

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

On the Eve of the International Day of Refugees (20/06/2012).

On the eve of the International Day of Refugees, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) released a statistical review on the current status of Palestinian Refugees.

The main findings are summarized as follows:

- According to UNRWA records, the Palestinian registered refugees are totaled to 5.1 million at 1/1/2012, of whom 40.0% in Jordan, 23.8% in Gaza Strip, 17.1% in the West Bank, 10.0% in Syria and 9.1% in Lebanon.
- The percentage of Palestinian refugees in the Palestinian territory of 2011, about 44% of the total population in the Palestinian territory, distributed about 30% in the West Bank and about 67 % in Gaza Strip.
- The Palestinian Refugees are characterized as young population where 41.7% of them are under the age of 15 years for Palestinian refugees in Palestinian territory, 35.9% of Palestinian refugees in Jordan in 2007, and 33.1% for Palestinian refugees in Syria in 2009, while 30.4% for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon in 2010.
- Total fertility rate for refugees in the Palestinian territory was 4.3 births per woman for the period 2008-2009. 3.3 births per woman of the Palestinian refugees in Jordan, and 2.5 births per woman of Palestinian refugees in Syria, and 3.2 births per woman of the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon in 2010.
- The average family size of the Palestinian refugees in the Palestinian Territory was 6.0 person in 2011, whereas the average households for the Palestinians refugees in Jordan Syria, and Lebanon was 4.8, 4.1, and 3.9 persons respectively in 2010.
- Palestinian refugee camps are poorest with a percentage of 35.4% in the Palestinian territory in 2011, comparing to rural and urban where the percentage was 19.4% and 26.1% respectively.
- Unemployment rate of Palestinian refugees among those of 15 years and over in the Palestinian territory in 2011 was 26.1% compared to 18.0% for non refugees.
- Illiteracy rate among Palestinian refugees of 15 years and over in the Palestinian territory in 2011 was 4.4%, compared to 4.9% for non - refugees.