

**Table 6 Correlation between number of hospital beds in private and governmental hospitals and population for the 20 health regions in Saudi Arabia, 2015–2019**

| Region          | r total | Sig. (2-tailed) | r private hospitals | Sig. (2-tailed) | r public hospitals | Sig. (2-tailed) |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Riyadh          | 0.981   | 0.003           | 0.960               | 0.010           | 0.972              | 0.006           |
| Makkah          | 0.631   | 0.254           | NA                  | NA              | 0.632              | 0.254           |
| Jeddah          | 0.914   | 0.030           | 0.822               | 0.088           | 0.716              | 0.174           |
| Madinah         | 0.779   | 0.120           | 0.903               | 0.036           | 0.687              | 0.200           |
| Qaseem          | 0.779   | 0.120           | -0.817              | 0.091           | 0.932              | 0.021           |
| Eastern         | 0.989   | 0.001           | 0.989               | 0.001           | 0.940              | 0.017           |
| Asier           | 0.766   | 0.131           | 0.155               | 0.804           | 0.627              | 0.258           |
| Tabouk          | 0.510   | 0.380           | NA                  | NA              | 0.510              | 0.380           |
| Ha'il           | 0.967   | 0.007           | 0.958               | 0.010           | 0.965              | 0.008           |
| Northern border | 0.662   | 0.224           | NA                  | NA              | 0.662              | 0.224           |
| Jazan           | NA      | NA              | NA                  | NA              | NA                 | NA              |
| Najran          | 0.739   | 0.154           | 0.906               | 0.034           | 0.459              | 0.439           |
| Al-Bahah        | 0.916   | 0.029           | 0.916               | 0.029           | NA                 | NA              |
| Al-Jouf         | 0.312   | 0.609           | NA                  | NA              | 0.312              | 0.609           |
| Qunfudah        | NA      | NA              | -0.702              | 0.186           | 0.702              | 0.186           |
| Quryat          | NA      | NA              | NA                  | NA              | NA                 | NA              |
| Besha           | 0.784   | 0.116           | NA                  | NA              | 0.784              | 0.116           |
| Hafer Al-Baten  | 0.410   | 0.493           | 0.210               | 0.734           | 0.890              | 0.043           |
| Hassa           | 0.912   | 0.031           | 0.920               | 0.027           | 0.843              | 0.073           |
| Ta'if           | 0.909   | 0.032           | NA                  | NA              | 0.909              | 0.032           |
| Total           | 0.993   | 0.001           | 0.962               | 0.009           | 0.991              | 0.001           |

Sig. = significance.

NA = not applicable.

Not applicable if the number of beds did not change over the 5 years.

Correlation is significant at the  $\leq 0.05$  level (2-tailed).