**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

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**Educational fields and labor market for persons aged 20-29 years in 2016.**

**Business and Administration is the field where most students aged 20-29 years enroll whether for intermediate diploma or a bachelor’s degree (BA) through the past seven years.**

In 2016, persons aged 20-29 years obtained an intermediate diploma or bachelor’s degree were specialized in the following fields of education:

Business and administration (25%), teacher training and education sciences (15%), health (11%), humanities (10%), and social and behavioral sciences (9%), other fields (30%).

In the past seven years the majority of them majored also in business and administration.

**Percentage Distribution for Persons (20-29) years in Palestine with an intermediate diploma or bachelor’s degree by field of education and Sex in 2016**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Field of education** | **Sex** | **Total** |
| **Males** | **Females** |
| Business and administration  | 31 | 21 | **25** |
| Teacher training and education sciences  | 8 | 20 | **15** |
| Health  | 12 | 10 | **11** |
| Humanities  | 5 | 14 | **10** |
| Social and behavioral sciences | 6 | 11 | **9** |
| Engineering and engineering trades  | 9 | 3 | **6** |
| Computing | 7 | 4 | **5** |
| Law  | 5 | 2 | **3** |
| Architecture and construction | 5 | 2 | **3** |
| Journalism and information  | 4 | 2 | **3** |
| Life sciences  | 1 | 3 | **2** |
| Mathematics and statistics | 2 | 2 | **2** |
| Personal services | 2 | 1 | **1** |
| Other disciplines | 3 | 5 | **5** |
| **Total** | **100** | **100** | **100** |

**An increase in unemployment rate among persons aged 20-29 years with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree**

In 2016, the unemployment rate rose to 54% among graduates aged 20-29 years with a bachelor’s degree or an intermediate diploma in Palestine (42% in the West Bank and 67% in Gaza Strip). In 2015 and 2013 the unemployment rate was 52% while in 2010, it was 45%.

**The highest unemployment rate among females aged 20-29 years with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree was in Journalism and information (87%) compared with males in Life sciences (75%)**

In 2016 the highest unemployment rates among male graduates aged 20-29 years with an intermediate diploma or bachelor’s degree in Palestine were in the following fields of education:

Life sciences (75%), mathematics and statistics (46%), teacher training and education sciences (45%), humanities (44%) and journalism and information (41%).

In 2016, the highest unemployment rates among female graduates aged 20-29 years with an intermediate diploma or bachelor’s degree were in the following fields of education:

Journalism and information (87%), social and behavioral sciences (79%), teacher training and education sciences (78%), computing (73%) and mathematics and statistics (71%).

**Unemployment rate for Persons (20-29) years in Palestine with an intermediate diploma or bachelor’s degree by field of education and Sex in 2016**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Field of education** | **Sex** | **Total** |
| **Males** | **Females** |
| Teacher training and education sciences  | 45 | 78 | **69** |
| Social and behavioral sciences | 38 | 79 | **65** |
| Life sciences  | 75 | 60 | **65** |
| Mathematics and statistics  | 46 | 71 | **62** |
| Humanities | 44 | 65 | **60** |
| Journalism and information  | 41 | 87 | **55** |
| Computing | 36 | 73 | **52** |
| Business and administration  | 36 | 70 | **50** |
| Architecture and construction | 40 | 61 | **46** |
| Health  | 35 | 55 | **45** |
| Engineering and engineering trades | 32 | 55 | **39** |
| Law | 18 | 45 | **23** |
| Personal services | 25 | 16 | **23** |

**High unemployment rates among persons aged 20-29 years with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree**

The highest rates of unemployment among graduates aged 20-29 years with a bachelor’s degree or an intermediate diploma in Gaza Strip were in the following fields of education:

Training and education sciences (76%), social and behavioral sciences (73%), humanities (72%), mathematics and statistics (71%) and life sciences (71%).

The highest unemployment rates in the West Bank for the same age group by fields of education were as follows:

Life sciences (61%), training and education science (60%), social and behavioral sciences (59%), mathematics and statistics (47%) and journalism and information (47%).

**Graduates need 9-17 months before their first labor chance**

In 2016, the highest period of unemployment for graduates aged (20-29) years in Palestine with an intermediate diploma or bachelor’s degree was in the Computing Field, being 17 months. The lowest period was in Architecture and construction with 9 months.

**Period of unemployment in months for graduates (20-29) years in Palestine with an intermediate diploma or bachelor’s degree by field of education and sex in 2016**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Field of education** | **Sex** | **Total** |
| **Males** | **Females** |
| Computing | 16 | 18 | **17** |
| Teacher training and education science | 14 | 16 | **16** |
| Humanities  | 11 | 17 | **16** |
| Journalism and information | 13 | 19 | **16** |
| Mathematics and statistics | 16 | 16 | **16** |
| Social and behavioral sciences | 12 | 15 | **15** |
| Law  | 14 | 17 | **15** |
| Business and administration | 13 | 15 | **14** |
| Health  | 13 | 15 | **14** |
| Engineering and engineering trades  | 12 | 11 | **12** |
| Life sciences | 7 | 13 | **11** |
| Personal services | 9 | 15 | **10** |
| Architecture and construction | 9 | 9 | **9** |

In the 2016/2017 scholastic year, there were around 72 thousand applicants for the General Certificate Exam “*Injaz”*. Approximately 40 thousand students graduate annually from Palestinian higher education institutions. The local market accommodates 8,000 job opportunities for individuals (20-29 years).