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**Press Release on Labour Force Survey Results  
(April-June, 2005) Round**

**Decreased of Unemployed Persons by 14.9%  
between 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005**

This report is based on the Labour Force quarterly Survey. Data was collected during 2/04/2005 to 01/07/2005, representing the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005.

The survey sample of this round is based on the 1997 census, 7,563 households were selected to represent the Palestinian society of which 6,621 questionnaires were completed.

**Economically Active:**

- According to the ILO standards, the percentage of participants in labour force increased by 3.8% between the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005, where it increased from 39.7% in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005 to 41.2% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005, compared with 43.5% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000. Also the participation rate of women increased from 12.2% in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter to 14.1% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 (the number increased by 22 thousand women).

**Unemployed Persons:**

- The percentage of persons who don't work nevertheless seeking or not seeking job, decreased from 31.7% in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005 to 26.5% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005, compared with 20.2% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000, according to the relaxed definition of unemployment.
- The percentage of persons who don't work, but seeking job decreased sharply from 26.3% in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005 to 21.2% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 according to the ILO standards, compared with 10.0% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000 (before the beginning of Al-Aqsa Intifada). The results showed that unemployment rate in the West Bank decreased from 22.6% in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005 to 17.2% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005, in Gaza Strip decreased from 34.0% in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005 to 30.2% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005, despite of that unemployment rate in Gaza Strip still high.
- Hebron governorate registered the highest percentage of unemployment rate among the West Bank governorates which reached 24.2% followed by Salfiet district (22.1%) then Qalqilia (20.8%), while in Gaza Strip Deir Al Balah governorate registered the highest percentage of unemployment rate 35.2% followed by Khan Younis governorate 34.7%.
- The results showed that the highest percentage of unemployment concentrated among the youth, the highest percentage registered for the age group 20-24 it reached 34.4% (27.7% in the West Bank compared with 47.5% in Gaza Strip), thereof 48.4% for women and 31.6% for men, followed by 15-19 age group it reached 33.7%, thereof (31.6% in the West Bank 39.6% in Gaza Strip), then 25-29 group it reached 20.8% (18.2% in the West Bank compared with 26.4% in Gaza Strip).

**Employed Persons:**

- The results showed a significant increase in the number of employed persons between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005, the increase rate reached 12.0%, the number of employed persons reached 656 thousand compared with 586 thousand in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005 (the number in the West Bank increased by 14.1%, and in Gaza Strip increased by 6.5%), also the results showed an increase of employed women by 17.8% between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 compared with an increase of 10.8% of employed men during the same period.
- The local sector employed 63 thousand worker, 8 thousands of them employed by the public sector (5 thousands in Gaza Strip and 3 thousands in the West Bank). In addition to that the Israeli labour market employed 7 thousands (2 thousands worker from Gaza Strip and 5 thousands worker from the West Bank).
- The results showed that private sector employed the highest percentage of the new employed persons 78.7% of the total new workers, which is estimated to 70 thousand

worker, which mean 55 thousand worker was employed by private sector (50 thousand in the West Bank and 5 thousands in Gaza Strip), 43.5% from them worked as unpaid family member and 31.5% worked as self employed.

- Agriculture sector employed the highest percentage of the new employed persons who worked as unpaid family members (68.3%) followed by trade sector (13.7%) then manufacturing sector (12.2%). While the new workers who worked as self employed the highest percentage of them were registered at trade sector at 45.8% compared with 35.4% worked in agriculture sector.
- The positive changes occurred at the Palestinian labour market, reflected on the percentage distribution of employed persons, the results showed a significant increase in the percentage of employment<sup>1</sup> for those who are working in agriculture in the West Bank (14.4% in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005 to 18.4% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005). Compared with a decrease in the percentage of the employment in services sector from 33.2% in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter to 30.7% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005. While the percentage increased in Gaza Strip of those who are working in trade, hotels and restaurants from 14.8% in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005 to 17.5% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005.
- On the other hand, the results showed an increase in the percentage of unpaid family members in the West Bank (from 8.4% in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005 to 11.9% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005), compared with a decreased of the percentage of wage employees from 58.6% to 55.3% between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005, whereas in Gaza Strip the percentage of wage employees decreased from 67.2% to 65.3%, compared with an increase in the percentage of unpaid family member from 7.7% to 8.7% between the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005, in addition to an increase of workers who worked as employers from 2.0% to 2.9% during the same period.
- The employment from the West Bank in Israel and Israeli settlements decreased to 13.6% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 compared with 14.2% in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005, whereas in Gaza Strip the number reached 2 thousand in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter while the number is a bout 500 workers in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005.

#### **Wages:**

- The average value of the nominal daily net wage of the employees in the West Bank increased from 71.1 NIS in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005 to 73.9 NIS in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005, compared with 70.3 NIS in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000. While the nominal daily net wage of the employees in Gaza Strip increased from 59.8 NIS in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005 to 60.7 NIS in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005, compared with 50.4 NIS in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000. Also the Average daily net wage for those working in Israel and settlements increased from 121.8 NIS in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005 to 125.6 NIS in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005, compared with 110.8 NIS in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000.

#### **Dependency Ratio and Poverty:**

- The economic dependency ratio<sup>2</sup> decreased in the Palestinian Territory from 6.3 to 5.7 between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 (the change rate is 9.5%). It decreased in the West Bank from 5.6 to 5.0 (the change rate is 10.7%) and in Gaza Strip decreased from 8.2 to 7.7 (the change rate is 6.1%). The ratio in the West Bank and in Gaza Strip reached 4.3 and 5.9 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000 respectively.
- The percentage of employees whose monthly wages below poverty line<sup>3</sup> decreased from 58.8% in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005 to 56.6% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 (the change rate is 3.7%), while it reached 43.5% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000.

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<sup>1</sup>Employed persons in Israel and Israeli settlements are excluded

<sup>2</sup>The economic dependency ratio: Number of population *divided by* Number of employed persons.

<sup>3</sup>The poverty line equivalent for the year 2000 (1622 NIS, for reference household composed of two adults and 4 children) was used for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000. The poverty line equivalent for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 (1850 NIS, for reference household composed of two adults and 4 children) was used for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 results.

### **Comments on the results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005:**

The changes occurred on the Palestinian labour market are not concentrated on specific geographical area or specific sector or specific employment status. The labour force participation rate increased and unemployment rate decreased in all governorates except Qalqilia governorate which remains at the same level, and Salfiet district which increased in the West Bank, and in Gaza Strip the percentage remain at the same level at Gaza governorate while the rate increased at Rafah governorate. On the other hand, the number of employed persons in t Gaza Strip increased by 11 thousand worker against the decreased number of unemployed by 8 thousands, and 3 thousands their employment status changed from outside labour force to inside labour force. The increased number of employed persons worked at public sector by 41.0%, and 47.0% of them distributed equally as self employed or unpaid family member while the remaining percentages distributed at other. The trade sector employed the highest percentage of the new workers 53.0% followed by construction sector (24.0%) then manufacturing sector (23.0%). Also the women participation rate in labour force increased from 8.6% to 9.4%, and Israeli labour market employed 2 thousands worker from Gaza Strip in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005, while the number was a bout 500 workers in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005.

In the West Bank, about 36 thousand person entered to labour market (the number of labour force participants increased to 576 thousand in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter compared with 540 thousand in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2005), the increased rate of man power (15 years and over) is about 12 thousand person, also 24 thousand person their labour force status changed from outside labour force to inside labour force, The employed persons increased by 59 thousand worker in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005, of them 36 thousand (due to the increase of the manpower 15 years and over and 24 thousand worked after being unemployed) .

The large assimilation of labour force and the increase of job opportunities by 59 thousand job, distributed among all sectors, the employment increased in Israel and Israeli Settlements by 5400 worker, also local agriculture sector employed 24 thousand worker followed by trade sector which employed 8 thousand person then manufacturing sector employed 6 thousand worker. While the public sector employed 2600 worker, the workers who worked under the temporarily employment project administrated by the Ministry of Labour are classified by place of work (public or private sector). The local sector employed 53 thousand worker, about 40.0% of them as unpaid, 37.0% as self employed in agriculture or trade or manufacturing, also it is observed from the results that the women participation rate increased from 12.2% in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter to 14.1% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005.

#### **Several factors contributed in these changes such as:**

1. The observed facilitation in all regions during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005. such as the reopening of Al Bazan road which facilitate the people movements among Jenin, Tubas and Nablus witnessed observed decrease in unemployment rate, also the removal of the barriers that separate Tulkarem from West Bank.
2. The number of employed in Israel and Settlements increased in addition to the increase of the workers who worked without permissions from 60 thousand in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter to 65 thousand in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005.
3. Agriculture season in the West Bank which confirmed by time series studying, the results showed an increase of employed in the agriculture sector from 14.4% in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter to 18.4% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005.
4. Temporarily employment project ,which administrated by the Ministry of Labour, employed about 50 thousand worker during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005, while it is necessary to indicate that public sector is not the only employed sector, when unemployed person employed by this project in private sector then this person will be registered as worker in private sector.

## Concepts and Definitions

### **Man power**

All persons in the West Bank and Gaza Strip aged 15 years and over.

### **Reference week:**

The week ending on Friday preceding the interviewer's visit to the household.

### **Employed:**

All persons are 15 years and over who were working at a paid job or business for at least one hour during the reference week, or who did not work, but held a job or owned business from which they were temporarily absent (because of illness, vacation, temporarily stoppage, or any other reason) during the reference week. Employed persons are classified according to employment status as follows:

1. Employer
2. Own-account worker (self-employed)
3. Employee
4. Unpaid family member

### **Unemployed (According to the ILO Standards):**

Unemployed persons are those individuals 15 years and over who did not work at all during the reference week, who were not absent from a job and were available for work and actively seeking a job during the reference week. Persons who work in Israel and were absent from work due to closure are considered unemployed, and also those persons never work and not looking for work but waiting to return back to their works in Israel and Settlements.

### **Unemployed (According to the Relaxed Definition):**

The Number Of Unemployed Persons was calculated under the definition by adding to unemployed Persons according to the ILO Standards, those Persons outside labour force because they were frustrated

### **Labour force:**

The economically active population (Labour Force) consists of all persons 15 years and over who are either employed or unemployed as defined above at the time of survey.

### **Underemployment:**

Underemployment exists when a person's employment is inadequate in relation to alternative employment, account being taken of his/her occupational skills. The underemployed persons are classified into two groups:

1. Visible underemployment
2. Invisible underemployment

### **Persons outside labour force:**

The population not economically active comprises all persons 15 years and over, who were neither employed nor unemployed accordingly to the definitions above.

**Main Findings**  
**According to the Relaxed Definition of Unemployment**  
**(April- June, 2005) Round**

**The Distribution of Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory by Labour Force Components and Region (Relaxed Definition) is as follows:**

Region	Labour Force		Outside Labour Force		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
West Bank	614,000	46.6	704,000	53.4	1,318,000	100
Gaza Strip	278,000	39.5	425,000	60.5	703,000	100
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	<b>892,000</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>1,129,000</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>2,021,000</b>	<b>100</b>

**The Distribution of Labour Force Participants Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory by Labour Force Components and Region (Relaxed Definition) is as follows:**

Region	Employment		Unemployment		Total	
	Number	(%)	Number	(%)	Number	(%)
West Bank	477,000	77.7	137,000	22.3	614,000	100
Gaza Strip	179,000	64.4	99,000	35.6	278,000	100
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	<b>656,000</b>	<b>73.5</b>	<b>236,000</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>892,000</b>	<b>100</b>

## Main Findings: According to the ILO Standards (April- June, 2005) Round

### 3-1 Population aged 15 years and over

The percentage of the population aged 15 years and over is 53.9% at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2005.

**The Distribution of Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory by Labour Force Components and Region (ILO Standards) is as follows:**

Region	Labour Force		Outside Labour Force		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
West Bank	576,000	43.7	742,000	56.3	1,318,000	100
Gaza Strip	257,000	36.5	446,000	63.5	703,000	100
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	<b>833,000</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>1,188,000</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>2,021,000</b>	<b>100</b>

### 3-2 Labour Force (According to the ILO Standards):

The labour force participation rate reached 41.2% in the Palestinian Territory, 43.7% in the West Bank and 36.5% in Gaza Strip.

**The Distribution of Labour Force Participants Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory by Labour Force Components and Region (ILO Standards) is as follows (%):**

Region	Full Employment	Under Employment	Unemployment	Total
West Bank	74.9	7.9	17.2	100
Gaza Strip	67.6	2.2	30.2	100
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>100</b>

### 3-3 Employment (According to the ILO Standards):

**Employed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory are Distributed by Employment Status (ILO Standards) as follows (%):**

Employment Status	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Palestinian Territory
Employer	5.2	2.9	4.6
Self Employed	27.6	23.1	26.3
Wage Employee	55.3	65.3	58.1
Unpaid Family Member	11.9	8.7	11.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>



**Employed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory are Distributed by Economic Activity and Place of work (ILO Standards) as Follows (%):**

<b>Economic Activity</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>	<b>Israel and Settlements</b>	<b>Total</b>
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	18.4	11.9	8.4	15.6
Mining, quarrying and manufacturing	13.9	9.2	20.1	13.2
Construction	10.1	8.8	42.1	13.0
Commerce, restaurants and hotels	20.0	17.5	18.5	19.2
Transportation, storage and communication	6.9	4.2	1.6	5.6
Services and other branches	30.7	48.4	9.3	33.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**Employed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory are Distributed by Place of Work and Region (ILO Standards) as follows (%):**

<b>Place of Work</b>	<b>West Bank</b>		<b>Gaza Strip</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Number (1000)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Number (1000)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Number (1000)</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Palestinian Territory	412	86.4	177	99.0	589	89.8
Israel and Settlements (Persons who have Palestinian Identity)	37	7.8	2	1.0	39	5.9
Israel and Settlements (Persons who have Israeli Identity or foreign passport)	28	5.8	:	-	28	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>100</b>

(-) means there are no enough observations in this section.

(:) means that the number is less than 1000 persons.

**Work days, hours and wages**

The average weekly work hours average monthly workdays and average daily wage per employee aged 15 years and over according to Place of Work are as follows:

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>	<b>Israel and Settlements</b>
Average weekly work hours	43.3	42.0	45.3
Average monthly work days*	23.8	24.2	21.2
Median daily net wage in NIS	65.4	55.8	130.0
Average daily net wage in NIS	73.9	60.7	125.6

\*: Including paid days that have been not worked

### 3-4 Unemployment (According to the ILO Standards):

Unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and over in the Palestinian Territory reached 21.2%; 17.2% in the West Bank and 30.2% in Gaza Strip.

#### Unemployment Rate for Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory by Age and Sex (ILO Standards) (%):

Age	Males	Females	Total
15-19	34.6	16.9	33.7
20-24	31.6	48.4	34.4
25-29	18.3	30.7	20.8
30-34	19.4	14.5	18.6
35-39	17.5	11.8	16.6
40-44	18.1	8.8	16.4
45-49	19.4	2.0	16.6
50+	17.1	1.6	14.4
<b>Overall Average</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>21.2</b>

#### Unemployment Rate for Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory by Age and Region (ILO Standards) (%):

Age	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
15-19	31.6	39.6	33.7
20-24	27.7	47.5	34.4
25-29	18.2	26.4	20.8
30-34	15.8	25.1	18.6
35-39	13.0	25.0	16.6
40-44	12.0	25.9	16.4
45-49	12.0	27.1	16.6
50+	9.5	25.7	14.4
<b>Overall Average</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>21.2</b>

#### Unemployment Rate for Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory by Years of Schooling and Sex (ILO Standards) (%):

Years of Schooling	Males	Females	Total
0	13.4	1.4	6.5
1-6	26.5	7.1	23.9
7-9	23.9	6.1	22.4
10-12	21.8	12.3	20.9
13+	14.6	31.1	20.0
<b>Overall Average</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>21.2</b>

**Unemployment Rate for Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory by Years of Schooling and Region (ILO Standards) (%):**

Years of schooling	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Total
0	3.3	18.1	6.5
1-6	17.1	37.2	23.9
7-9	18.3	32.4	22.4
10-12	18.7	26.9	20.9
13+	15.5	28.0	20.0
<b>Overall Average</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>21.2</b>

**3-5 Persons outside the labour force (ILO Standards):**

The percentage of persons aged 15 years and over outside the labour force in the Palestinian Territory reached 58.8%; 56.3% in the West Bank and 63.5% in Gaza Strip.

**Persons Aged 15 Years and Over Outside the Labour Force in the Palestinian Territory are Distributed by Reason and Region (ILO Standards) as follows (%):**

Reason	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Palestinian Territory
Old/illness	11.3	10.9	11.1
Housekeeping	49.7	47.7	49.0
Studying or training	33.8	36.9	35.0
Others	5.2	4.5	4.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**3-6 Labour Force Status: Further details (ILO Standards):**

Persons aged (15 years and over) are distributed according to ILO standards of labour force by sex, region and labour force status as follows:

Region and Sex	Full Employment (%)	Under-employment (%)	Unemployed (%)	Total (%)	Labour Force (%)	Outside Labour Force (%)
<b>West Bank</b>						
Males	73.0	9.3	17.7	100	70.3	29.7
Females	82.9	2.0	15.1	100	16.7	83.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>74.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>56.3</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>						
Males	68.3	2.2	29.5	100	63.3	36.7
Females	63.6	1.9	34.5	100	9.4	90.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>63.5</b>
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>						
Males	71.5	7.0	21.5	100	67.8	32.2
Females	78.4	2.0	19.6	100	14.1	85.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>58.8</b>

**Labour Force Participation Rate and Unemployment in the Palestinian Territory by Governorate/District**

<b>Governorate/District</b>	<b>Participation Rate</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>Number of Unemployed Persons</b>
Jenin	49.6	18.1	13209
Tubas	48.1	15.5	2010
Tulkarem	43.0	17.0	7251
Nablus	47.4	15.2	13340
Qalqilia	45.2	20.8	5220
Salfeet	44.3	22.1	3498
Ramallah	40.5	10.1	6292
Jericho	49.2	12.2	1323
Jerusalem	38.5	15.8	14450
Bethlehem	38.7	9.8	3399
Hebron	45.0	24.2	28934
<b>West Bank</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>98926</b>
GS-North	36.3	29.3	13181
Gaza City	36.9	25.8	24867
Deir ALBalah	37.5	35.2	13684
Khan Younis	36.3	34.7	17012
Rafah	34.9	31.7	8800
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>77543</b>
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>176470</b>

**Population 15 Years and Over by Region and Labor Force Status  
April- June, 2005 (ILO Standards):**

<b>Labour Force Status</b>	<b>West Bank (%)</b>	<b>Gaza Strip (%)</b>	<b>Palestinian Territory (%)</b>
<b>Both Sexes</b>			
<b>Population aged 15 years and over ( Man Power)</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>53.9</b>
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	32.7	24.7	29.9
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	1.8	0.6	1.4
Poor working conditions or for insufficient income	1.7	0.2	1.2
Did not work and seeking job	7.5	11.0	8.7
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	2.9	2.9	2.9
Did not work – Old or illness	6.4	6.9	6.6
Did not work – Home duties	28.0	30.3	28.8
Did not work – Students	19.0	23.4	20.5
<b>Population less than 15 years</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>46.1</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Males</b>			
<b>Population aged 15 years and over ( Man Power)</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>53.7</b>
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	51.3	43.2	48.5
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	3.3	1.1	2.5
Poor working conditions or for insufficient income	3.2	0.4	2.2
Did not work and seeking job	12.4	18.7	14.6
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	4.6	4.8	4.7
Did not work – Old or illness	8.0	8.5	8.2
Did not work – Home duties	0.1	–	0.1
Did not work – Students	17.1	23.3	19.2
<b>Population less than 15 years</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>46.3</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

The following table presents the estimated absolute number of population in the working age by activity status.

**Population 15 Years and Over by Region and Labour Force Status  
April- June, 2005 (ILO Standards):**

<b>Labour Force Status</b>	<b>West Bank #</b>	<b>Gaza Strip #</b>	<b>Palestinian Territory</b>
<b>Both Sexes</b>			
<b>Population aged 15 years and over ( Man Power)</b>	<b>1,318,000</b>	<b>703,000</b>	<b>2,021,000</b>
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	432,000	174,000	606,000
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	23,000	4,000	27,000
Poor working conditions or for insufficient income	22,000	1,000	23,000
Did not work and seeking job	99,000	78,000	177,000
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	38,000	21,000	59,000
Did not work – Old or illness	84,000	48,000	132,000
Did not work – Home duties	369,000	213,000	582,000
Did not work – Students	251,000	164,000	415,000
<b>Population less than 15 years</b>	<b>1,045,000</b>	<b>680,000</b>	<b>1,725,000</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>2,363,000</b>	<b>1,383,000</b>	<b>3,746,000</b>
<b>Males</b>			
<b>Population aged 15 years and over ( Man Power)</b>	<b>665,000</b>	<b>354,000</b>	<b>1,019,000</b>
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	341,000	153,000	494,000
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	22,000	4,000	26,000
Poor working conditions or for insufficient income	21,000	1,000	22,000
Did not work and seeking job	83,000	66,000	149,000
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	31,000	17,000	48,000
Did not work – Old or illness	53,000	30,000	83,000
Did not work – Home duties	1,000	-	1,000
Did not work – Students	113,000	83,000	196,000
<b>Population less than 15 years</b>	<b>532,000</b>	<b>346,000</b>	<b>878,000</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>1,197,000</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>1,897,000</b>

**Basic Changes in the Labour Force Indicators in Palestinian Territory During 1995 - 2005 (ILO Standards)**

Variable	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	R (18)	R (19)	R (25)	R (26)	R (27)	R (28)	R (29)	R (30)	R (31)	R (32)	R (33)	R (34)	R (35)	R (36)	R (37)
												Q3-00	Q4-00	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q4-04	Q1-05
Labour Force Participation Rate	39.0	40.0	40.5	41.4	41.6	41.5	38.7	38.1	40.3	40.4	43.5	39.2	36.9	37.6	39.2	38.8	40.7	41.2	40.5	40.0	40.3	40.3	41.0	39.7	41.2
Full Employment Rate	60.7	64.3	70.4	79.1	82.8	80.9	70.9	64.4	68.1	66.8	83.6	66.9	62.9	59.8	67.1	65.4	68.7	69.1	69.4	67.3	63.9	67.2	69.0	67.9	72.7
Underemployment Rate	21.1	11.9	9.3	6.5	5.4	5.0	3.9	4.3	6.3	6.4	6.4	4.8	3.5	4.6	5.6	4.3	7.0	7.3	6.3	6.5	7.5	6.1	5.4	5.8	6.1
Unemployment Rate	18.2	23.8	20.3	14.4	11.8	14.1	25.2	31.3	25.6	26.8	10.0	28.3	33.6	35.6	27.3	30.3	24.3	23.6	24.3	26.2	28.6	26.7	25.6	26.3	21.2
Employed in Agriculture	12.7	14.2	13.1	12.1	12.6	13.7	11.7	14.9	15.7	15.9	12.7	16.9	16.7	11.3	17.6	14.7	17.7	14.8	15.4	14.6	15.2	14.4	19.3	13.3	15.6
Employed in Construction	19.2	16.8	18.4	22.0	22.1	19.7	14.5	10.9	13.1	11.7	21.7	10.8	8.5	11.0	12.7	11.6	12.1	14.4	14.1	12.2	10.5	12.3	11.6	13.4	13.0
Employed in Manufacturing	18.0	16.8	16.4	15.9	15.5	14.3	13.9	12.9	12.5	12.7	15.0	12.8	12.1	12.7	12.5	12.8	12.2	12.6	12.6	13.5	13.1	12.7	11.5	12.5	13.2
Employed in Services	25.6	29.2	28.2	27.1	28.1	29.9	34.6	35.7	32.8	34.9	28.6	35.2	37.9	37.3	33.1	34.9	32.5	32.3	32.0	34.8	35.9	34.8	34.2	35.8	33.4
Elementary Occupation Workers	18.3	28.7	28.9	31.0	29.7	21.1	15.9	14.1	14.1	14.3	19.8	13.7	13.2	13.0	15.2	13.5	14.1	14.9	14.2	13.9	13.8	15.3	14.0	15.6	15.2
Craft and Related Trade Workers	27.5	24.0	24.6	24.7	22.7	22.0	19.0	17.5	18.7	17.1	24.5	16.2	15.6	18.6	17.8	18.5	18.0	19.5	18.6	18.2	17.1	17.5	8.9	17.3	17.4
Employed in Israel & Settlements	16.2	14.1	17.1	21.7	23.0	19.6	13.8	10.3	9.7	8.7	22.1	9.1	7.3	11.8	10.4	9.6	8.9	10.8	9.4	9.2	8.1	9.3	8.1	10.2	10.2
Employers	6.9	5.5	5.3	5.8	5.5	4.6	4.7	3.7	3.5	4.1	4.4	4.6	3.3	4.2	3.7	3.2	3.0	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.6
Self - Employed	21.2	22.3	22.9	21.0	18.7	19.6	24.0	26.8	27.8	26.5	18.1	23.1	27.3	25.0	27.0	28.8	28.7	26.7	27.1	27.0	26.9	25.9	26.2	26.8	26.3
Wage Employees	61.7	61.4	62.0	65.3	67.8	66.1	62.1	59.2	57.2	58.3	67.6	59.3	58.0	61.9	57.9	58.0	55.5	58.1	57.4	59.2	57.7	58.9	57.3	61.0	58.1
Unpaid Family Members	10.2	10.8	9.8	7.9	8.0	9.7	9.2	10.3	11.5	11.1	9.9	13.0	11.4	8.9	11.4	10.0	12.8	11.4	11.4	9.8	11.0	11.0	12.6	8.2	11.0
Average Monthly Work Days *	21.0	22.0	22.0	23.0	22.6	23.2	23.9	23.3	23.2	23.7	22.8	23.3	23.3	23.1	23.4	22.4	23.5	23.2	23.8	23.2	24.3	23.7	23.8	23.6	23.9
Average Weekly Work Hours *	42.1	43.5	44.0	45.0	44.2	43.1	42.1	40.6	41.7	42.5	45.0	40.7	40.8	40.5	40.2	40.3	41.7	43.5	41.1	42.4	42.9	43.0	41.7	41.6	42.8
Median Daily Net Wage (NIS) *	46.3	46.2	50.0	57.7	69.2	69.2	57.7	57.7	55.8	57.7	70.0	61.5	53.8	57.7	57.7	55.6	53.8	57.7	57.7	57.7	60.0	57.7	59.8	57.7	60.0

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Q: Quarter, Example: Q1-99 means: First Quarter of 1999

R: Round

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Variable	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	R (18)	R (19)	R (25)	R (26)	R (27)	R (28)	R (29)	R (30)	R (31)	R (32)	R (33)	R (34)	R (35)	R (36)	R (37)
	Q3-00	Q4-00	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q4-04	Q1-05	Q2-05										
Labour Force Participation Rate	40.6	42.0	43.2	44.2	43.4	43.6	41.5	40.0	41.8	42.5	45.3	42.9	37.3	40.0	42.1	39.6	42.5	42.9	42.2	41.6	42.4	42.6	43.4	41.4	43.7
Full Employment Rate	65.3	67.6	71.1	80.1	83.5	81.7	73.8	66.4	68.7	68.8	84.8	68.1	66.6	62.5	65.6	63.9	69.6	69.5	71.4	67.1	66.3	69.8	72.0	69.7	74.9
Underemployment Rate	20.7	12.8	11.6	8.4	7.0	6.2	4.7	5.4	7.5	8.3	7.7	5.6	3.7	6.5	7.4	4.9	8.0	8.9	7.9	8.3	10.1	8.0	6.7	7.7	7.9
Unemployment Rate	13.9	19.6	17.3	11.5	9.5	12.1	21.5	28.2	23.8	22.9	7.5	26.3	29.7	31.0	27.0	31.2	22.4	21.6	20.7	24.6	23.6	22.2	21.3	22.6	17.2
Employed in Agriculture	13.3	16.2	15.1	13.8	11.5	12.5	11.8	14.1	14.9	16.9	11.3	17.1	14.6	11.8	18.6	12.4	17.9	13.7	15.2	14.6	16.3	15.1	21.2	13.4	17.0
Employed in Construction	20.3	18.3	19.1	22.7	23.9	22.2	18.0	12.7	14.3	13.0	24.2	13.3	10.7	12.9	13.5	12.4	13.0	15.8	15.7	12.8	11.9	14.3	13.0	15.0	14.4
Employed in Manufacturing	18.8	17.6	17.2	16.8	16.5	15.4	15.4	14.5	14.0	14.0	16.1	14.6	14.6	13.4	13.7	14.2	13.5	14.3	14.1	14.4	14.7	14.1	13.1	14.6	14.7
Employed in Services	22.6	24.2	23.8	23.0	24.7	25.5	28.0	31.1	29.4	29.5	24.6	29.0	32.7	31.9	28.7	32.7	28.7	28.6	27.7	30.6	30.0	29.0	28.4	30.1	27.8
Elementary Occupation Workers	18.2	28.7	28.7	30.5	31.1	21.9	17.6	14.1	13.3	14.8	20.5	15.2	13.1	13.9	13.7	13.1	12.9	14.1	13.6	14.2	14.6	16.0	14.2	16.3	15.8
Craft and Related Trade Workers	28.7	25.1	25.0	25.0	22.9	23.3	20.7	19.1	19.9	18.0	25.7	18.2	18.5	19.6	18.8	19.4	19.1	21.0	19.9	18.6	18.2	18.3	16.8	19.3	18.4
Employed in Israel & Settlements	20.2	16.6	19.5	24.0	25.9	22.4	18.0	13.3	12.5	11.6	24.8	11.3	9.6	15.0	12.8	12.6	11.7	13.5	12.3	11.8	11.0	12.5	10.9	14.2	13.6
Employers	7.1	6.0	5.9	6.5	6.6	5.1	4.6	4.1	4.1	5.0	4.6	4.8	3.6	4.6	4.4	3.8	3.2	4.5	4.9	4.8	5.4	5.1	4.7	4.7	5.2
Self - Employed	21.3	23.5	23.6	21.5	18.6	20.6	25.6	27.8	29.3	28.1	19.9	24.6	29.1	25.6	27.8	30.2	30.8	28.2	21.8	29.3	28.3	27.4	27.6	28.3	27.6
Wage Employees	61.3	59.0	59.3	63.0	66.5	64.7	60.1	57.5	55.3	55.1	66.2	57.0	56.4	60.0	54.8	57.6	52.7	56.0	55.2	55.9	55.1	55.8	53.8	58.6	55.3
Unpaid Family Members	9.9	11.5	11.2	9.0	8.3	9.6	9.7	10.6	11.3	11.8	9.3	13.6	10.9	9.8	13.0	8.4	13.3	11.3	11.8	10.0	11.2	11.7	13.9	8.4	11.9
Average Monthly Work Days *	22.0	22.6	23.0	23.0	23.5	24.4	23.6	22.8	23.7	24.0	24.3	23.2	22.5	22.2	23.2	22.8	23.9	23.5	24.4	24.5	24.7	23.4	23.6	23.5	23.8
Average Weekly Work Hours *	43.0	43.5	43.0	45.0	44.6	43.6	43.2	40.9	42.3	43.0	46.2	40.6	41.7	39.5	41.1	40.5	42.4	44.4	42.0	43.4	43.6	42.6	42.5	42.2	43.3
Median Daily Net Wage (NIS) *	42.3	44.7	46.3	50.0	60.0	61.5	60.0	60.0	60.0	61.5	63.2	61.5	57.7	67.3	60.0	60.0	57.7	61.5	61.6	62.8	64.6	61.1	62.2	60.0	65.4

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R: Round



**Basic Changes in the Labour Force Indicators in Gaza Strip During 1995 - 2005 (ILO Standards)**

Variable	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	R (18)	R (19)	R (25)	R (26)	R (27)	R (28)	R (29)	R (30)	R (31)	R (32)	R (33)	R (34)	R (35)	R (36)	R (37)
											Q3-00	Q4-00	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q4-04	Q1-05	Q2-05
Labour Force Participation Rate	35.4	36.4	35.7	36.4	38.0	37.5	33.3	34.4	37.5	36.4	40.1	32.0	36.1	32.8	33.5	37.1	37.2	38.1	37.4	37.0	36.1	36.0	36.6	36.6	36.5
Full Employment Rate	48.6	57.5	68.8	76.8	81.2	79.0	63.9	60.1	67.2	62.5	81.0	63.7	55.4	53.4	70.8	68.7	66.6	68.3	65.0	67.6	58.8	61.4	62.2	64.0	67.6
Underemployment Rate	22.0	10.0	4.4	2.3	1.9	2.3	1.9	1.8	3.6	2.1	3.5	2.8	3.2	0.1	1.1	2.8	5.0	3.8	2.9	2.6	1.5	1.8	2.6	2.0	2.2
Unemployment Rate	29.4	32.5	26.8	20.9	16.9	18.7	34.2	38.1	29.2	35.4	15.5	33.5	41.4	46.5	28.1	28.5	28.4	27.9	32.1	29.8	39.7	36.8	35.2	34.0	30.2
Employed in Agriculture	10.8	9.1	8.0	8.0	15.2	16.5	11.4	16.7	17.5	13.4	16.2	16.1	21.9	9.7	15.3	19.4	17.2	17.4	15.9	14.6	12.3	12.3	14.3	13.1	12.0
Employed in Construction	15.4	13.1	16.5	20.5	17.8	13.5	4.4	6.3	10.4	8.2	15.9	3.5	3.4	5.2	10.9	10.1	10.1	11.3	10.2	11.0	6.4	7.0	8.0	9.2	9.3
Employed in Manufacturing	15.2	14.9	14.5	13.6	13.1	11.5	9.7	8.9	9.2	9.1	12.3	7.5	6.2	10.3	9.6	10.1	9.1	8.7	9.0	11.5	8.7	8.8	7.2	7.3	9.2
Employed in Services	35.2	41.4	38.9	37.0	36.5	41.0	53.3	47.5	40.8	49.1	38.0	53.7	49.8	53.8	43.2	38.7	41.4	40.7	42.2	44.1	52.5	50.7	49.5	50.3	48.1
Elementary Occupation Workers	18.4	29.3	29.5	30.9	26.4	18.7	11.0	14.3	15.8	13.0	18.0	9.9	13.0	10.3	18.9	14.1	16.7	16.8	15.2	13.9	11.3	13.4	13.4	14.1	13.6
Craft and Related Trade Workers	23.5	21.2	23.6	23.8	22.2	18.9	14.2	13.4	15.9	14.7	21.7	10.5	8.7	15.6	15.2	16.7	15.4	16.1	15.4	17.0	14.0	15.2	12.5	12.3	14.8
Employed in Israel & Settlements	3.3	8.1	11.0	16.2	15.7	12.9	1.9	2.5	3.1	1.1	15.4	2.7	1.7	2.1	4.6	3.7	2.1	4.4	2.2	3.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	-	1.0
Employers	6.1	4.4	3.7	4.0	2.8	3.3	5.0	2.6	2.2	1.9	4.0	4.0	2.6	3.2	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.9
Self - Employed	20.4	19.4	21.0	19.7	19.1	17.2	19.5	24.3	24.5	22.2	13.6	18.7	23.1	23.4	25.2	26.1	23.8	23.1	24.8	21.6	22.9	21.7	22.5	23.1	23.1
Wage Employees	62.6	67.3	68.4	71.0	71.1	69.5	67.7	63.6	61.7	66.5	71.0	65.9	61.8	67.4	65.5	58.7	62.1	63.1	62.9	66.6	65.2	67.5	66.7	67.2	65.3
Unpaid Family Members	10.8	8.9	6.9	5.3	7.0	10.0	7.8	9.5	11.6	9.4	11.4	11.4	12.5	6.0	7.3	13.2	11.6	11.7	10.1	9.7	10.1	8.9	9.0	7.7	8.7
Average Monthly Work Days *	21.7	23.3	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.5	24.6	24.1	22.6	23.2	23.7	24.8	24.4	24.8	23.8	21.9	22.8	22.8	22.9	21.2	23.5	24.3	24.1	23.7	24.2
Average Weekly Work Hours *	43.2	44.0	43.0	43.0	43.2	41.7	40.1	40.0	40.6	41.6	42.8	40.6	39.6	42.3	38.9	40.0	40.6	42.2	39.8	40.9	41.7	43.6	40.5	40.5	42.0
Median Daily Net Wage (NIS) *	34.6	34.6	38.5	40.0	46.2	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	52.5	46.2	53.8	50.0	53.8	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	53.8	50.0	53.8	55.8	55.8

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(-) means there are no enough observations in this section.