

**Press Release on Labour Force Survey Results
(January– March, 2004) Round
287,000 Unemployed persons during the 1st quarter 2004**

This report is based on the Labour Force quarterly Survey. Data was collected for the 32nd round from 3/1/2004 to 1/4/2004, representing the 1st quarter of 2004.

The survey sample of this round is based on the 1997 census, 7,563 households were selected to represent the Palestinian society of which 6,201 questionnaires were completed.

Economically Active:

- According to the ILO standards, the number of participants in labour force increased by one thousand between the 4th quarter 2003 and the 1st quarter 2004, where it increased from 815 thousand in the 4th quarter 2003 to 816 thousand in the 1st quarter 2004, compared with 735 thousand in the 3rd quarter 2000.

Unemployed Persons:

- Number of persons who don't work nevertheless seeking or not seeking job, increased from 274 thousand in the 4th quarter 2003 to 287 thousand in the 1st quarter 2004, compared with 170 thousand in the 3rd quarter 2000. This represents 32.3% of the total labour force, according to the relaxed definition of unemployment.
- While those who don't work, but seeking job, in the 1st quarter 2004 reached 215 thousand which represent 26.3% of the total labour force according to the ILO standards, compared with 24.3% in the 4th quarter 2003 and 10.0% in the 3rd quarter 2000 (before the beginning of Al-Aqsa Intifada). The results showed that unemployment rate in the West Bank reached 24.6% in the 1st quarter 2004 compared with 20.7% in the 4th quarter 2003, whereas it decreased in Gaza Strip from 32.1% in the 4th quarter 2003 to 29.8% in the 1st quarter 2004.
- Unemployment rate by educational attainment, data showed that the rate decreased between the 4th quarter 2003 and the 1st quarter 2004, from 21.8% to 20.7% among those completed intermediate college and above.

Employed Persons:

- The results showed a decrease in the percentage of employment¹ for those who are working in agriculture in the West Bank (16.4% in the 4th quarter 2003 to 15.6% in the 1st quarter 2004), while it was 11.3% in the 3rd quarter 2000. In Gaza Strip the percentage decreased from 15.9% in the 4th quarter 2003 to 14.8% in the 1st quarter 2004. Also the results showed that employment in construction decreased in the West Bank from 11.3% in the 4th quarter 2003 to 8.5% in the 1st quarter 2004. also it decreased in Gaza Strip from 9.5% in the 4th quarter 2003 to 9.3% in the 1st quarter 2004.
- The results showed a decrease in the percentage of unpaid family members in the Palestinian Territory (from 11.3% in the 4th quarter 2003 to 9.9% in the 1st quarter 2004).
- The results showed that the percentage for self employed increased in the West Bank from 28.1% in the 4th quarter 2003 to 29.3% in the 1st quarter 2004, while it decrease in Gaza Strip from 24.9% in the 4th quarter 2003 to 21.7% in the 1st quarter 2004. The results showed that wage employees increased in the Palestinian Territory reached 59.2% in the 1st quarter 2004 compared with 57.4% in the 4th quarter 2003, the percentage increased in Gaza Strip from 62.9% in the 4th quarter to 66.6% in the 1st quarter 2004. also it increased slightly in the West Bank from 55.2% in the 4th quarter 2003 to 55.9% in the 1st quarter 2004.

¹Employed persons in Israel and Israeli settlements are excluded

- Employees from the West Bank working in Israel and Israeli settlements decreased during the 1st quarter 2004 compared with the 4th quarter 2003, they reached 50 thousand compared with 54 thousand in the 4th quarter 2003, while the number increased in Gaza strip from 4 thousand in the 4th quarter 2003 to 6 thousand in the 1st quarter 2004.

Wages:

- The average value of the nominal daily net wage of the employees in the West Bank remains the same as in 4th quarter 2003 (72.5 NIS), compared with 70.3 NIS in the 3rd quarter 2000. While the nominal daily net wage of the employees in Gaza Strip increased slightly from 55.3 NIS in the 4th quarter 2003 to 55.6 NIS in the 1st quarter 2004, compared with 50.4 NIS in the 3rd quarter 2000. Also the Average daily net wage for those working in Israel and settlements decreased from 131.8 NIS in the 4th quarter 2003 to 127.5 NIS in the 1st quarter 2004, compared with 110.8 NIS in the 3rd quarter 2000.

Dependency Ratio and Poverty:

- The economic dependency ratio² increased in the Palestinian Territory from 4.8 in the 3rd quarter 2000 to 6.3 in the 1st quarter 2004 (the change rate is 31.3%). Whereas, it increased in the West Bank from 4.3 to 5.7 (the change rate is 32.5%) and in Gaza Strip increased from 5.9 to 7.5 (the change rate is 27.1%). The ratio in the West Bank reached 5.4 compared with 7.7 in Gaza Strip in the 4th quarter 2003.
- The percentage of employees whose monthly wages below poverty line³ increased from 43.5% in the 4th quarter 2000 to 59.4% in the 1st quarter 2004 (the change rate is 36.6%).

² The economic dependency ratio: Number of population *divided by* Number of employed persons.

³ The poverty line equivalent for the year 2000 (1622 NIS, for reference household composed of two adults and 4 children) was used for the 3rd quarter 2000. The poverty line equivalent for the 1st quarter 2004 (1800 NIS, for reference household composed of two adults and 4 children) was used for the 1st quarter 2004 results.

Main Findings
According to the Relaxed Definition of Unemployment
(January - March, 2004) 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	606,000	45.6	724,000	54.4	1,330,000	100
Gaza Strip	282,000	40.1	422,000	59.9	704,000	100
Palestinian Territory	888,000	43.7	1,146,000	56.3	2,034,000	100

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	418,000	69.0	188,000	31.0	606,000	100
Gaza Strip	183,000	64.9	99,000	35.1	282,000	100
Palestinian Territory	601,000	67.7	287,000	32.3	888,000	100

Main Findings: According to the ILO Standards (January - March, 2004) Round

3-1 Population aged 15 years and over

- The percentage of the population aged 15 years and over is 54.1% at the 1st Quarter of 2004.

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	555,000	41.7	775,000	58.3	1,330,000	100
Gaza Strip	261,000	37.1	443,000	62.9	704,000	100
Palestinian Territory	816,000	40.1	1,218,000	59.9	2,034,000	100

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

- The labour force participation rate reached 40.1% in the Palestinian Territory, 41.7% in the West Bank and 37.1% 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	67.1	8.3	24.6	100
Gaza Strip	67.6	2.6	29.8	100
Palestinian Territory	67.2	6.5	26.3	100

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	4.8	2.1	3.9
Self Employed	29.3	21.7	27.0
Wage Employee	55.9	66.6	59.2
Unpaid Family Member	10.0	9.6	9.9
Total	100	100	100

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

Economic Activity	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Israel and Settlements	Total
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	15.6	14.8	7.3	14.6
Mining, quarrying and manufacturing	14.2	11.0	16.7	13.5
Construction	8.5	9.3	46.4	12.2
Commerce, restaurants and hotels	22.3	14.6	15.1	19.4
Transportation, storage and communication	6.3	4.7	2.9	5.5
Services and other branches	33.1	45.6	11.6	34.8
Total	100	100	100	100

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

Place of Work	West Bank		Gaza Strip		Total	
	Number (1000)	(%)	Number (1000)	(%)	Number (1000)	(%)
Palestinian Territory	368	88.1	177	96.8	545	90.8
Israel and Settlements (Persons who have Palestinian Identity)	27	6.4	6	3.2	33	5.4
Israel and Settlements (Persons who have Israeli Identity or foreign passport)	23	5.5	-	-	23	3.8
Total	418	100	183	100	601	100

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

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:

Indicator	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Israel and Settlements
Average weekly work hours	43.4	40.9	45.2
Average monthly work days*	24.5	21.2	22.2
Median daily net wage in NIS	62.8	50.0	134.6
Average daily net wage in NIS	72.5	55.6	127.5

*: 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 26.3%; 24.6% in the West Bank and 29.8% 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	44.9	18.6	43.5
20-24	37.1	43.3	38.2
25-29	25.6	22.4	25.0
30-34	24.1	16.0	22.8
35-39	23.9	11.4	21.7
40-44	24.8	8.1	22.0
45-49	26.2	6.8	23.8
50+	20.1	1.8	17.1
Overall Average	27.7	18.8	26.3

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	41.8	48.3	43.5
20-24	35.7	43.6	38.2
25-29	23.4	28.3	25.0
30-34	21.8	24.8	22.8
35-39	21.9	21.3	21.7
40-44	20.5	25.2	22.0
45-49	19.4	32.6	23.8
50+	13.8	23.7	17.1
Overall Average	24.6	29.8	26.3

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	24.9	1.2	11.0
1-6	33.5	8.2	30.2
7-9	30.4	12.5	29.0
10-12	29.9	10.7	28.1
13+	16.4	28.7	20.2
Overall Average	27.7	18.8	26.3

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	5.4	21.8	11.0
1-6	27.4	35.1	30.2
7-9	27.9	32.0	29.0
10-12	27.0	30.5	28.1
13+	17.9	24.6	20.2
Overall Average	24.6	29.8	26.3

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 59.9%; 58.3% in the West Bank and 62.9% 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	12.4	11.2	11.9
Housekeeping	49.2	48.4	48.9
Studying or training	31.8	35.6	33.2
Others	6.6	4.8	6.0
Total	100	100	100

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 (%)
West Bank						
Males	64.4	9.2	26.4	100	67.6	32.4
Females	79.5	4.1	16.4	100	15.3	84.7
Total	67.1	8.3	24.6	100	41.7	58.3
Gaza Strip						
Males	67.2	2.5	30.3	100	64.6	35.4
Females	70.5	3.1	26.4	100	9.2	90.8
Total	67.6	2.6	29.8	100	37.1	62.9
Palestinian Territory						
Males	65.3	7.0	27.7	100	66.6	33.4
Females	77.3	3.9	18.8	100	13.2	86.8
Total	67.2	6.5	26.3	100	40.1	59.9

3-7 Labour Force Status Completed Associate Diploma and Above by Specialization (ILO Standards):

Specialization	Employed (%)	Unemployed (%)	Total (%)	Labour Force (%)	Outside Labour Force (%)
Teacher Training Programs	78.7	21.3	100	76.4	23.6
Humanities programs	84.7	15.3	100	72.0	28.0
Social and Behavioral Science Programs	74.4	25.6	100	86.6	13.4
Commercial and business Administration Programs	73.3	26.7	100	82.4	17.6
Natural Science Programs	92.4	7.6	100	85.6	14.4
Mathematics and Computer Science Programs	79.5	20.5	100	84.4	15.6
Medical Diagnostic and Treatment Programs	85.7	14.3	100	88.2	11.8
Engineering Programs	79.2	20.8	100	84.1	15.9
Other programs	74.2	25.8	100	76.3	23.7
Total	79.3	20.7	100	80.6	19.4

**Population 15 Years and Over by Region and Labor Force Status
January - March, 2004 (ILO Standards):**

Labour Force Status	West Bank (%)	Gaza Strip (%)	Palestinian Territory (%)
Both Sexes			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	55.9	51.0	54.1
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	28.0	25.1	27.0
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	1.0	0.7	0.9
Working poor conditions or for insufficient income	2.4	0.3	1.7
Did not work and seeking job	10.3	11.1	10.5
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	3.8	3.0	3.6
Did not work – Old or illness	7.2	7.0	7.2
Did not work – Home duties	28.7	30.4	29.3
Did not work – Students	18.5	22.4	19.9
Population less than 15 years	44.1	49.0	45.9
Total Population	100	100	100
Males			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	55.6	50.7	53.9
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	43.6	43.4	43.5
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	1.9	1.2	1.6
Working poor conditions or for insufficient income	4.4	0.5	3.0
Did not work and seeking job	17.9	19.6	18.4
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	6.2	4.8	5.7
Did not work – Old or illness	9.2	8.5	9.0
Did not work – Home duties	0.2	0.2	0.2
Did not work – Students	16.7	21.9	18.5
Population less than 15 years	44.4	49.3	46.1
Total Population	100	100	100

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
January - March, 2004 (ILO Standards):**

Labour Force Status	West Bank #	Gaza Strip #	Palestinian Territory
Both Sexes			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	1,330,000	704,000	2,034,000
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	372,000	176,000	548,000
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	14,000	5,000	19,000
Working poor conditions or for insufficient income	32,000	2,000	34,000
Did not work and seeking job	137,000	78,000	215,000
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	51,000	21,000	72,000
Did not work – Old or illness	96,000	50,000	146,000
Did not work – Home duties	382,000	214,000	596,000
Did not work – Students	246,000	158,000	404,000
Population less than 15 years	1,051,000	675,000	1,726,000
Total Population	2,381,000	1,379,000	3,760,000
Males			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	671,000	354,000	1,025,000
Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	292,000	154,000	446,000
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	12,000	4,000	16,000
Working poor conditions or for insufficient income	29,000	2,000	31,000
Did not work and seeking job	120,000	69,000	189,000
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	42,000	16,000	58,000
Did not work – Old or illness	62,000	30,000	92,000
Did not work – Home duties	2,000	1,000	3,000
Did not work – Students	112,000	78,000	190,000
Population less than 15 years	536,000	344,000	880,000
Total Population	1,207,000	698,000	1,905,000

Basic Changes in the Labour Force Indicators in Palestinian Territory During 1995 - 2004 (ILO Standards)

Variable	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	R (18)	R (19)	R (24)	R (25)	R (26)	R (27)	R (28)	R (29)	R (30)	R (31)	R (32)
										Q3-00	Q4-00	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04
Labour Force Participation Rate	39.0	40.0	40.5	41.4	41.6	41.5	38.7	38.1	40.4	43.5	39.2	38.7	36.9	37.6	39.2	38.8	40.7	41.3	40.6	40.1
Full Employment Rate	60.7	64.3	70.4	79.1	82.8	80.9	70.5	64.4	68.2	83.6	66.9	67.6	62.9	59.8	67.1	65.4	68.7	69.1	69.4	67.2
Underemployment Rate	21.1	11.9	9.3	6.5	5.4	5.0	4.0	4.3	6.2	6.4	4.8	3.5	3.5	4.6	5.6	4.3	7.0	7.3	6.3	6.5
Unemployment Rate	18.2	23.8	20.3	14.4	11.8	14.1	25.5	31.3	25.6	10.0	28.3	28.9	33.6	35.6	27.3	30.3	24.3	23.6	24.3	26.3
Employed in Agriculture	12.7	14.2	13.1	12.1	12.6	13.7	12.0	14.8	15.7	12.7	16.9	13.4	16.7	11.3	17.6	14.7	17.7	14.8	15.4	14.6
Employed in Construction	19.2	16.8	18.4	22.0	22.1	19.7	14.6	10.9	13.1	21.7	10.8	11.2	8.5	11.0	12.7	11.6	12.1	14.4	14.1	12.2
Employed in Manufacturing	18.0	16.8	16.4	15.9	15.5	14.3	14.0	12.9	12.5	15.0	12.8	14.3	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.8	12.1	12.6	12.6	13.5
Employed in Services	25.6	29.2	28.2	27.1	28.1	29.9	34.5	36.9	32.9	28.6	35.2	35.1	37.9	37.5	33.1	34.9	32.6	32.3	32.0	34.8
Elementary Occupation Workers	18.3	28.7	28.9	31.0	29.7	21.1	16.1	14.2	14.3	19.8	13.7	15.1	13.2	13.0	15.2	13.4	14.1	14.9	14.2	14.1
Craft and Related Trade Workers	27.5	24.0	24.6	24.7	22.7	22.0	19.0	17.5	18.6	24.5	16.2	17.9	15.6	18.6	17.8	18.5	18.0	19.5	18.6	18.1
Employed in Israel & Settlements	16.2	14.1	17.1	21.7	23.0	19.6	13.7	10.3	9.7	22.1	9.1	11.6	7.3	11.8	10.4	9.5	8.9	10.8	9.4	9.2
Employers	6.9	5.5	5.3	5.8	5.5	4.6	4.7	3.7	3.5	4.4	4.6	3.5	3.3	4.2	3.7	3.2	3.0	3.8	4.1	3.9
Self - Employed	21.2	22.3	22.9	21.0	18.7	19.6	23.9	26.8	27.8	18.1	23.1	27.6	27.3	25.0	27.0	28.8	28.7	26.7	27.2	27.0
Wage Employees	61.7	61.4	62.0	65.3	67.8	66.1	62.2	59.2	57.3	67.6	59.3	59.4	58.0	61.9	57.9	58.0	55.6	58.2	57.4	59.2
Unpaid Family Members	10.2	10.8	9.8	7.9	8.0	9.7	9.2	10.3	11.4	9.9	13.0	9.5	11.4	8.9	11.4	10.0	12.7	11.3	11.3	9.9
Average Monthly Work Days *	21.0	22.0	22.0	23.0	22.6	23.2	23.1	23.0	23.3	22.8	23.3	22.7	23.1	23.0	23.2	22.1	23.3	23.2	23.8	23.2
Average Weekly Work Hours *	42.1	43.5	44.0	45.0	44.2	43.1	42.2	41.1	41.7	45.0	40.7	40.7	41.4	41.5	41.0	40.5	42.2	43.5	41.1	42.4
Median Daily Net Wage (NIS) *	46.3	46.2	50.0	57.7	69.2	69.2	61.5	60.0	55.8	70.0	61.5	60.0	57.7	69.2	60.0	57.7	57.7	57.5	57.7	57.7

*: Workers in Israel and Settlements are included

Q: Quarter, Example: Q1-99 means: 1st Quarter of 1999

R: Round

Basic Changes in the Labour Force Indicators in West Bank During 1995 - 2004 (ILO Standards)

Variable	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	R (18)	R (19)	R (24)	R (25)	R (26)	R (27)	R (28)	R (29)	R (30)	R (31)	R (32)
											Q3-00	Q4-00	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03
Labour Force Participation Rate	40.6	42.0	43.2	44.2	43.4	43.6	41.5	40.0	41.9	45.3	42.9	40.4	37.3	40.1	42.1	39.7	42.5	42.9	42.3	41.7
Full Employment Rate	65.3	67.6	71.1	80.1	83.5	81.7	73.2	66.3	68.7	84.8	68.1	70.6	66.7	62.5	65.6	63.8	69.7	69.5	71.4	67.1
Underemployment Rate	20.7	12.8	11.6	8.4	7.0	6.2	4.8	5.5	7.5	7.7	5.6	3.9	3.6	6.5	7.4	4.9	7.9	8.9	7.9	8.3
Unemployment Rate	13.9	19.6	17.3	11.5	9.5	12.1	22.0	28.2	23.8	7.5	26.3	25.5	29.7	31.0	27.0	31.3	22.4	21.6	20.7	24.6
Employed in Agriculture	13.3	16.2	15.1	13.8	11.5	12.5	12.1	14.1	14.9	11.3	17.1	11.3	14.6	11.8	18.6	12.4	17.9	13.7	15.2	14.6
Employed in Construction	20.3	18.3	19.1	22.7	23.9	22.2	18.2	12.7	14.3	24.2	13.3	13.6	10.7	12.9	13.5	12.4	13.0	15.8	15.6	12.8
Employed in Manufacturing	18.8	17.6	17.2	16.8	16.5	15.4	15.5	14.5	14.0	16.1	14.6	16.1	14.6	13.4	13.7	14.2	13.5	14.3	14.1	14.4
Employed in Services	22.6	24.2	23.8	23.0	24.7	25.5	28.0	31.1	29.4	24.6	29.0	31.4	32.7	32.0	28.7	32.7	28.7	28.6	27.9	30.6
Elementary Occupation Workers	18.2	28.7	28.7	30.5	31.1	21.9	19.9	14.1	13.4	20.5	15.2	15.8	13.3	14.0	13.8	13.0	12.9	14.3	13.5	14.1
Craft and Related Trade Workers	28.7	25.1	25.0	25.0	22.9	23.3	20.8	19.1	19.9	25.7	18.2	19.4	18.5	19.6	18.8	19.4	19.1	21.0	19.9	18.6
Employed in Israel & Settlements	20.2	16.6	19.5	24.0	25.9	22.4	17.8	13.3	12.5	24.8	11.3	15.6	9.6	15.0	12.8	12.6	11.7	13.5	12.3	11.8
Employers	7.1	6.0	5.9	6.5	6.6	5.1	4.6	4.1	4.1	4.6	4.8	3.8	3.6	4.6	4.4	3.8	3.2	4.5	4.9	4.8
Self - Employed	21.3	23.5	23.6	21.5	18.6	20.6	25.5	27.7	29.2	19.9	24.6	28.5	29.1	25.6	27.8	30.2	30.7	28.2	28.1	29.3
Wage Employees	61.3	59.0	59.3	63.0	66.5	64.7	60.3	57.5	55.3	66.2	57.0	59.1	56.4	60.1	54.8	57.6	52.8	56.0	55.2	55.9
Unpaid Family Members	9.9	11.5	11.2	9.0	8.3	9.6	9.6	10.7	11.4	9.3	13.6	8.6	10.9	9.7	13.0	8.4	13.3	11.3	11.8	10.0
Average Monthly Work Days *	22.0	22.6	23.0	23.0	23.5	24.4	23.6	22.8	23.7	24.3	23.2	23.0	22.5	22.2	23.2	22.8	23.9	23.5	24.4	24.5
Average Weekly Work Hours *	43.0	43.5	43.0	45.0	44.6	43.6	43.1	40.9	42.3	46.2	40.6	41.4	41.7	39.5	41.1	40.5	42.4	44.4	42.0	43.4
Median Daily Net Wage (NIS) *	42.3	44.7	46.3	50.0	60.0	61.5	60.0	60.0	60.2	63.2	61.5	57.7	57.7	67.3	60.0	60.0	57.7	61.5	61.6	62.8

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R: Round

Basic Changes in the Labour Force Indicators in Gaza Strip During 1995 - 2004 (ILO Standards)

Variable	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	R (18)	R (19)	R (24)	R (25)	R (26)	R (27)	R (28)	R (29)	R (30)	R (31)	R (32)
											Q3-00	Q4-00	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03
Labour Force Participation Rate	35.4	36.4	35.7	36.4	38.0	37.5	33.4	34.5	37.6	40.1	32.0	35.4	36.2	32.9	33.6	37.2	37.3	38.2	37.5	37.1
Full Employment Rate	48.6	57.5	68.8	76.8	81.2	79.0	63.9	60.2	67.2	81.0	63.7	61.2	55.5	53.4	70.8	68.7	66.6	68.3	65.0	67.6
Underemployment Rate	22.0	10.0	4.4	2.3	1.9	2.3	1.9	1.8	3.6	3.5	2.8	2.5	3.1	0.1	1.2	2.8	5.0	3.8	2.9	2.6
Unemployment Rate	29.4	32.5	26.8	20.9	16.9	18.7	34.2	38.0	29.2	15.5	33.5	36.3	41.4	46.5	28.0	28.5	28.4	27.9	32.1	29.8
Employed in Agriculture	10.8	9.1	8.0	8.0	15.2	16.5	11.6	16.6	17.4	16.2	16.1	18.8	21.9	9.7	15.3	19.4	17.2	17.4	15.9	14.6
Employed in Construction	15.4	13.1	16.5	20.5	17.8	13.5	4.4	6.3	10.4	15.9	3.5	4.8	3.4	5.2	10.9	10.1	10.1	11.2	10.2	10.9
Employed in Manufacturing	15.2	14.9	14.5	13.6	13.1	11.5	9.7	8.9	9.2	12.3	7.5	9.6	6.2	10.2	9.6	10.0	9.1	8.6	9.0	11.5
Employed in Services	35.2	41.4	38.9	37.0	36.5	41.0	53.3	47.6	40.9	38.0	53.7	45.1	49.9	53.9	43.2	38.8	41.4	40.9	42.3	44.2
Elementary Occupation Workers	18.4	29.3	29.5	30.9	26.4	18.7	11.0	14.3	15.7	18.0	9.9	13.4	13.1	10.3	18.8	14.1	16.8	16.8	15.3	13.8
Craft and Related Trade Workers	23.5	21.2	23.6	23.8	22.2	18.9	14.1	13.4	15.9	21.7	10.5	14.2	8.7	15.6	15.2	16.7	15.4	16.1	15.4	17.0
Employed in Israel & Settlements	3.3	8.1	11.0	16.2	15.7	12.9	1.9	2.6	3.1	15.4	2.7	1.4	1.7	2.1	4.6	3.6	2.1	4.4	2.2	3.3
Employers	6.1	4.4	3.7	4.0	2.8	3.3	5.0	2.6	2.2	4.0	4.0	2.9	2.6	3.2	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.1
Self - Employed	20.4	19.4	21.0	19.7	19.1	17.2	19.4	24.3	24.5	13.6	18.7	25.1	23.1	23.5	25.2	26.1	23.8	23.2	24.9	21.7
Wage Employees	62.6	67.3	68.4	71.0	71.1	69.5	67.7	63.6	61.8	71.0	65.9	60.3	61.8	67.4	65.5	58.7	62.1	63.1	62.9	66.6
Unpaid Family Members	10.8	8.9	6.9	5.3	7.0	10.0	7.9	9.5	11.5	11.4	11.4	11.7	12.5	5.9	7.3	13.2	11.6	11.6	10.0	9.6
Average Monthly Work Days *	21.7	23.3	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.5	25.8	24.1	22.6	23.7	24.8	23.7	24.4	24.8	23.8	21.9	22.8	22.8	22.9	21.2
Average Weekly Work Hours *	43.2	44.0	43.0	43.0	43.2	41.7	40.3	40.0	40.7	42.8	40.6	39.6	39.6	42.3	38.9	40.0	40.6	42.2	39.8	40.9
Median Daily Net Wage (NIS) *	34.6	34.6	38.5	40.0	46.2	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	46.2	53.8	50.0	50.0	53.8	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0

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