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# Introduction

The Population, Housing and Establishments Census is a pillar of state building. It is further a legal, developmental and statistical imperative, as prescribed by the General Statistics Law of 2000. It is also a genuine expression of national sovereignty. The State of Palestine is implementing its third census, noting that the first was carried out in 1997 and was followed by a second census in 2007. The present census aims to provide a comprehensive and modern statistical database that creates a digital profile of the Palestinian society in all areas. It additionally fulfills the national needs and in accordance to international and UN recommendations on the contents of the Census. Consequently, the Census serves as the backbone of planning and developmental policies and strategies formulation.

Most countries implement population censuses once every ten years, as per UN recommendations. Such effort requires a stable and natural environment, which is not available in Palestine because of the procedures of the Israeli occupation and obstacles including the Annexation Wall and settlement expansion. The Wall suffocates those living behind it. On top of this, there are inaccessible military areas not to mention the challenges faced in Jerusalem. On the other hand, there are technological challenges including lack of mobile 3G technology during the Census implementation because of the restrictions imposed by the occupation. As a result, the PCBS had to develop a clear comprehensive plan to overcome the challenges and take into account the particularities of the Palestinian context and field difficulties.

The current Census was innovative in its use of modern data collection technology. All phases were implemented using tablets. Furthermore, special applications were designed supported by GIS for every phase including maps updating, pilot census, delineation, listing and actual population count through to the post enumeration survey. This helped save time and effort in addition to enhancing the quality, harmony of data. Consequently, it became easier to analyze data and reinforce administration and monitoring of fieldwork.

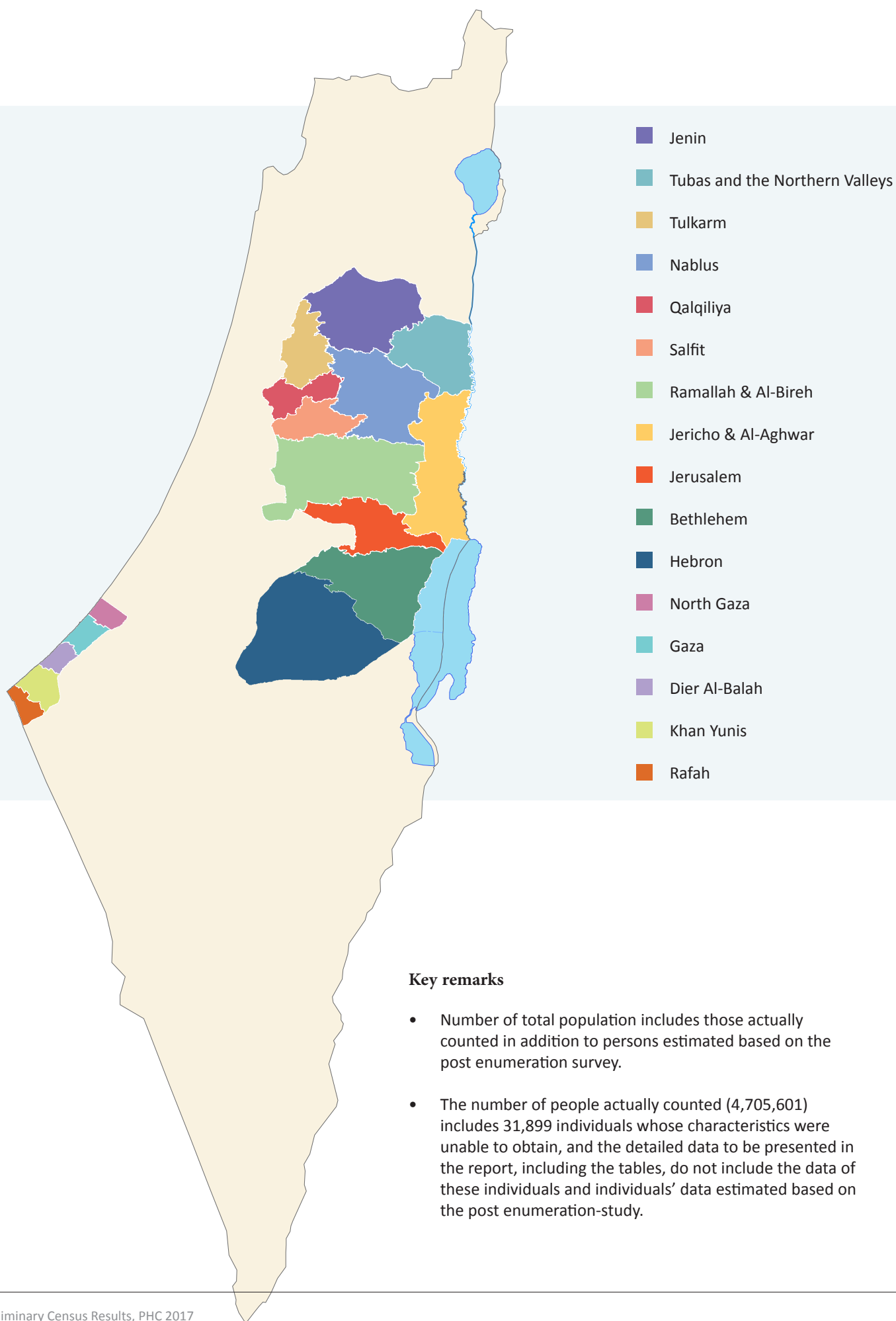
Different crews implemented the census, including managers, assistants, supervisors, crew leaders, enumerators and logistical support teams. They worked day and night to accomplish the census, which generated 11,000 temporary jobs for young graduates in the different phases. They worked for different periods that ranged from one to eight months and received intensive quality training to acquire the necessary skills. This round of census was marked by its fully automated operations including automation of assessment of workers and trainees. This comprised daily tests and final exams. Training halls were equipped with the necessary infrastructure, which saved time and effort needed to select work teams without any human intervention, in compliance with good governance requirements.

The Census is a perfectly national project. Since the outset of preparation and implementation, PCBS initiated ongoing dialogue and consultation with different ministries and official and private organizations as well as civil society organizations. It organized bilateral meetings, symposia and workshops to reach national consensus on the contents of the census. All energies and efforts were employed for its success together with a broad publicity campaign, in coordination with local governmental and non-governmental media outlets. The campaign aimed to raise citizens' awareness of the importance of the census and motivate them to cooperate with its crews. The message of the census reached every house, family and citizen. The entire Palestinian society consolidated efforts and used its human and material resources including premises, offices, training halls, equipment and other resources. The society was also very instrumental in facilitating the work of field teams and solving the obstacles they faced including non-response. The census was in brief an honorable scene of national belonging to implement the slogan "together, we build our nation".

As we present to you today the preliminary results of the Census, which were published in a record time, we express our extreme happiness and pride of this achievement. We aspire to optimal investment of its data so as they can be translated into services to citizens. We hope census data will contribute to achieving the vision of the government "citizen first", as development is not possible without statistics.

**Ramallah, Palestine**  
**February, 2018**

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President of PCBS  
National Director of Census



#### Key remarks

- Number of total population includes those actually counted in addition to persons estimated based on the post enumeration survey.
- The number of people actually counted (4,705,601) includes 31,899 individuals whose characteristics were unable to obtain, and the detailed data to be presented in the report, including the tables, do not include the data of these individuals and individuals' data estimated based on the post enumeration-study.







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# Population and Housing Conditions

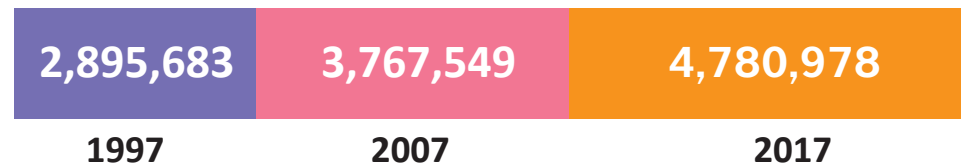


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## Population and Housing Conditions

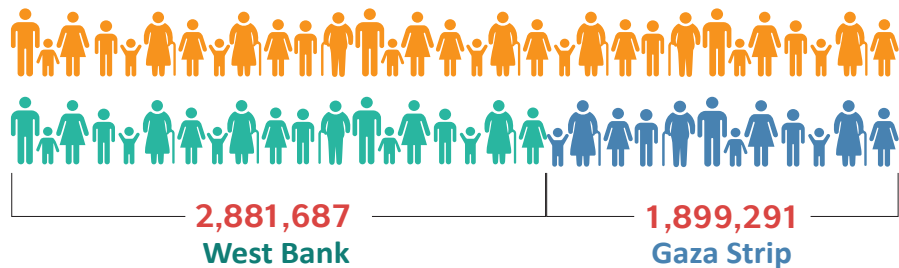


## Total Population

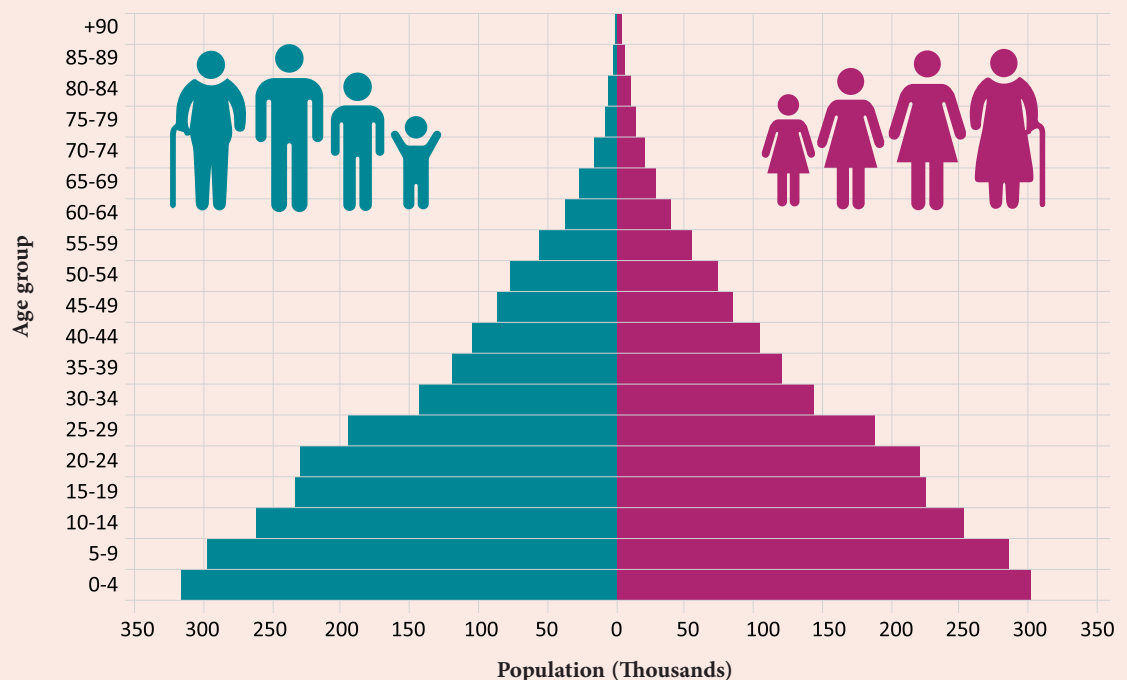


Palestine

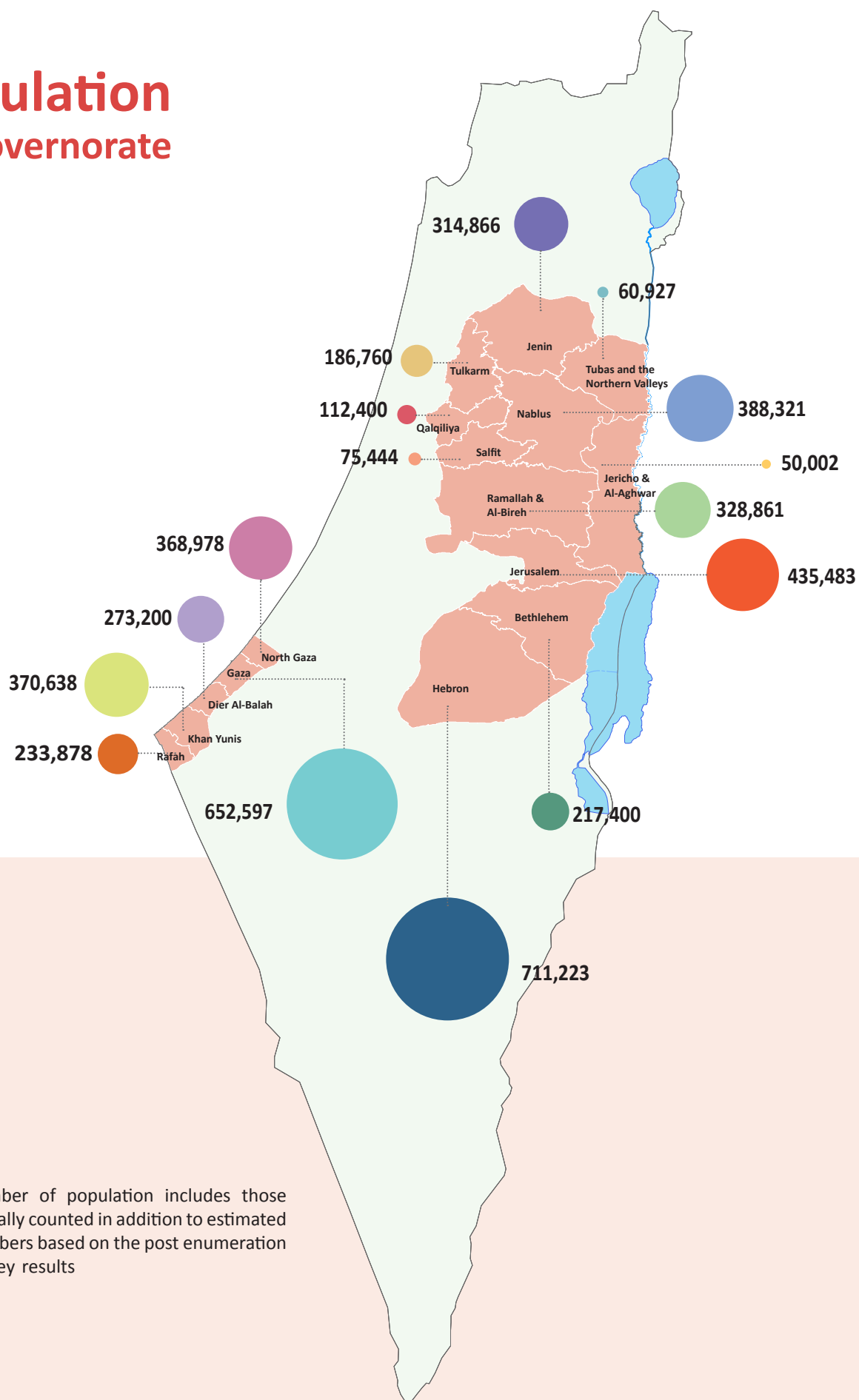
4,780,978



## Population pyramid

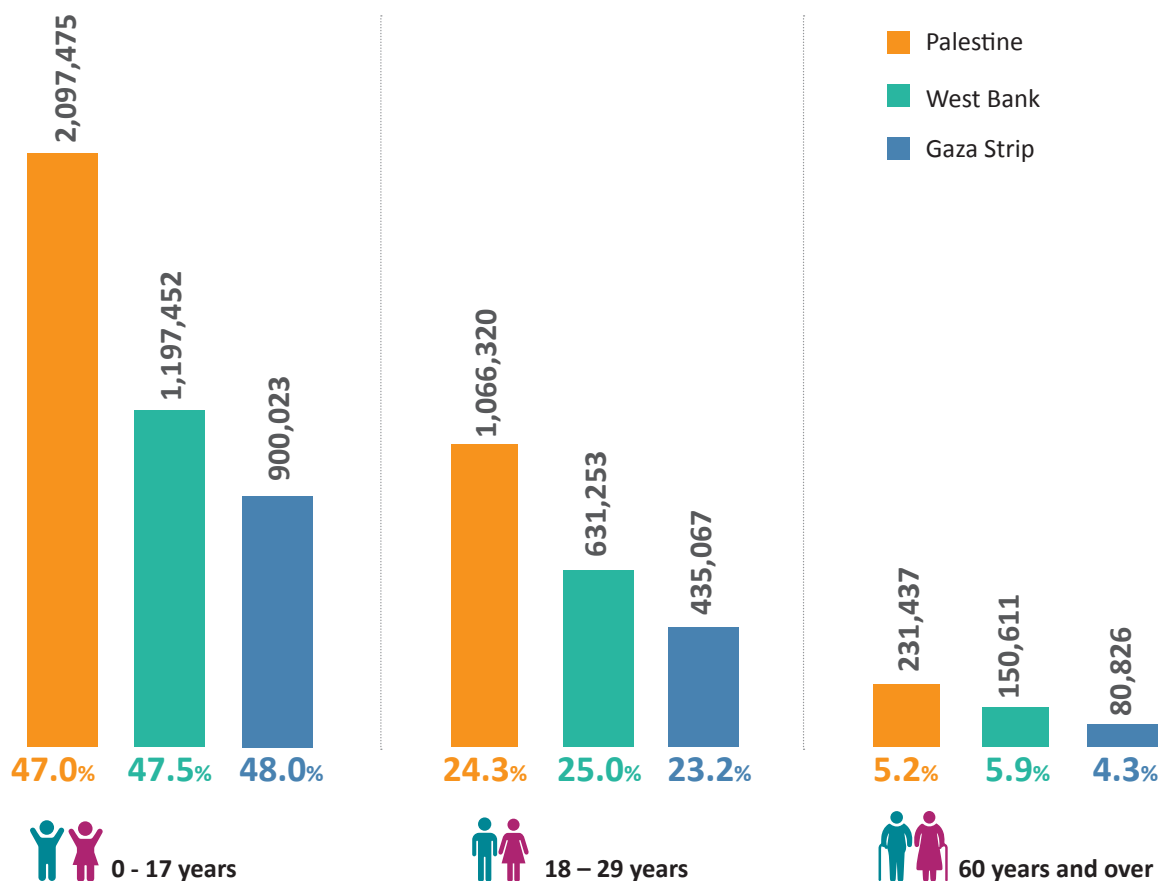


# Population by Governorate



Number of population includes those actually counted in addition to estimated numbers based on the post enumeration survey results

## Population by Selected Age Group



## Average Household Size



Palestine

5.1

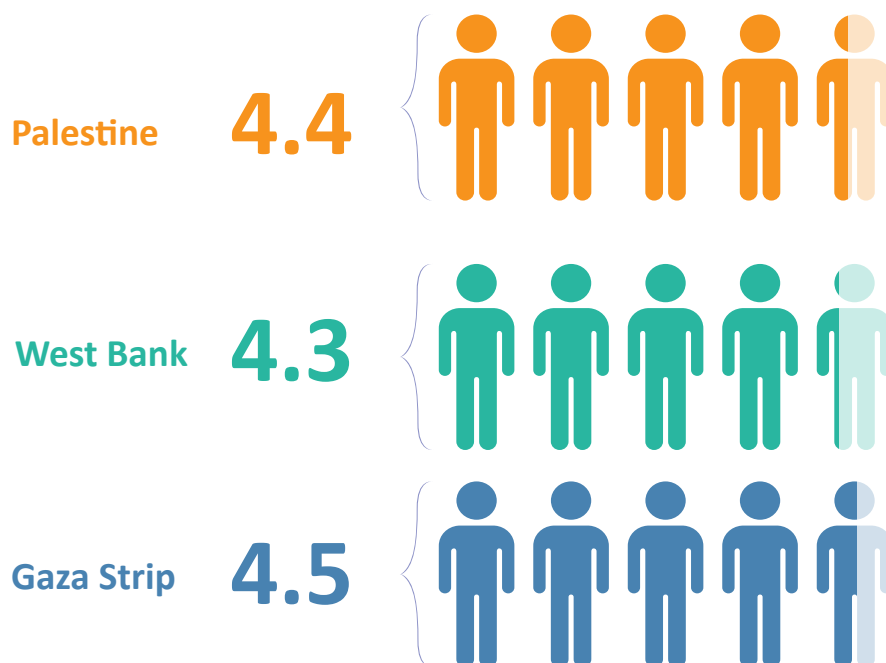
West Bank

4.8

Gaza Strip

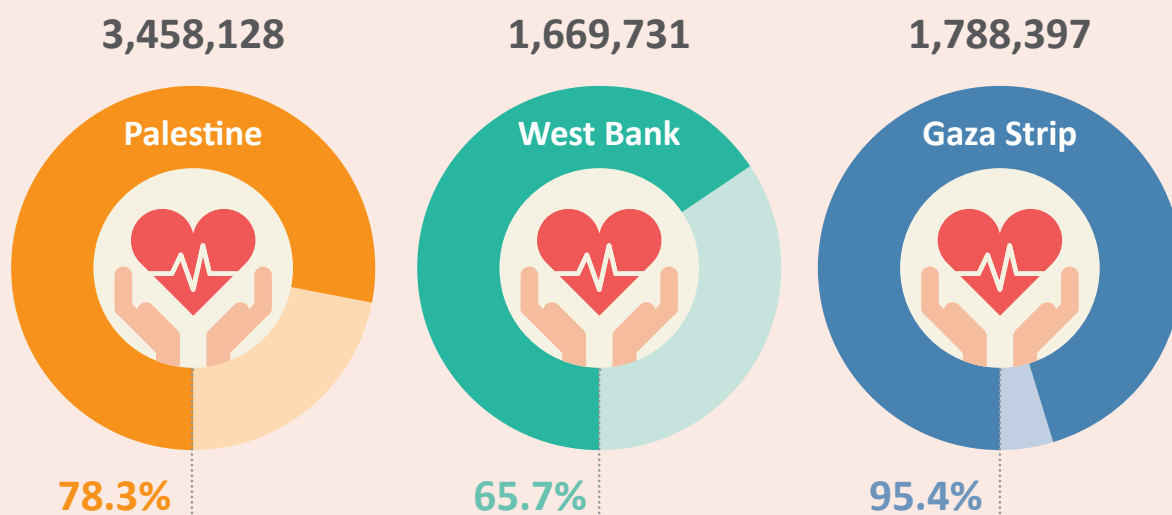
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## Mean no. of children ever born to Ever Married Palestinian Women (15 Years and Over)\*



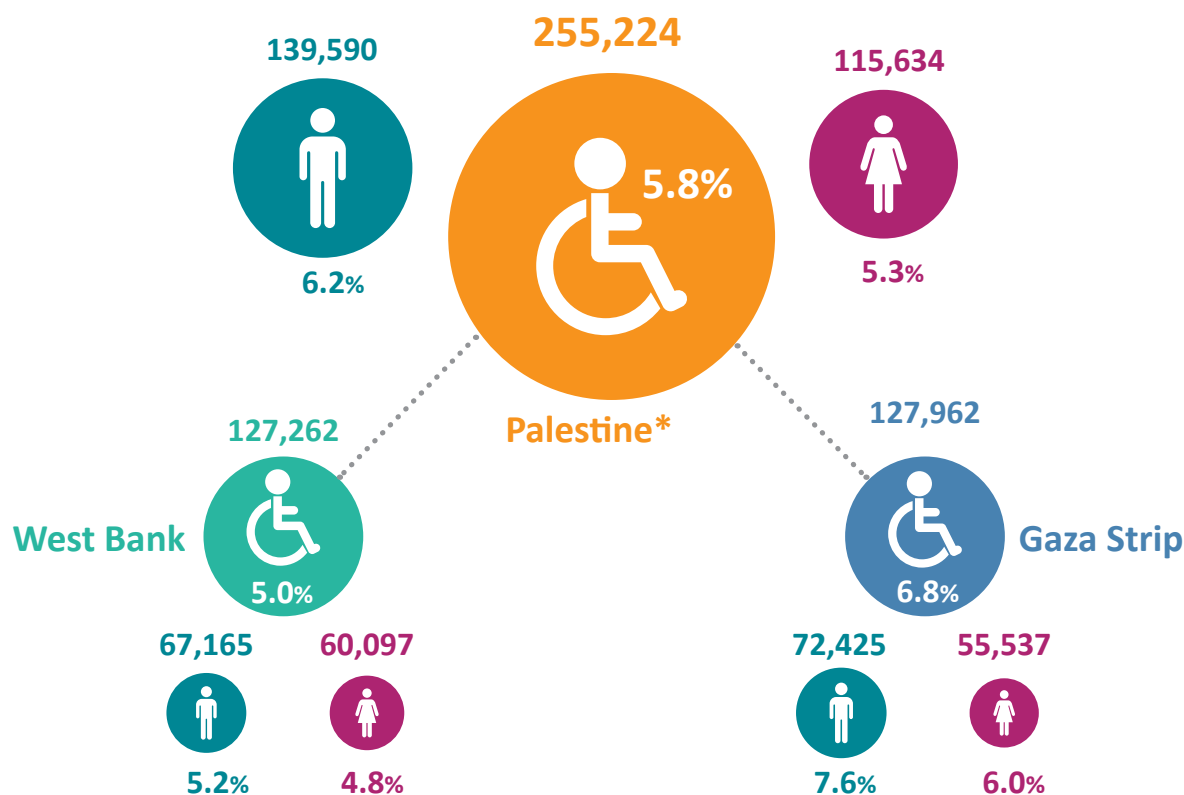
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## Palestinian Population by Health Insurance Coverage\*



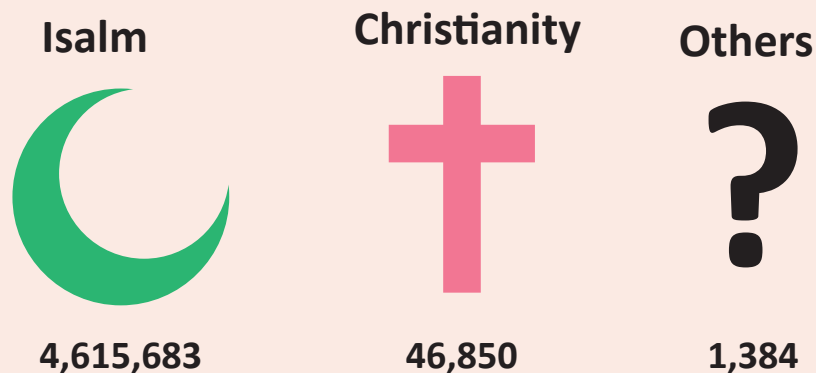
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## Palestinian Population with Difficulty/Disability\*

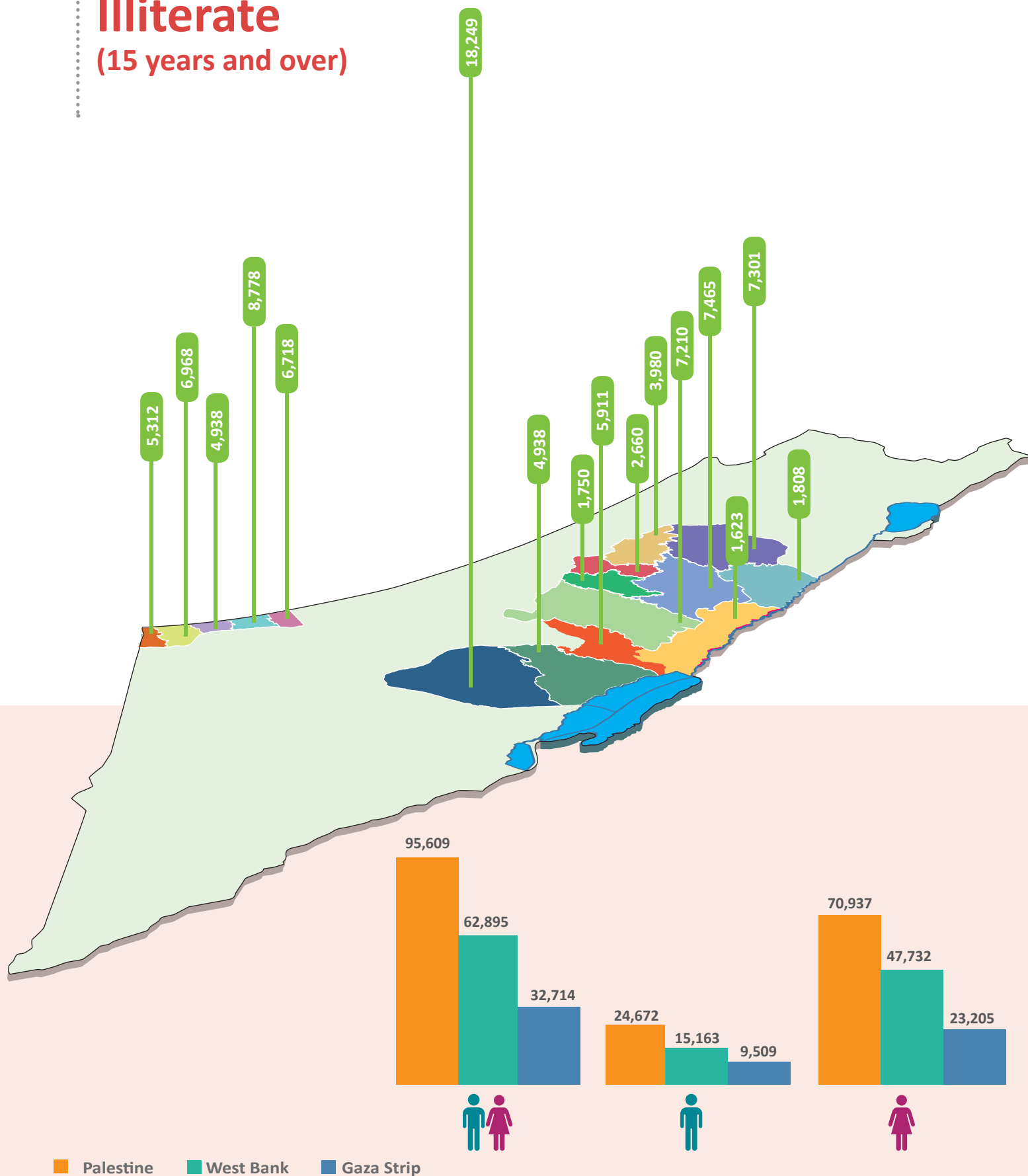


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## Palestinian Population by Religion

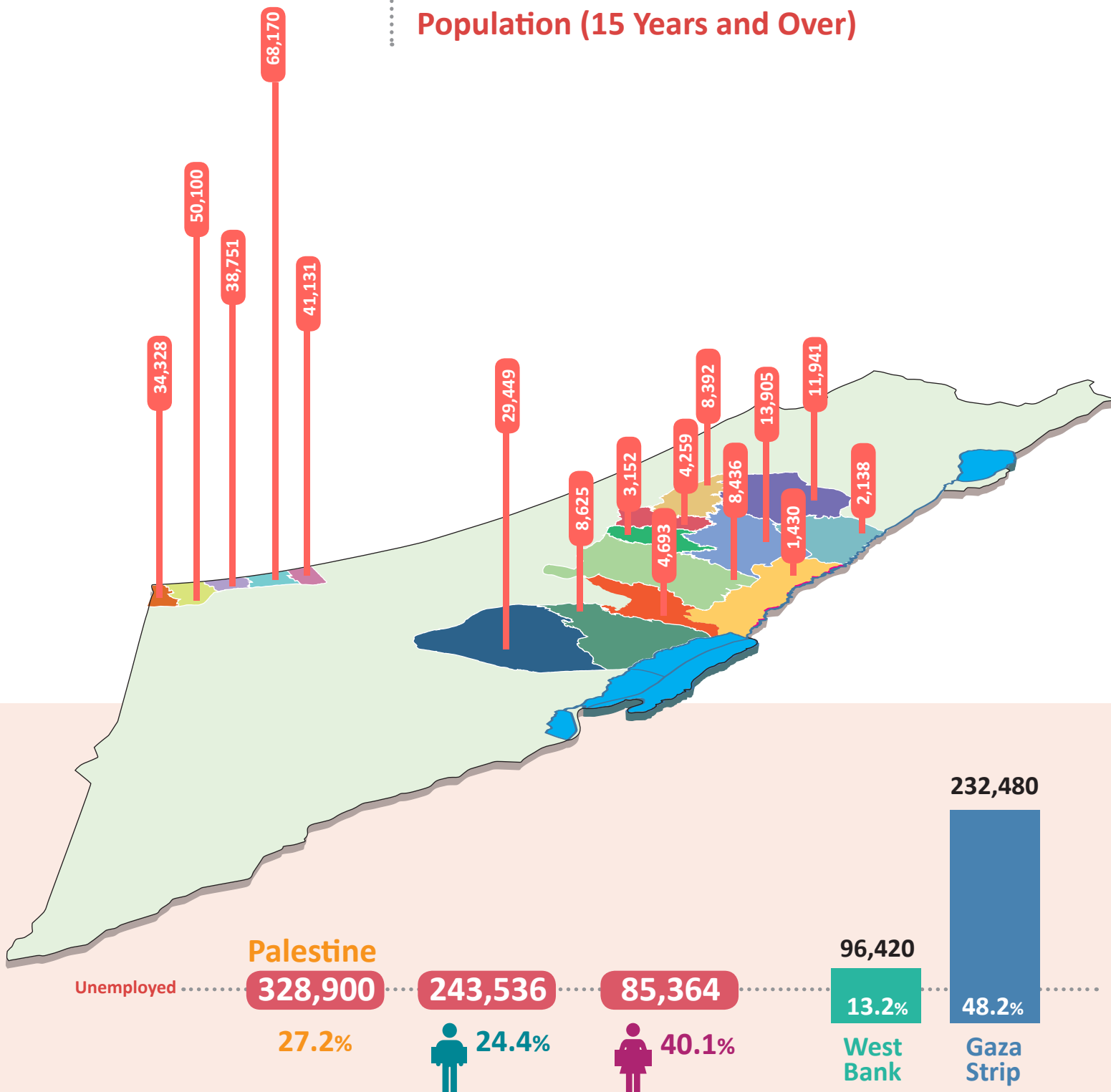


# Illiterate (15 years and over)



# Unemployed\*

## Population (15 Years and Over)

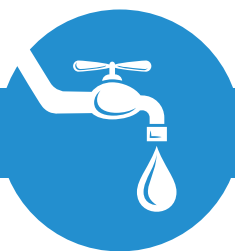


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## Use of Improved Drinking Water, Improved Sanitation\*

### Use of improved drinking water\*\*



**6** out of 10 persons in **Palestine** use improved drinking water



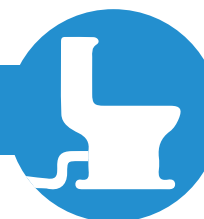
More than **9** out of 10 persons in the **West Bank** use improved drinking water



**1** out of 10 persons in **Gaza** use improved drinking water



### Use of improved sanitation\*\*\*



**Palestine 99.7%**

**West Bank 99.6%**

**Gaza Strip 99.9%**

\* Data excluded those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israeli Occupation in 1967.

\*\* Improved sources includes: Piped into dwelling, public tap, tube well, borehole, protected spring, rain water collection and bottled water.

\*\*\* Improved sources includes: Flush to piped sewer system, flush to cesspit, and flush to pit.

# Use of Improved Drinking Water by Governorate



\* Data excluded those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israeli Occupation in 1967.

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## Buildings



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## Buildings



# Buildings and Housing Units in Palestine



627,488

Palestine

Buildings



1,195,848



Housing Units



441,332

Buildings



186,156



792,589

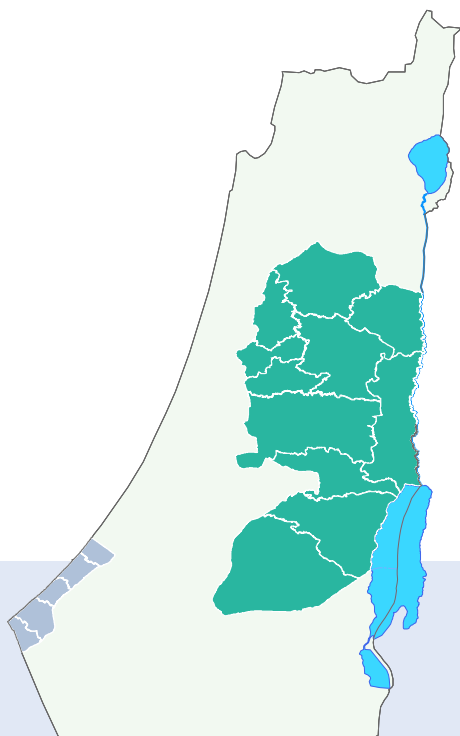
Housing Units



403,259

West Bank

Gaza Strip



5,203

Persons  
per km<sup>2</sup>

Gaza Strip

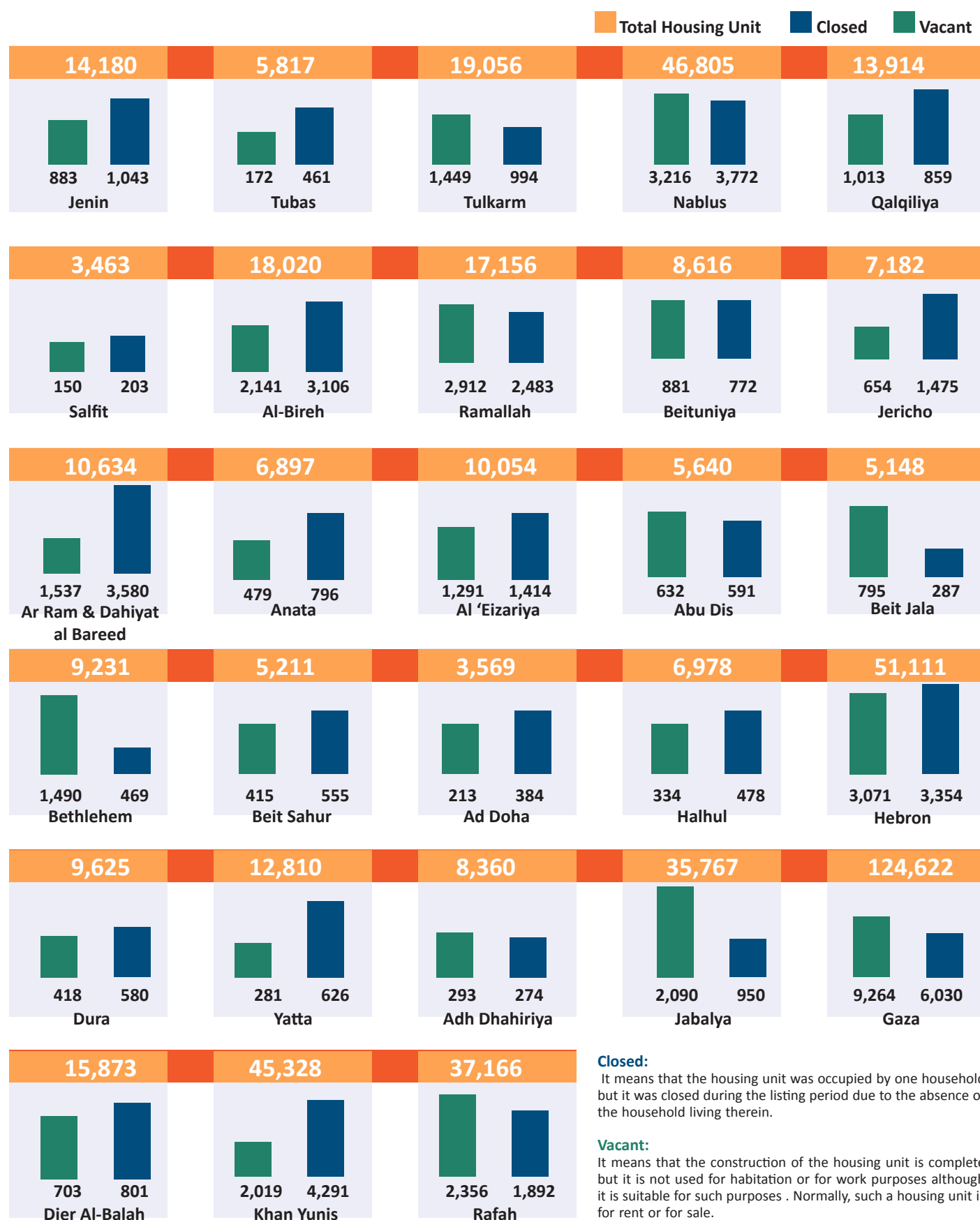
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Persons  
per km<sup>2</sup>

West Bank

Population Density

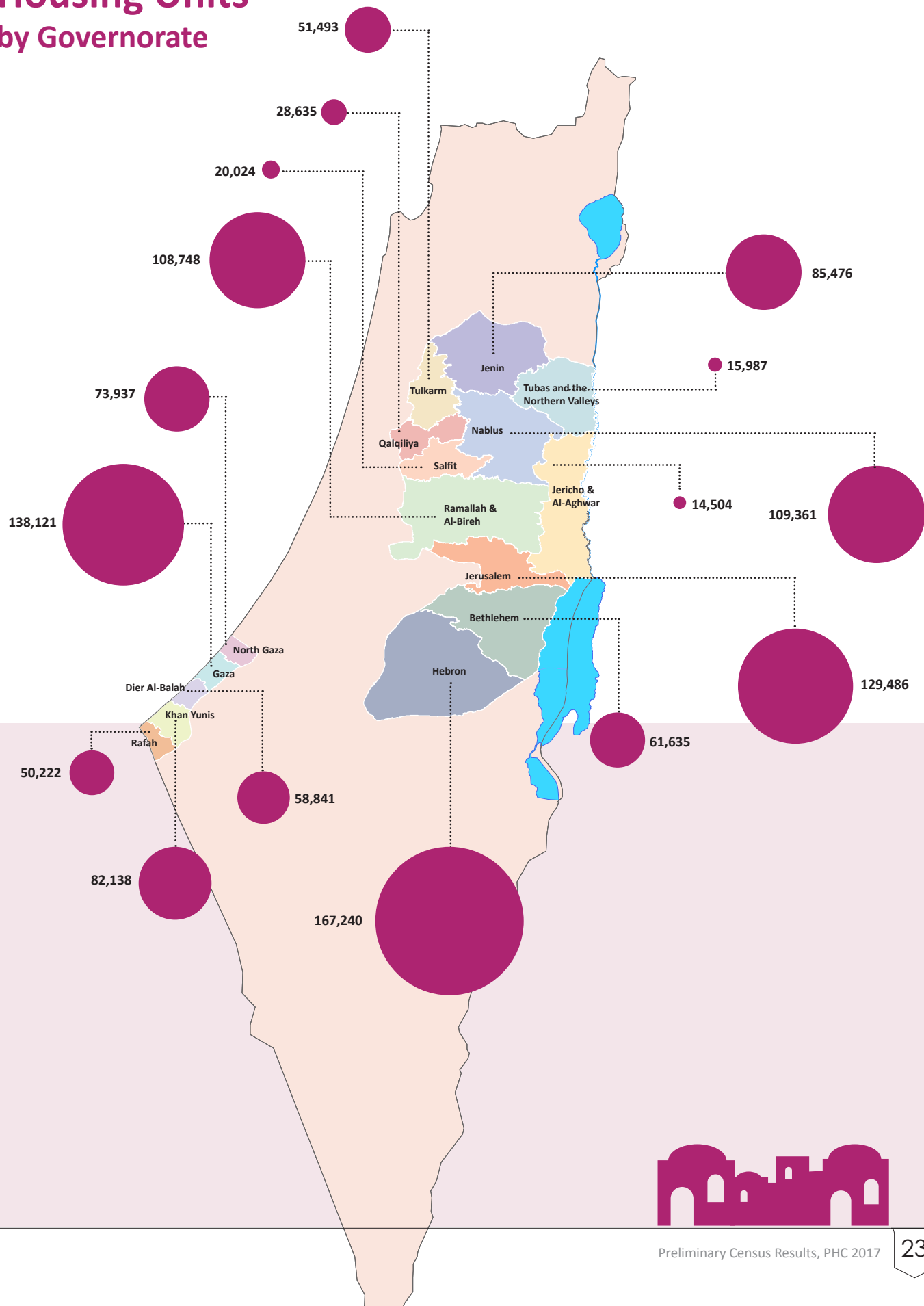
# Closed and vacant Housing Units in selected cities



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# Housing Units by Governorate







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## Establishments



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Establishments



Operating Establishments

158,573



108,471



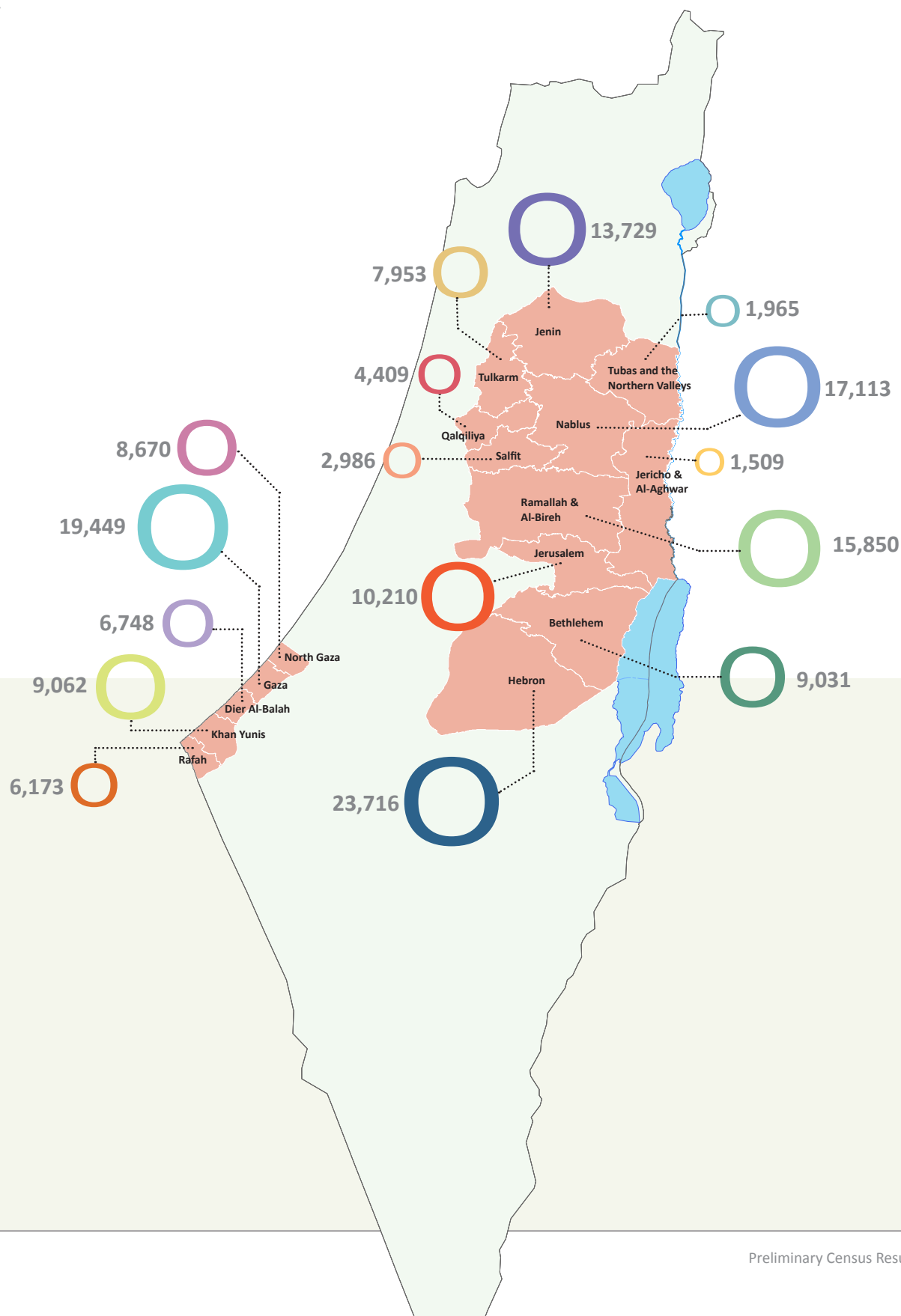
50,102



## Operating Establishments by Economic Activity

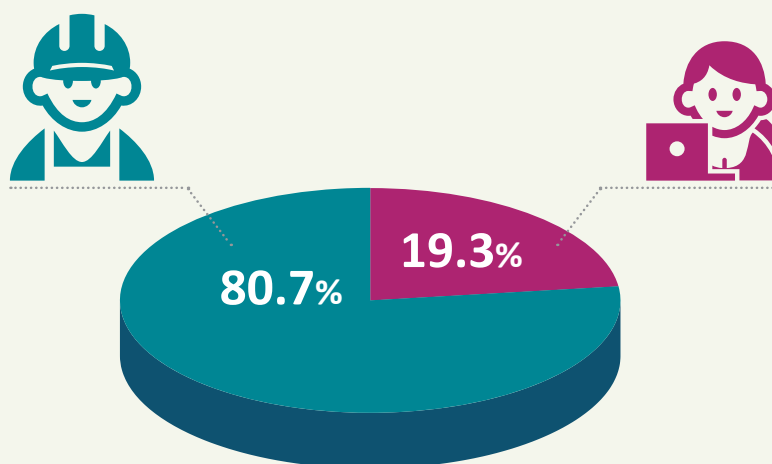
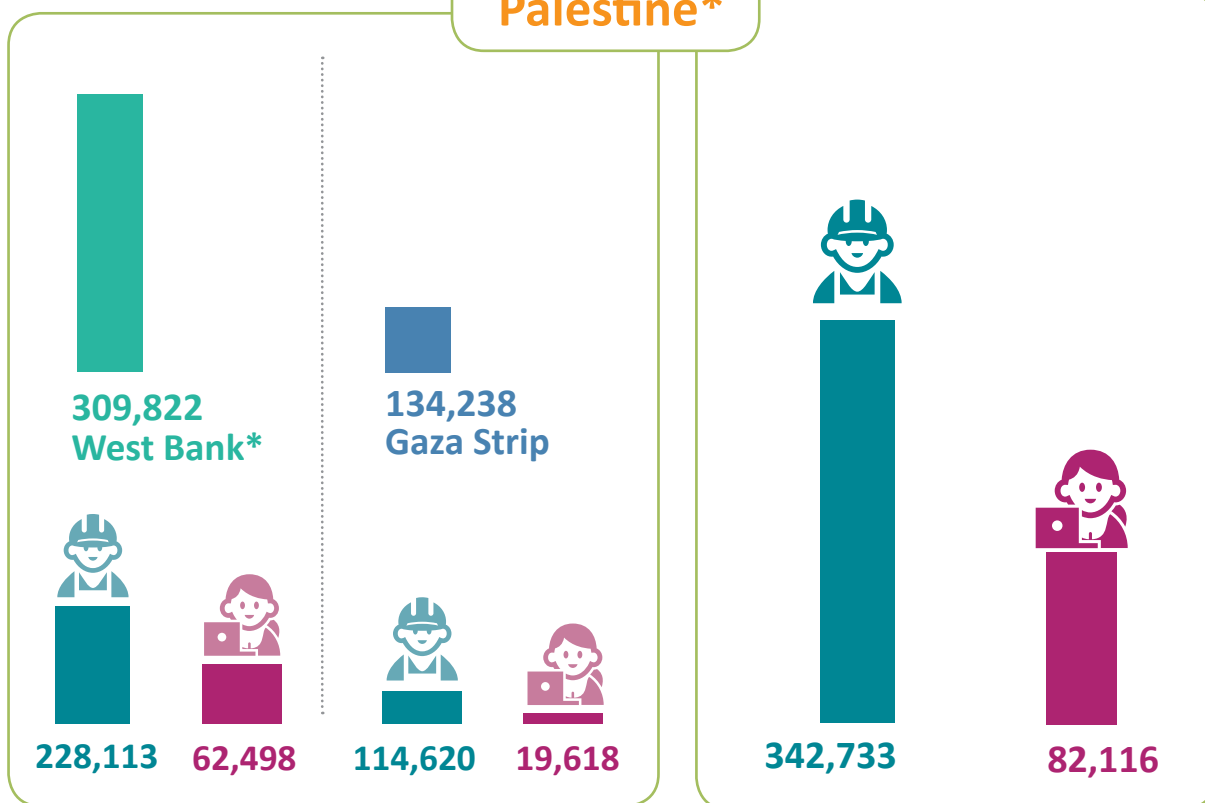


# Operating Establishments by governorate

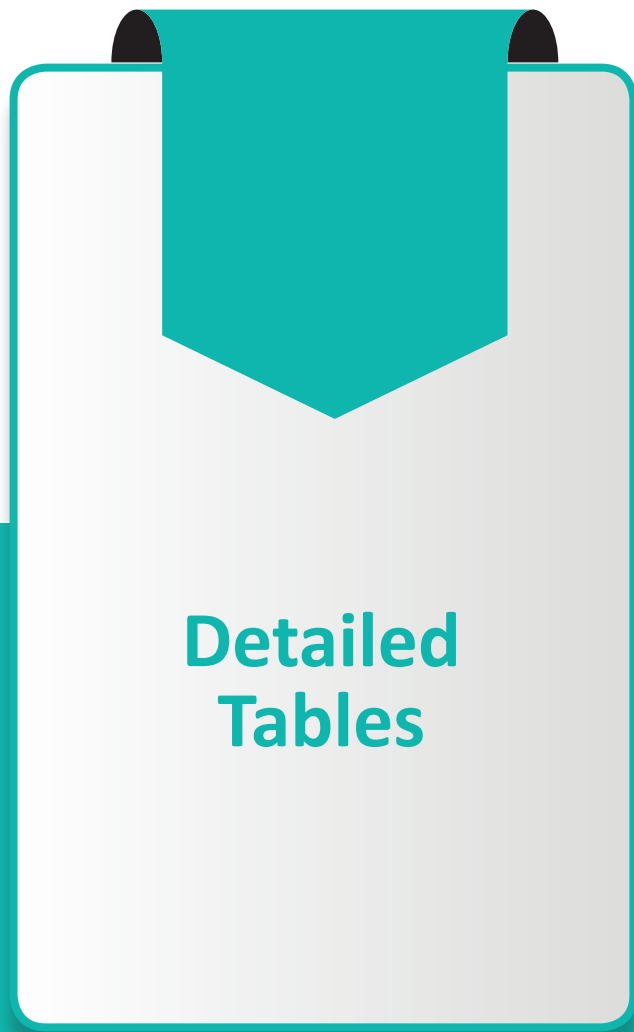


## Number of Employed Persons in the Private Sector, Non Governmental Organization and Government Companies

**444,060**  
Palestine\*



\* Data for males and females excluded those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israeli Occupation in 1967



## Detailed Tables

