

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

On the Eve of the International Day of Refugees (20/06/2011).

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 4.8 million at mid year of 2010, of whom 41.6% in Jordan, 23.2% in Gaza Strip, 16.4% in the West Bank, 9.9% in Syria and 8.9% in Lebanon.
- The percentage of Palestinian refugees in the Palestinian territory of 2010, represents 43.4% of the total population in the Palestinian territory, distributed as 29.7% in the West Bank and 67.3 % in Gaza Strip
- The Refugees in the Palestinian territory are characterized as young population, 41.8% of them are under the age of 15 years compared to 40.9% for non-refugees. On the other hand, 3.4 % of refugees aged 65 years and over, compared to 2.3% for the non- refugees in the Palestinian territory for the year of 2010.
- Total fertility rate for refugees in the Palestinian territory was 4.2 births per woman in 2010.
- Percentage of poor households in refugee camps in the Palestinian territory is 32.1% in 2010.
- Unemployment rate of Palestinian refugees among those of 15 years and over in the Palestinian territory in 2010 was 29.5% compared to 20.5% for non refugees.
- Illiteracy rate among Palestinian refugees of 15 years and over in the Palestinian territory in 2010 was 4.8%, compared to 5.2% for non - refugees.
- Drop-out rate from schools for refugees aged 6 years and over in the Palestinian territory in 2010 reached 20.3% (21.2% for males and 19.5% for females) compared to 25.0% for the non-refugees (27.0% for males and 22.9% for females).
- Percentage of refugee households that own their housing units in the Palestinian territory in 2010 was 86.0% compared to 82.0% for non - refugees.
- Percentage of refugee households that own private cars in the Palestinian territory in 2010 was 15.9% compared to 25.6% for non - refugees.