



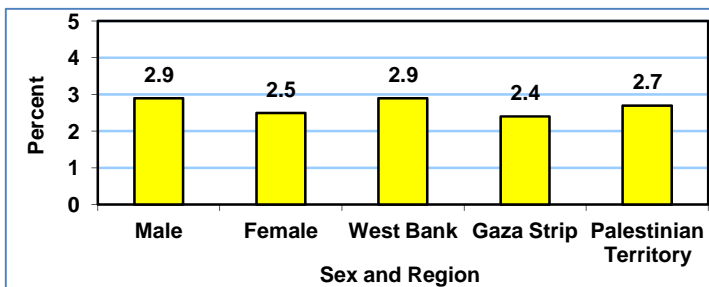
## Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) Issues A Press Release on the Eve of International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Dec 3rd, 2011)

### Prevalence of disability in the Palestinian Territory

**Prevalence among males is higher than females,**  
The prevalence of disability was 2.7% in the Palestinian Territory distributed as 2.9% in the West Bank and 2.4% in Gaza Strip; while it was 2.9% for males and 2.5% for females.

Percentage of Disabled Individuals, 2011



### Prevalence of Disability Increase with Age:

The prevalence of disability is strongly correlated with age. Disability rates are significantly higher among individuals aged 75 and above at 32.0%; 28.9% of males and 34.1% among females. Among children, the percentage was 1.5%; 1.8% among males and 1.3% among females.

With regard to the prevalence of disability according to region and age, 31.4% of individuals aged 75 and above were in the West Bank and 33.6% were in Gaza Strip. Among children 0-17 years, the rates were 1.6% in the West Bank and 1.4% in Gaza Strip.

### Highest Percentage of Disabilities in Jenin

#### Governorate, Lowest in Jerusalem:

In Jenin governorate, 4.1% of individuals have a disability, followed by Hebron governorate with 3.6%, while 1.4% in Jerusalem. In Gaza Strip, the highest prevalence was reported in Gaza governorate with 2.5%, followed by North Gaza, Rafah and Deir Al Balah governorates with 2.4% each. The lowest prevalence was in Khan Yunis governorate; 2.2%.

### Mobility is Most Common Disability:

Mobility is the disability with the highest prevalence comprising 48.4% of disabled individuals in the Palestinian Territory: 49.5% in the West Bank compared to 47.2% in Gaza Strip. Learning disability is second with 24.7%: 23.6% in the West Bank and 26.9% in Gaza Strip

### Illness is main cause of disabilities:

Illness is the main cause of all disabilities that are covered in the survey. Illness was the main cause of 43.7% of Seeing disabilities; 29.1% of hearing disabilities, 42.9% of mobility disabilities; 28.7% of disabilities relating to Remembering and Concentrating, 27.6% of learning disabilities; and 27.2% of mental disabilities. Congenital problems were the main cause of communication disabilities with 33.6%.

### Impact of Environmental and Physical Obstacles on Live of Disabled Individuals

8.7% of disabled individuals aged 18 years and above in the Palestinian Territory usually avoid involvement in any activities because of public attitudes towards them: 9.5% in the West Bank and 7.7% in Gaza Strip.

76.4% of disabled individuals aged 18 years and above in the Palestinian Territory do not use public transportation due to the absence of necessary adaptations in the infrastructure; 75.5% in the West Bank and 78.1% in Gaza Strip.

34.2% of disabled individuals aged 18 years and above in the Palestinian Territory stated that they were unable to perform daily activities outside their homes due to their disability: 32.1% in the West Bank and 38.4% in Gaza Strip.

**More than one-fifth of disabled dropped out of school due to the environmental and physical obstacles:**

22.2% of disabled individuals aged 18 years and above in the Palestinian Territory dropped out of school due to the environmental and physical obstacles: 23.2% in the West Bank and 19.4% in Gaza Strip. Of these, 21.7% are male and 22.9% female.

**Difficulties Performing Activities Outside Home Due to Surrounding Infrastructure**

54.7% have difficulty due to problems with not adequate pavements; 60.4% have difficulty crossing streets; 40.3% have difficulty in walking and crossing the streets due to the size of the road signs.

In addition, 42.9% of disabled individuals face difficulty due to the fact that recreation services are not available to them and 48.4% find problems with parking.

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