16 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in Saudi Arabia

The maternal mortality ratio in Saudi Arabia has remained stagnant over the last 20 years roughly around 16. Maternal mortality in Saudi Arabia is lower than its regional average. Maternal mortality ratio is the number of women who die from pregnancy-related causes while pregnant or within 42 days of pregnancy termination per 100,000 live births.


12 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in Saudi Arabia in 2020

In Saudi Arabia, the rate of adolescent fertility has remained roughly the same since 2010. The rate in 2020 was nearly the same as the average rate in its income group.

Source: United Nations Population Division, World Population Prospects

102.9% of girls and 97% of boys complete lower secondary school in Saudi Arabia as of 2021 data

Girls and boys in Saudi Arabia have a very high completion rate of lower secondary school. Lower secondary education completion rate measures how many children have completed the last grade of lower secondary education regardless of age completed.

Adult literacy in Saudi Arabia is lower among women than among men (2020)

In Saudi Arabia, both women and men have very high literacy rates. Adult literacy rate is the percentage of people ages 15 and above who can both read and write with understanding a short simple statement about their everyday life.

In Saudi Arabia, the labor force participation rate among females is 27.8% and among males is 80% for 2022.

The labor force participation rate is the proportion of the population ages 15 and older that is economically active. Since 1990, female labor force participation has increased. Compared with labor force participation in the high-income group, the gap between men and women is higher in Saudi Arabia.


Vulnerable employment for females has worsened in Saudi Arabia since 1991.

Workers in vulnerable employment are the least likely to have formal work arrangements, social protection, and safety nets to guard against economic shocks; thus they are more likely to fall into poverty. Vulnerable employment among women is 4.6% and among men is 2.8% in Saudi Arabia for 2021. The rate of vulnerable employment is lower for men and women in Saudi Arabia compared to the average rate in Middle East & North Africa.

Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators database. Estimates are based on data obtained from International Labour Organization, ILOSTAT at https://ilostat.ilo.org/data/.
Data is not available for Saudi Arabia for Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex (% of 24 hour day)

Source: National statistical offices or national database and publications compiled by United Nations Statistics Division. The data were downloaded on December 3 from the Global SDG Indicators Database.

More men than women owned a business in 2018

The share of female business owners for Saudi Arabia falls in the second quintile of all countries for which there are data. Share of business is calculated as the proportion of female or male newly registered limited liability company owners out of the total number of newly registered limited liability company owners in the economy in the calendar year. Data compiled from the most recent data point between 2016 and 2018.

Share of business owners, by sex (% of total business owners)


In 2017, 58.2% of women and 80.5% of men in Saudi Arabia had an account

The gap in account ownership between men and women in Saudi Arabia, 22.4, is larger than the gap of the Middle East & North Africa aggregate, 18.8. Account ownership denotes the percentage of respondents who report having an account (by themselves or together with someone else) at a bank or another type of financial institution or report personally using a mobile money service in the past 12 months.

Account ownership at a financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider, by sex (% of population ages 15+)

Source: Demirgüç-Kunt et al., 2018, Global Financial Inclusion Database, World Bank.
Data is not available for Saudi Arabia for House ownership status, by sex (% of population age 15-49)

House ownership status, by sex (% of population age 15-49)

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

Data is not available for Saudi Arabia for Percentage of women ages 15-49 participating in decisions about:

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

Data is not available for Saudi Arabia for Percentage of women ages 15-49 who have ever experienced:

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) Statcompiler (https://www.statcompiler.com/)

19.9% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2022 in Saudi Arabia

Women in parliaments are the percentage of parliamentary seats in a single or lower chamber held by women. The proportion of seats held by women in Saudi Arabia has increased since 2010. The current rate is lower than the average rate in high-income countries.

Seats held by women in national parliaments, female (%)

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (www.ipu.org). For the year of 1998, the data is as of August 10, 1998.
More men than women used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in 2021

The gap in internet usage between men and women in Saudi Arabia, 22.1, is larger than the gap of the Middle East & North Africa aggregate, 8.6. Internet usage denotes the percentage of respondents who report using a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in the past 12 months.

Source: Global Findex database

Data retrieved from World Bank Gender Data Portal
https://genderdata.worldbank.org/countries/saudi-arabia/