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**Press Release on Labour Force Survey Results
(April– June, 2004) Round
310,000 Unemployed persons during the 2nd quarter 2004**

This report is based on the Labour Force quarterly Survey. Data was collected for the 33rd round from 3/4/2004 to 1/7/2004, representing the 2nd quarter 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 6,262 questionnaires were completed.

Economically Active:

- According to the ILO standards, the number of participants in labour force increased by 15 thousand between the 1st quarter 2004 and the 2nd quarter 2004, where it increased from 816 thousand in the 1st quarter 2004 to 831 thousand in the 2nd 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 287 thousand in the 1st quarter 2004 to 310 thousand in the 2nd quarter 2004, compared with 170 thousand in the 3rd quarter 2000. This represents 34.3% of the total labour force, according to the relaxed definition of unemployment.
- While those who don't work, but seeking job, in the 2nd quarter 2004 reached 238 thousand which represent 28.6% of the total labour force according to the ILO standards, compared with 26.3% in the 1st quarter 2004 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 23.6% in the 2nd quarter 2004 compared with 24.6% in the 1st quarter 2004, whereas it increased in Gaza Strip from 29.8% in the 1st quarter 2004 to 39.7% in the 2nd quarter 2004.
- Unemployment rate by educational attainment, data showed that the rate increased between the 1st quarter 2004 and the 2nd quarter 2004, from 20.7% to 21.5% among those completed intermediate college and above.

Employed Persons:

- The results showed an increase in the percentage of employment¹ for those who are working in agriculture in the West Bank (15.6% in the 1st quarter 2004 to 17.2% in the 2nd quarter 2004), while it was 11.3% in the 3rd quarter 2000. In Gaza Strip the percentage decreased from 14.8% in the 1st quarter 2004 to 12.3% in the 2nd quarter 2004. Also the results showed that employment in construction decreased in Gaza Strip from 9.3% in the 1st quarter 2004 to 6.4% in the 2nd quarter 2004.
- The results showed an increase in the percentage of unpaid family members in the Palestinian Territory (from 9.9% in the 1st quarter 2004 to 10.9% in the 2nd quarter 2004).
- The results showed that the percentage for self employed decreased in the West Bank from 29.3% in the 1st quarter 2004 to 28.3% in the 2nd quarter 2004, while it increased in Gaza Strip from 21.7% in the 1st quarter 2004 to 22.9% in the 2nd quarter 2004. The results showed that wage employees decreased in the Palestinian Territory reached 57.8% in the 2nd quarter 2004 compared with 59.2% in the 1st quarter 2004, the percentage decreased in Gaza Strip from 66.6% in the 1st quarter to 65.2% in the 2nd quarter 2004. Also it decreased slightly in the West Bank from 55.9% in the 1st quarter 2004 to 55.1% in the 2nd 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 2nd quarter 2004 compared with the 1st quarter 2004, they reached 48 thousand compared with 50 thousand in the 1st quarter 2004, while the number decreased in Gaza strip from 6 thousand in the 1st quarter 2004 to less than 500 in the 2nd quarter 2004.

Wages:

- The average value of the nominal daily net wage of the employees in the West Bank increased from 72.5 NIS in 1st quarter 2004 to 74.7 NIS in the 2nd quarter 2004, compared with 70.3 NIS in the 3rd quarter 2000. While the nominal daily net wage of the employees in Gaza Strip increased from 55.6 NIS in the 1st quarter 2004 to 59.7 NIS in the 2nd 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 increased from 127.5 NIS in the 1st quarter 2004 to 133.3 NIS in the 2nd 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 6.4 in the 2nd quarter 2004 (the change rate is 33.3%). Whereas, it increased in the West Bank from 4.3 to 5.5 (the change rate is 27.9%) and in Gaza Strip increased from 5.9 to 9.0 (the change rate is 52.5%). The ratio in the West Bank reached 5.5 compared with 7.5 in Gaza Strip in the 1st quarter 2004.
- The percentage of employees whose monthly wages below poverty line³ increased from 43.5% in the 3rd quarter 2000 to 56.2% in the 2nd quarter 2004 (the change rate is 29.2%).

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 2nd 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
(April- June, 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	624,000	46.4	722,000	53.6	1,346,000	100
Gaza Strip	279,000	39.1	435,000	60.9	714,000	100
Palestinian Territory	903,000	43.8	1,157,000	56.2	2,060,000	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	437,000	70.0	187,000	30.0	624,000	100
Gaza Strip	156,000	55.9	123,000	44.1	279,000	100
Palestinian Territory	593,000	65.7	310,000	34.3	903,000	100

Main Findings: According to the ILO Standards (April- June, 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 2nd 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	572,000	42.5	774,000	57.5	1,346,000	100
Gaza Strip	259,000	36.3	455,000	63.7	714,000	100
Palestinian Territory	831,000	40.4	1,229,000	59.6	2,060,000	100

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

- The labour force participation rate reached 40.4% in the Palestinian Territory, 42.5% in the West Bank and 36.3% 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	66.3	10.1	23.6	100
Gaza Strip	58.8	1.5	39.7	100
Palestinian Territory	64.0	7.4	28.6	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	5.4	1.8	4.4
Self Employed	28.3	22.9	26.9
Wage Employee	55.1	65.2	57.8
Unpaid Family Member	11.2	10.1	10.9
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	17.2	12.3	8.5	15.2
Mining, quarrying and manufacturing	14.4	8.6	17.2	13.1
Construction	8.6	6.4	38.0	10.4
Commerce, restaurants and hotels	21.2	16.7	21.2	20.0
Transportation, storage and communication	6.2	3.4	3.6	5.3
Services and other branches	32.4	52.6	11.5	36.0
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	389	89.0	156	99.9	545	91.9
Israel and Settlements (Persons who have Palestinian Identity)	22	5.1	:	0.1	22	3.8
Israel and Settlements (Persons who have Israeli Identity or foreign passport)	26	5.9	:	-	26	4.3
Total	437	100	156	100	593	100

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

(:) means that the number is less than 500 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:

Indicator	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Israel and Settlements
Average weekly work hours	43.6	41.7	46.8
Average monthly work days*	24.7	23.5	22.9
Median daily net wage in NIS	65.4	53.8	134.6
Average daily net wage in NIS	74.7	59.7	133.3

*: 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 28.6%; 23.6% in the West Bank and 39.7% 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	41.4	20.4	40.6
20-24	37.1	42.0	38.0
25-29	30.4	22.8	29.0
30-34	28.3	18.0	26.5
35-39	26.8	13.0	24.2
40-44	29.3	9.9	26.3
45-49	30.5	6.6	26.8
50+	23.0	2.0	19.7
Overall Average	30.5	19.1	28.6

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	35.8	54.5	40.6
20-24	33.5	47.9	38.0
25-29	25.1	36.5	29.0
30-34	23.2	34.0	26.5
35-39	18.5	37.3	24.2
40-44	19.2	42.3	26.3
45-49	20.0	41.4	26.8
50+	13.3	34.2	19.7
Overall Average	23.6	39.7	28.6

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	31.2	2.9	17.1
1-6	39.3	8.1	35.7
7-9	34.1	9.1	32.1
10-12	31.8	14.0	29.9
13+	16.9	28.2	20.4
Overall Average	30.5	19.1	28.6

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	11.5	33.3	17.1
1-6	28.7	48.6	35.7
7-9	26.6	46.3	32.1
10-12	25.4	40.4	29.9
13+	16.1	28.7	20.4
Overall Average	23.6	39.7	28.6

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 59.6%; 57.5% in the West Bank and 63.7% 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	12.2	11.7	12.0
Housekeeping	49.3	48.2	48.9
Studying or training	31.8	35.8	33.3
Others	6.7	4.3	5.8
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	63.0	11.7	25.3	100	68.7	31.3
Females	81.0	3.0	16.0	100	15.8	84.2
Total	66.3	10.1	23.6	100	42.5	57.5
Gaza Strip						
Males	57.3	1.6	41.1	100	63.4	36.6
Females	69.4	0.9	29.7	100	8.7	91.3
Total	58.8	1.5	39.7	100	36.3	63.7
Palestinian Territory						
Males	61.1	8.4	30.5	100	66.9	33.1
Females	78.4	2.5	19.1	100	13.4	86.6
Total	64.0	7.4	28.6	100	40.4	59.6

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	84.3	15.7	100	72.5	27.5
Humanities programs	80.8	19.2	100	78.3	21.7
Social and Behavioral Science Programs	75.3	24.7	100	87.6	12.4
Commercial and business Administration Programs	74.5	25.5	100	80.0	20.0
Natural Science Programs	88.6	11.4	100	90.1	9.9
Mathematics and Computer Science Programs	71.2	28.8	100	81.4	18.6
Medical Diagnostic and Treatment Programs	88.3	11.7	100	82.8	17.2
Engineering Programs	78.8	21.2	100	88.5	11.5
Other programs	72.8	27.2	100	81.3	18.7
Total	78.5	21.5	100	81.6	18.4

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

Labour Force Status	West Bank (%)	Gaza Strip (%)	Palestinian Territory (%)
Both Sexes			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	55.9	51.1	54.1
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	28.2	21.3	25.8
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	1.7	0.3	1.2
Working poor conditions or for insufficient income	2.6	0.3	1.8
Did not work and seeking job	10.0	14.4	11.5
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	3.8	2.8	3.5
Did not work – Old or illness	7.0	7.4	7.2
Did not work – Home duties	28.3	30.7	29.2
Did not work – Students	18.4	22.8	19.8
Population less than 15 years	44.1	48.9	45.9
Total Population	100	100	100
Males			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	55.7	50.9	53.9
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	43.3	36.3	40.9
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	3.3	0.5	2.3
Working poor conditions or for insufficient income	4.8	0.5	3.3
Did not work and seeking job	17.4	26.1	20.4
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	6.2	4.5	5.6
Did not work – Old or illness	8.7	9.4	8.9
Did not work – Home duties	0.2	0.3	0.2
Did not work – Students	16.1	22.4	18.4
Population less than 15 years	44.3	49.1	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
April - June, 2004 (ILO Standards):**

Labour Force Status	West Bank #	Gaza Strip #	Palestinian Territory
Both Sexes			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	1,346,000	714,000	2,060,000
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	379,000	152,000	531,000
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	23,000	2,000	25,000
Working poor conditions or for insufficient income	35,000	2,000	37,000
Did not work and seeking job	135,000	103,000	238,000
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	52,000	20,000	72,000
Did not work – Old or illness	95,000	53,000	148,000
Did not work – Home duties	381,000	219,000	600,000
Did not work – Students	246,000	163,000	409,000
Population less than 15 years	1,062,000	683,000	1,745,000
Total Population	2,408,000	1,397,000	3,805,000
Males			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	680,000	360,000	1,040,000
Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	294,000	131,000	425,000
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	22,000	2,000	24,000
Working poor conditions or for insufficient income	33,000	2,000	35,000
Did not work and seeking job	118,000	94,000	212,000
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	42,000	16,000	58,000
Did not work – Old or illness	59,000	34,000	93,000
Did not work – Home duties	1,000	1,000	2,000
Did not work – Students	111,000	80,000	191,000
Population less than 15 years	541,000	347,000	888,000
Total Population	1,221,000	707,000	1,928,000

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 (25)	R (26)	R (27)	R (28)	R (29)	R (30)	R (31)	R (32)	R (33)
	Q3-00	Q4-00	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04									
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	36.9	37.6	39.2	38.8	40.7	41.3	40.6	40.1	40.4
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	62.9	59.8	67.1	65.4	68.7	69.1	69.4	67.2	64.0
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	4.6	5.6	4.3	7.0	7.3	6.3	6.5	7.4
Unemployment Rate	18.2	23.8	20.3	14.4	11.8	14.1	25.5	31.3	25.6	10.0	28.3	33.6	35.6	27.3	30.3	24.3	23.6	24.3	26.3	28.6
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	16.7	11.3	17.6	14.7	17.7	14.8	15.4	14.6	15.2
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	8.5	11.0	12.7	11.6	12.1	14.4	14.1	12.2	10.4
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	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.8	12.1	12.6	12.6	13.5	13.1
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	37.9	37.5	33.1	34.9	32.6	32.3	32.0	34.8	36.0
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	13.2	13.0	15.2	13.4	14.1	14.9	14.2	14.1	13.8
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	15.6	18.6	17.8	18.5	18.0	19.5	18.6	18.1	17.1
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	7.3	11.8	10.4	9.5	8.9	10.8	9.4	9.2	8.1
Employers	6.9	5.5	5.3	5.8	5.5	4.6	4.7	3.7	3.5	4.4	4.6	3.3	4.2	3.7	3.2	3.0	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.4
Self - Employed	21.2	22.3	22.9	21.0	18.7	19.6	23.9	26.8	27.8	18.1	23.1	27.3	25.0	27.0	28.8	28.7	26.7	27.2	27.0	26.9
Wage Employees	61.7	61.4	62.0	65.3	67.8	66.1	62.2	59.2	57.3	67.6	59.3	58.0	61.9	57.9	58.0	55.6	58.2	57.4	59.2	57.8
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	11.4	8.9	11.4	10.0	12.7	11.3	11.3	9.9	10.9
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	23.1	23.0	23.2	22.1	23.3	23.2	23.8	23.2	24.3
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	41.4	41.5	41.0	40.5	42.2	43.5	41.1	42.4	42.9
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	57.7	69.2	60.0	57.7	57.7	57.5	57.7	57.7	60.0

*: Workers in Israel and Settlements are included

Q: Quarter, Example: Q1-99 means: First 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 (25)	R (26)	R (27)	R (28)	R (29)	R (30)	R (31)	R (32)	R (33)
											Q3-00	Q4-00	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04
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	37.3	40.1	42.1	39.7	42.5	42.9	42.3	41.7	42.5
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	66.7	62.5	65.6	63.8	69.7	69.5	71.4	67.1	66.3
Underemployment Rate	20.7	12.8	11.6	8.4	7.0	6.2	4.8	5.5	7.5	7.7	5.6	3.6	6.5	7.4	4.9	7.9	8.9	7.9	8.3	10.1
Unemployment Rate	13.9	19.6	17.3	11.5	9.5	12.1	22.0	28.2	23.8	7.5	26.3	29.7	31.0	27.0	31.3	22.4	21.6	20.7	24.6	23.6
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	14.6	11.8	18.6	12.4	17.9	13.7	15.2	14.6	16.3
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	10.7	12.9	13.5	12.4	13.0	15.8	15.6	12.8	11.9
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	14.6	13.4	13.7	14.2	13.5	14.3	14.1	14.4	14.7
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	32.7	32.0	28.7	32.7	28.7	28.6	27.9	30.6	30.0
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	13.3	14.0	13.8	13.0	12.9	14.3	13.5	14.1	14.7
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	18.5	19.6	18.8	19.4	19.1	21.0	19.9	18.6	18.2
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	9.6	15.0	12.8	12.6	11.7	13.5	12.3	11.8	11.0
Employers	7.1	6.0	5.9	6.5	6.6	5.1	4.6	4.1	4.1	4.6	4.8	3.6	4.6	4.4	3.8	3.2	4.5	4.9	4.8	5.4
Self - Employed	21.3	23.5	23.6	21.5	18.6	20.6	25.5	27.7	29.2	19.9	24.6	29.1	25.6	27.8	30.2	30.7	28.2	28.1	29.3	28.3
Wage Employees	61.3	59.0	59.3	63.0	66.5	64.7	60.3	57.5	55.3	66.2	57.0	56.4	60.1	54.8	57.6	52.8	56.0	55.2	55.9	55.1
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	10.9	9.7	13.0	8.4	13.3	11.3	11.8	10.0	11.2
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	22.5	22.2	23.2	22.8	23.9	23.5	24.4	24.5	24.7
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	41.7	39.5	41.1	40.5	42.4	44.4	42.0	43.4	43.6
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	67.3	60.0	60.0	57.7	61.5	61.6	62.8	65.4

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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 (25)	R (26)	R (27)	R (28)	R (29)	R (30)	R (31)	R (32)	R (33)
											Q3-00	Q4-00	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04
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	36.2	32.9	33.6	37.2	37.3	38.2	37.5	37.1	36.3
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	55.5	53.4	70.8	68.7	66.6	68.3	65.0	67.6	58.8
Underemployment Rate	22.0	10.0	4.4	2.3	1.9	2.3	1.9	1.8	3.6	3.5	2.8	3.1	0.1	1.2	2.8	5.0	3.8	2.9	2.6	1.5
Unemployment Rate	29.4	32.5	26.8	20.9	16.9	18.7	34.2	38.0	29.2	15.5	33.5	41.4	46.5	28.0	28.5	28.4	27.9	32.1	29.8	39.7
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	21.9	9.7	15.3	19.4	17.2	17.4	15.9	14.6	12.3
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	3.4	5.2	10.9	10.1	10.1	11.2	10.2	10.9	6.4
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	6.2	10.2	9.6	10.0	9.1	8.6	9.0	11.5	8.7
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	49.9	53.9	43.2	38.8	41.4	40.9	42.3	44.2	52.5
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	13.1	10.3	18.8	14.1	16.8	16.8	15.3	13.8	11.4
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	8.7	15.6	15.2	16.7	15.4	16.1	15.4	17.0	14.0
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	1.7	2.1	4.6	3.6	2.1	4.4	2.2	3.3	0.1
Employers	6.1	4.4	3.7	4.0	2.8	3.3	5.0	2.6	2.2	4.0	4.0	2.6	3.2	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.8
Self - Employed	20.4	19.4	21.0	19.7	19.1	17.2	19.4	24.3	24.5	13.6	18.7	23.1	23.5	25.2	26.1	23.8	23.2	24.9	21.7	22.9
Wage Employees	62.6	67.3	68.4	71.0	71.1	69.5	67.7	63.6	61.8	71.0	65.9	61.8	67.4	65.5	58.7	62.1	63.1	62.9	66.6	65.2
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	12.5	5.9	7.3	13.2	11.6	11.6	10.0	9.6	10.1
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	24.4	24.8	23.8	21.9	22.8	22.8	22.9	21.2	23.5
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	42.3	38.9	40.0	40.6	42.2	39.8	40.9	41.7
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	53.8	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	53.8

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