



Educational fields and labor market for persons aged 20-29 years in 2014.

The international classification of education divides study disciplines into the following fields of education:

Basic programs; literacy and numeracy programs; personal development; teacher training and education; arts; humanities; social and behavioral sciences; journalism and information programs; business and administration; law; life sciences; physical sciences; mathematics and statistics; computing; engineering and engineering trades; manufacturing and processing; architecture and construction; agriculture, forestry and fishery programs; veterinary programs, health programs; social services; personal services; transportation; environmental protection and security services.

Approximately 30 thousand students graduate annually from Palestinian higher education institutions. In the 2014/2015 scholastic year, there were around 81 thousand applicants for the General Certificate Exam "Tawjihi".

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

In 2014, around 92 thousand males aged 20-29 years obtained an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree. They were specialized in the following fields of education:

Business Administration (26.3%), Health (11.6%), Engineering and Engineering trades (10.1%), Humanities (8.3%), Social and Behavioral Sciences (7.7%), and computing Computer Science (6.4%), other fields (29.6%).

In 2013, there were 84 thousand male graduates aged 20-29 years. The majority of them majored in business and administration (25.1%).

Most female students aged 20-29 years enroll in Teacher Training and Education Science for either an intermediate diploma or a Bachelor's degree.

In 2014, there were 113 thousand female graduates aged 20-29 years with a bachelor's degree or an intermediate diploma specialized in the following fields of education:

Teacher training and education science (21.1%), business and administration (19.3%), humanities (15.6%), social and behavioral sciences (11.6%), and health (7.5%), other fields (24.9%).

In 2013, there were 104 thousand female graduates aged 20-29 years, the majority of them majoring in business and administration (19.4%).

A rise in unemployment rate among graduates aged 20-29 years with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree compared to the previous year.

In 2014 the unemployment rate rose to 54.7% among graduates aged 20-29 years with a bachelor's degree or an intermediate diploma in Palestine (42.3% in the West Bank and 69.5% in Gaza Strip). In 2013 the unemployment rate was 51.5%.

High unemployment rates among males and females aged 20-29 years with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree in some fields

In 2014 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:

Personal services (46.0%), teacher training and education science (45.9%), humanities (41.4%), journalism and information (41.0%) and architecture and construction (40.7%).

In 2014 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:

Personal services (93.8%), life sciences (82.8%), teacher training and education science (79.2%), humanities (78.0%) and social and behavioral sciences (77.2%).

High unemployment rates among graduates aged 20-29 years in Gaza Strip who specialized in teacher training and education science.

In 2014, 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:

Teacher training and education science (78.1%), humanities (76.1%), social and behavioral sciences (72.3%), mathematics and statistics (71.2%) and engineering and engineering trades (67.5%).

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

Life sciences (70.4%), teacher training and education science (68.0%), personal services (62.1%), mathematics and statistics (57.0%) and social and behavioral sciences (52.8%).

Unemployment rate and period of unemployment in months for graduates (20-29) years with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree by field of education in 2014

Field of education	Unemployment rate	Period unemployed in months
Teacher training and education science	72.7	14.6
Humanities	66.2	17.2
Mathematics and statistics	65.7	14.3
Life sciences	65.3	11.3
Social and behavioral sciences	62.3	16.9
Personal services	63.8	11.5
Journalism and information	49.2	19.4
Business and administration	48.0	14.3
Engineering and engineering trades	46.8	14.4
Health	43.3	14.1
Architecture and construction	40.7	12.3
Computing	39.5	10.9
Law	14.5	11.0
Other disciplines	46.9	11.5

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