

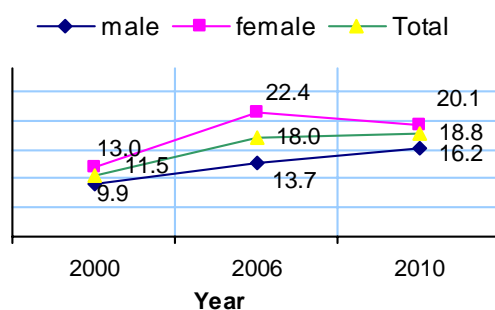
The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics Issues A Press Release on the Eve of the World Health Day (April 7th , 2012)

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), demonstrated the health status in the Palestinian Territory on the eve of the World Health Day (April 7th , 2012), where WHO but a title " Ageing and Health: good health adds Life to Years".

Increase in the prevalence of chronic diseases

In 2010, 18.8% of persons aged 18 years and above are suffering from at least one chronic disease in the Palestinian Territory compared to 11.5% in 2000.

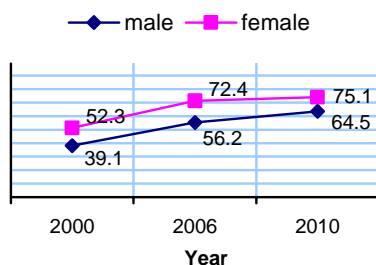
Percentage of Population Aged 18 Years and Above with Chronic Diseases by Sex, 2000, 2006, 2010



High prevalence of chronic diseases among the elderly

In 2010, 70.5% of the elderly aged 60 and over in the Palestinian Territory suffered from at least one chronic disease: 71.4% in the West Bank compared to 68.8% in Gaza Strip. The percentage was 46.5% in the Palestinian Territory in 2000.

Prevalence of Chronic Diseases among Elderly by Sex, 2000, 2006, 2010



Decrease in the prevalence of smoking

In 2010, 22.5% of persons 18 years and above in the Palestinian Territory are reported as smokers. 42.2% among males compared to 2.3% among females. The percentage was 27.5% in the Palestinian Territory in 2000.

Around 3 of every 10 youth males smoke

In 2010, 15.4% of youth aged 15-29 in the Palestinian Territory were smokers: 29.3% of males and 0.9% of females.

Prevalence of Smoking among Youth Aged 15-29 by Sex and Region, 2010

| Sex | Palestinian Territory | West Bank | Gaza Strip |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Male | 29.3 | 38.1 | 15.1 |
| Female | 0.9 | 1.4 | 0.1 |

Increase in the use of family planning methods...

In 2010, 52.4% of married women 15-49 years in the Palestinian Territory use any family planning method; 54.9% in the West Bank compared to 48.1% in Gaza Strip, While the percentage was 51.4% in the Palestinian Territory in 2000.

Decline in the percentage of unsafe deliveries

In 2010, 0.8% of deliveries in the Palestinian Territory occurred at home or in other unsafe places; 1.2% in the West Bank compared to 0.3% in Gaza Strip. The highest reports of unsafe deliveries were reported in Tubas governorate at 4.5%, while the percentage was 5.2% in the Palestinian Territory in 2000.

Increase in the number of cesarean deliveries

In 2010, 16.7% of reported deliveries in the Palestinian Territory were reported as cesarean section deliveries. 18.7% in the West Bank compared to 14.0% in Gaza Strip. The highest percentage of cesarean deliveries was reported in Tubas governorate with 34.8% while the lowest was in Hebron governorate with 10.5%, while the percentage was 8.8% in the Palestinian Territory in 2000.

Increase in the percentage of exclusive breastfeeding

In 2010, 95.8% of children under-5 years in the Palestinian Territory were reported as normally breastfed. 26.5% of children aged 0-5 months in the Palestinian Territory were exclusively breastfed in 2010.

Out of every 100 children, eleven are stunted

In 2010, 10.6% of under-5 years children in the Palestinian Territory are stunted, compared to 7.5% in 2000.

In 2010, 3.3% of under-5 children in the Palestinian Territory are wasted, compared to 1.4% in 2000, and 3.7% are underweight in 2010, compared to 2.5% in 2000.

Decline in the fertility rates

The Fertility Rate was calculated at 4.1 births per woman in the Palestinian Territory, compared to 5.9 births per woman in the year 2000.