



Education and Development in Saudi Arabia:

Women as Agents of Future Change

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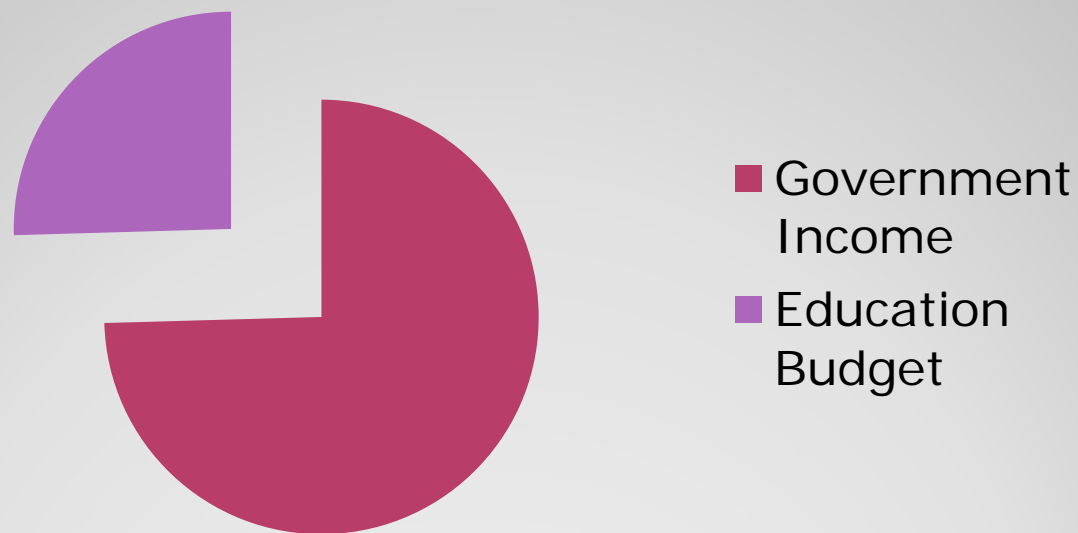


Brief overview:

- 1932: Foundation
- 1938: Discovery of oil
 - > One of the world's fastest growing economies
 - > The world's largest producer of petroleum liquids (*)
 - > The most dynamic economy in the Arab world
- 1970-present: Five-year developmental plans
 - * Industry
 - * Agriculture
 - * Mining
 - * Banking

Education in Saudi Arabia

Percentage of Annual
Government Income Alloted to
Education



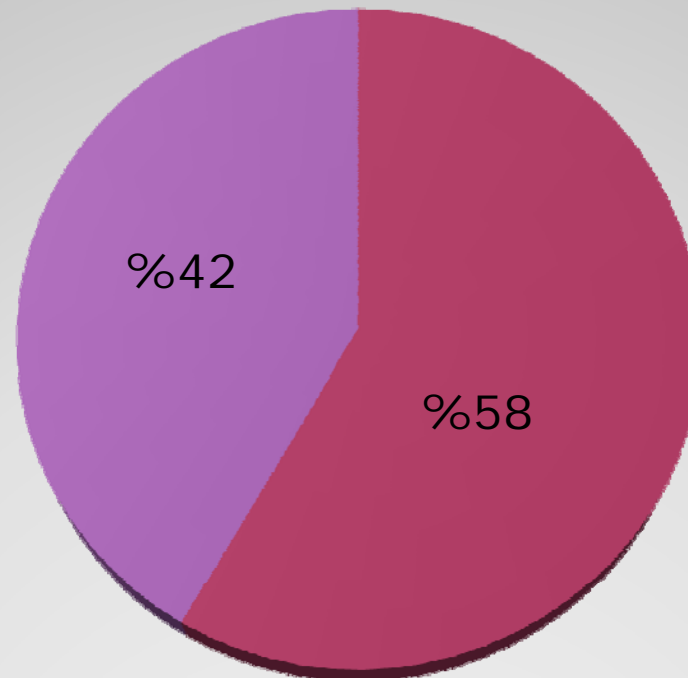
In 70 years:

- 31,798 schools
- 68 Technical Institutions
- 24 Universities
- 435,343 Academic Staff
- 5,106,162 Students

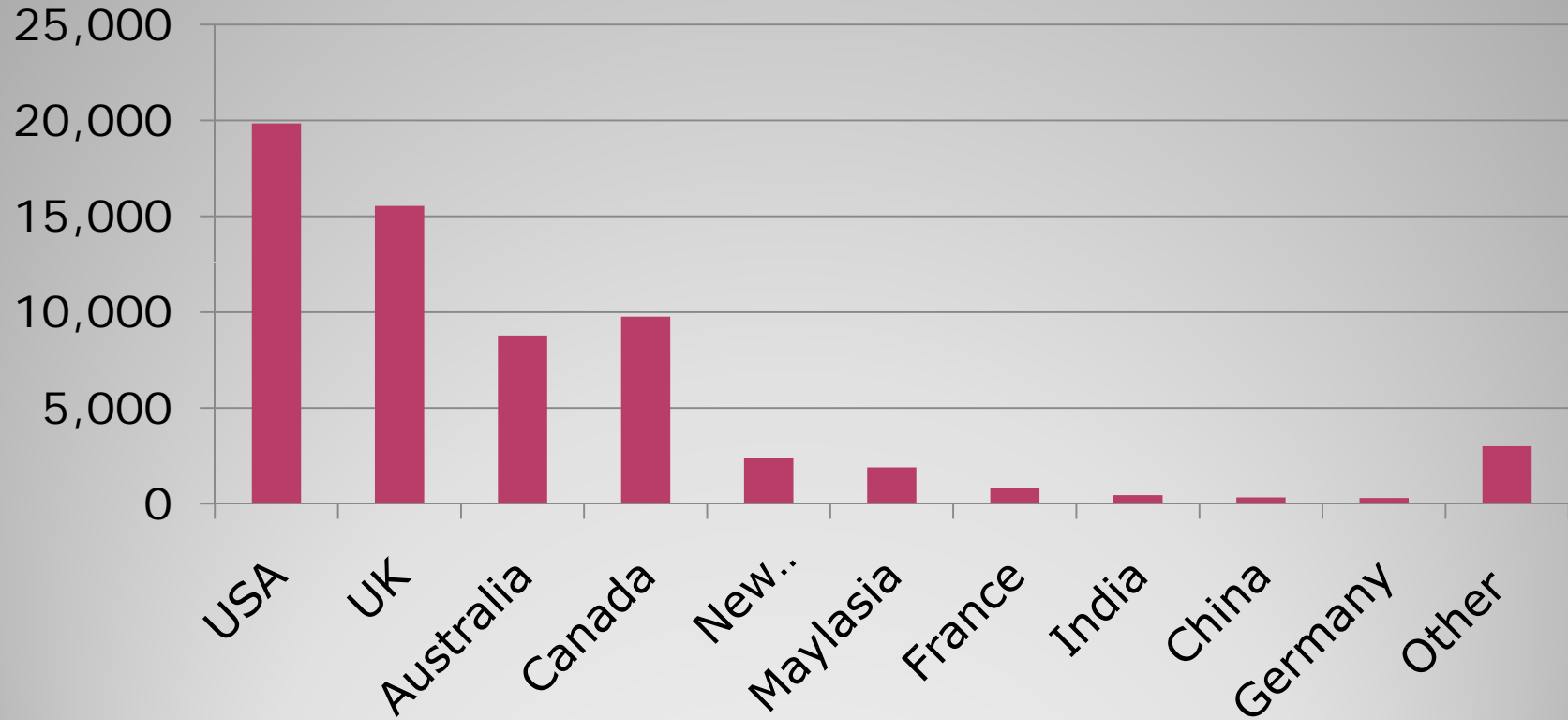
Raised the literacy rate from %10 to over %82.9

Students Studying in KSA in Comparison to Scholarship Students Abroad

■ National ■ Abroad



Distribution of KASP Scholarship Students by Country



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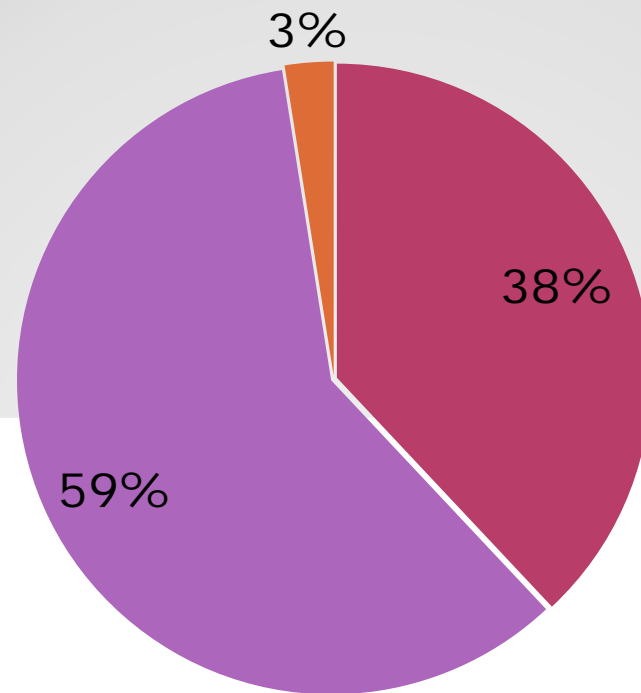
- **Urbanization of %81 (2008 est)**
- **KSA ranks 13th most competitive economy (World Bank report 2009)**
- **KSA health system ranked 26th in the world (WHO 2008)**
- **KSA IT sector is one of the most advanced in the region.**
- **KSA ranks 1st in Humanitarian aid; 0.19 of GDP (UN 2009 report)**

Some challenges facing Saudi Arabia:

Population growth rate: 1.84 (2009 est)

Age Structure in Saudi Arabia

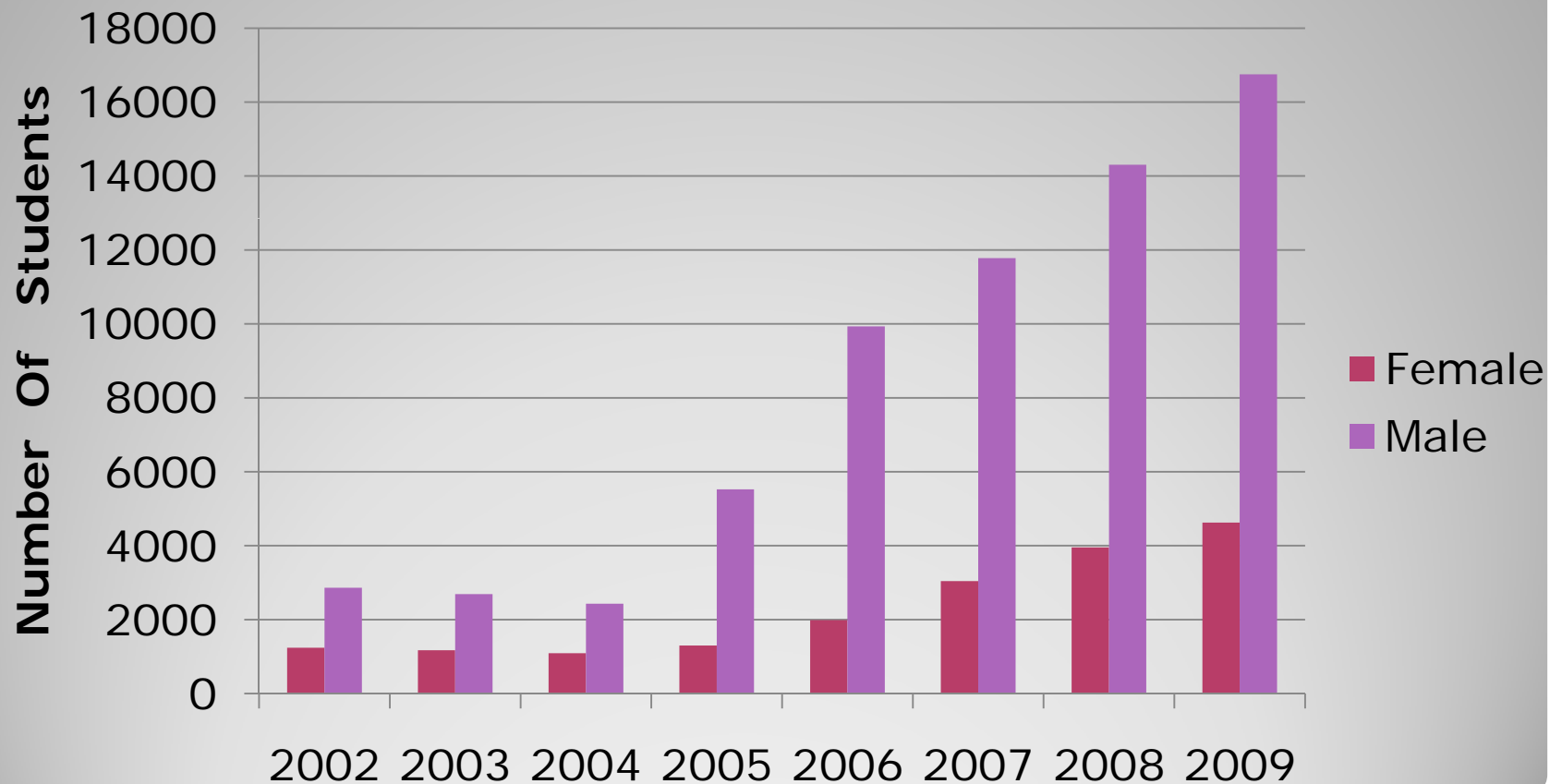
■ 0-14 yrs ■ 15-64 yrs ■ 65+ yrs



Women and Education:

- 1959 Royal Decree for girls' schools
- %49 enrolled K-12 (MOE 2008)
- %62 enrolled in higher ed. in KSA (MOHE 2009)
- %61 graduates last year (MOHE 2008)
- %21 of scholarship students worldwide (MOHE 2009)

Distribution of Saudi Students in the USA by Gender (SACM 2002-09)



Women and Business

- %40 of family-owned companies
 - %30 of brokerage accounts
 - %21 of total investments
 - %10 real estate in major cities
 - %20 of commercial businesses
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- SR45 billion cash funds

Women in workforce

- %16 general workforce
- %30 government sector
- %48 education sector
- %40 Saudi doctors
- %35 managerial positions



Thoraya Obeid

Executive
Director of the
United Nations
Population Fund
and Under-
Secretary
General of the
United Nations.



Lubna Olayan

CEO and Chairperson
of the Olayan
Financing Company

- **2004 First Saudi woman to be on board of a Saudi bank**
- **2005 Time**
- **2006 Forbes**



Dr. Nahed Taher

CEO Gulf One
Investment Bank

**2003-2006 Senior
Economist Saudi
Hollandi Bank**

**-2006 First Saudi
woman to be CEO
of bank in the Gulf
Region.**

-2006 Forbes



Nora Alfayez

Feb. 2009

**First Saudi
Female
Deputy
Minister**



Dr. Selwa Alhazzaa

**Head & Consultant of
Ophthalmology
KFSH**

- **Associate Professor,
Johns Hopkins**
- **Member of 12
Medical Associations**
- **Executive Board of
Friends of Saudi
Arabia**



Mona Abu Sulayman

**Executive Manager
Kingdom Holding**

- TV presenter
- 2006 Young Global Leader



Nimah Nawwab

**Internationally
acclaimed writer and
poet**

“The Unfurling”

- Public book signing
- Translated into Japanese, Chinese, and Portuguese and Arabic.
- Her works are taught at schools and colleges in Arabia, the U.S, Canada, Singapore, Japan, India and others.



Haifa Almansour

First Saudi
Female
Film Director

Films:

“Who”

“The Bitter Journey”

“The Only Way Out”



Suzanne Ba' Aqeel

Saudi photographer

- **First collection**
“The Shadow of a Palm Tree”
- **Pictures displayed in 120 exhibits worldwide.**
- **First Saudi woman photographer to join Reuters.**



Hanadi Hindi

Pilot, Kingdom Holding

First Saudi female pilot
to fly planes in Saudi
Arabia.



Marwa Aleifah

Won International
Rally for Women,
Dubai (2005)

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