

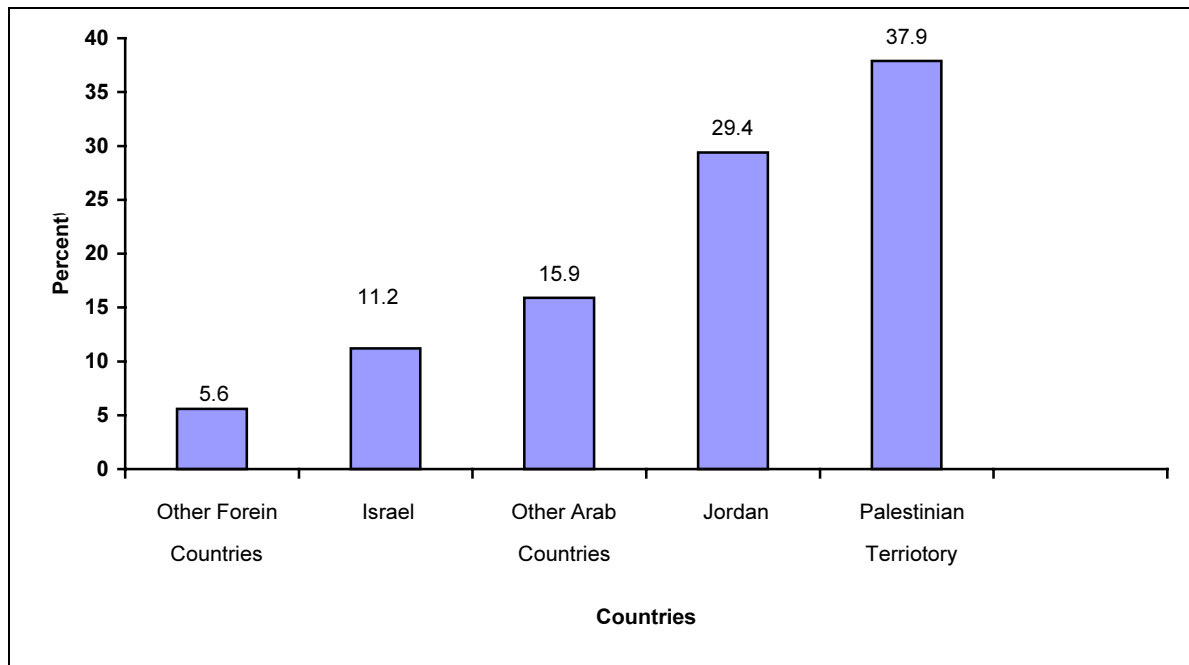
Palestinians in Diaspora and in Historic Palestine End Year 2005

Demographic issue in the Palestinian Territory gain importance at the political, social and economic levels, the population dimension is one of the main determinants of Palestinian choices toward sustainable development, as the limited natural resources and political choices. Population policies is of agreed importance for the Palestinian case, where it is the main dimension of reducing choices and trends of development in relation to demographic dimension. PCBS realize the importance of presenting demographic information that support efforts of rational toward bringing up a national population policy. This report provides the official statistics on the Palestinian all over the world. The report covers the main demographic indicators, data is based on primary and secondary data sources related to demographic issues such as surveys, researches and administrative records. In addition to main demographic indicators, the report provides up-to-date estimates on the Palestinian population in Diaspora, Israel, in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Palestinians in The Worldwide:

The estimated number of Palestinians all over World by the end of 2005 is 10.1 million distributed as follows: 3.8 million in the Palestinian Territory (37.9%) of the total Palestinians all over World; 1.1 million (11.2%) live in Israel; 3.0 million (29.4%) in Jordan; on the other hand, 462 thousands Palestinians (4.6%) live in Syria. In The light of all given data its probably expected to doubling in number of Palestinian Population after 23 years.

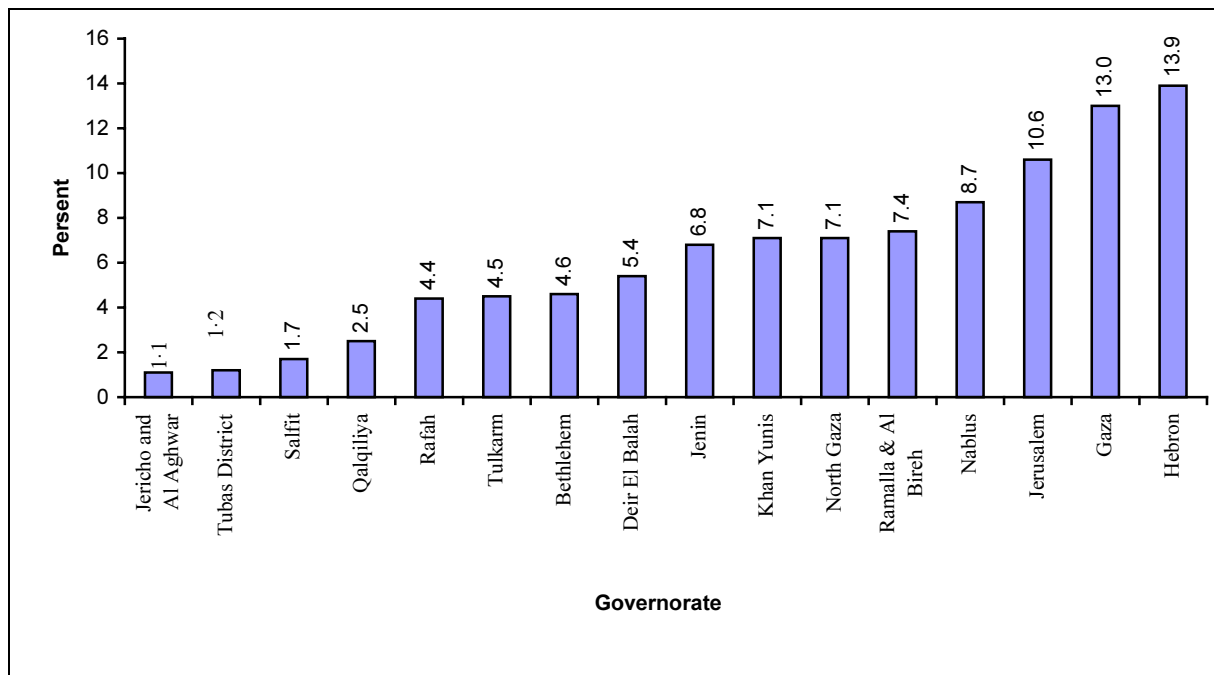
Figure 1: Percentage Distribution of Palestinian Population by Country of Residence, End year 2005.



The Palestinian Population in the Palestinian Territory

The population of the Palestinian Territory is estimated to 3.8 million at the end of 2005 thereof 2.4 million (63.0%) in West Bank and 1.4 million (37.0%) in Gaza Strip. According to the distribution of population by Governorates, Hebron Governorate has the highest rate of population at 13.9% of the total population, followed by Gaza Governorate 13.0%; Jerusalem Governorate comes third with 10.6%. On the other hand, Jericho and Al Aghwar Governorate has the lowest rate of population at the end of 2005 at 1.1%.

Figure 2: Percentage Distribution of Population in The Palestinian Territory by Governorate, End year 2005.



The Data showed that 42.5% of the population in the Palestinian Territory are refugees. According to the most recent estimates, 45.8% of the population in the Palestinian Territory are under 15 years, and the percentage of Palestinians who are above 65 years in the Palestinian Territory is 3.1%. and the median age for in the Palestinian Territory is 16.7 years, the crude birth rate in the Palestinian Territory to reach 37.3 in 2005, while the fertility rate in the Palestinian Territory in 2003 declined to 4.6 births, and life expectancy reach 71.7 years for males and 73.0 years for females in 2005.

The Demographic Characteristics of Palestinians in Diaspora and in Israel

Palestinians in Israel

According to the 2004 data about Palestinians living in Israel, 41.1% of the Palestinian population are under 15 years and 3.1% of them are 65 years and over. The average household size is 5.0 persons. Infant mortality rate in 2004 was 8.3 per 1,000 live births. The total fertility rate of the Palestinian population in Israel in 2003 is 3.7 births per woman and the crude birth rate is 30.9 births per 1000 population in 2004. In the light of all given data its probably expected doubling in number of Palestinian Population after 23 years.

Palestinians in Jordan

According to the 2000 data about Palestinians living in Jordan, 41.7% of the Palestinian population in Jordan are under 15 years, and 4.2% of them are 65 years and over. The average household size of the Palestinian population living in Jordan is 6.2 persons, and about 87.0% of them are registered refugees at UNRWA and live in refugee camps.

Infant mortality rate and under five years child mortality rate of Palestinians living in Jordan were 24.9 and 27.4 per 1,000 live births respectively. on the other hand, the total fertility rate of Palestinian population living in Jordan was 4.6 births per woman.

In The light of all given data its probably expected doubling in number of Palestinian Population in Jordan after 24 years.

Palestinians in Syria

According to the 2002 data about Palestinians living in Syria, 36.7% of the Palestinian population are under 15 years, and 3.9% of them are 65 years and over. The average household size of the Palestinian population in Syria is 5.5 persons, and about 95.6% of them are registered refugees at UNRWA and live in refugee camps.

Infant mortality rate and under five years child mortality rate of the Palestinian population in Syria in (1996-2000) period were 23.5 and 26.5 per 1,000 live births respectively. and the total fertility rate of the Palestinian population in Syria in 2001 is 3.5 births per woman and the crude birth rate is 28.3 births per 1000 population.

In The light of all given data its probably expected doubling in number of Palestinian Population in Syria after 27 years.

Palestinians in Lebanon

The data of 2005 about Palestinians living in Lebanon showed that 36.0% of them are under 15 years, and 4.4% are 65 years and over. The average household size of the Palestinian population in Lebanon is 4.9 persons.

Infant mortality rate and under five years child mortality rate of the Palestinian population in Lebanon in 2000 were 38 and 48.5 per 1,000 live births respectively. The total fertility rate of the Palestinian population in Lebanon is 3.0 births per woman and the crude birth rate is 29.3 births per 1000 population.

Demographic Balance between Palestinian and Jewish Between The river and The sea

The estimated number of the Palestinian population in historic Palestine was 4.9 million at end of 2005. On the other hand, according to the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics, the Jewish population was 5.3 million. According to our estimates, the Palestinian population will reach 5.3 million at end 2007, while Israeli estimates revealed that the Jewish population will reach 5.5 million in the same period. Both populations will be equal in 2010 (demographical dichotomy); however, the Palestinian population will increase to 5.7 million in 2010 whereas the Jewish population will become 5.7 million.

Figure 3: Projected Population for Palestinians and Jewish Population in Historic Palestine Selected Years

