-49 years) by making decision to use family planning and healthcare



**Methodology and Quality**

The information was collected from the results of the Woman and Child Health Survey 2024 and based on population estimates from the General Authority for Statistics for the year 2024. For more information about the methodology and quality, click on: [Link, Table](#)