



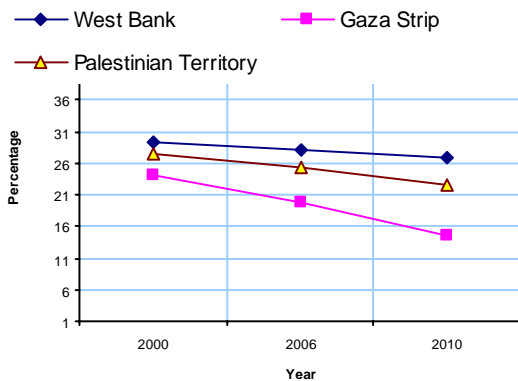
## Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), demonstrated the situation of Smoking practice in the Palestinian Territory on the occasion of the “Word No Tobacco Day” that is annually celebrated on May 31 , 2011.

### Decrease in the prevalence of smoking...

According to the available data about smoking practices for the year 2010, 22.5% of persons aged 18 years and above in the Palestinian Territory are reported as smokers; 26.9% in the West Bank and 14.6% in Gaza Strip. The highest percentage of smokers is reported in Jenin governorate (32.2%), while the lowest is reported in the North of Gaza governorate at (11.3%). The percentage of smokers among persons 18 years and above was 27.5% in the year 2000 and had declined by 18.2% during the last 10 years. A greater decline in the percentage of smokers was reported more in Gaza Strip than in the West Bank.

### Percentage of Persons 18 years and above who practice smoking by region, 2000, 2006, 2010



### Expenditure on Smoking is more than the expenditure on Education.

Data of the Household Expenditure and Consumption Survey 2009 indicates that the monthly average individual expenditure on tobacco and cigarettes was 5.4 JD, 4.5 JD on education, and 6.9 JD on medical care.

### More than one quarter of male youth report that they smoke...

Data shows that 15.8% of youth 15-29 years in the Palestinian Territory smoke, 20.2% in the West Bank and 8.7% in Gaza Strip. Also data indicates that 30.1% of male youth smoke compared to 0.8% for female youth.

### Smokers among elderly males are eleven times higher than among elderly females...

About 15% of elderly in the Palestinian Territory practice smoking with 30.3% for males and 2.7% for females. The percentage is reported at 17.7% in the West Bank compared to 8.9% in Gaza Strip.

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