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Press Release on Labour Force Survey Results (January– March, 2005) Round

Unemployment rate increased by 2.7% between 4th quarter 2004 and 1st quarter 2005

This report is based on the Labour Force quarterly Survey. Data was collected during 2/01/2005 to 01/04/2005, representing the 1st quarter 2005.

The survey sample of this round is based on the 1997 census, 7,563 households were selected to represent the Palestinian society of which 6,465 questionnaires were completed.

Economically Active:

- According to the ILO standards, the percentage of participants in labour force decreased by 3.2% between the 4th quarter 2004 and the 1st quarter 2005, where it decreased from 41.0% in the 4th quarter 2004 to 39.7% in the 1st quarter 2005, compared with 43.5% in the 3rd quarter 2000.

Unemployed Persons:

- The percentage of persons who don't work nevertheless seeking or not seeking job, increased from 31.0% in the 4th quarter 2004 to 31.7% in the 1st quarter 2005, compared with 20.2% in the 3rd quarter 2000, according to the relaxed definition of unemployment.
- The percentage of persons who don't work, but seeking job increased from 25.6% in the 4th 2004 quarter to 26.3% in the 1st quarter 2005 according to the ILO standards, compared with 10.0% in the 3rd quarter 2000 (before the beginning of Al-Aqsa Intifada). The results showed that unemployment rate in the West Bank increased from 21.3% in the 4th quarter 2004 to 22.6% in the 1st quarter 2005, also it decreased in Gaza Strip from 35.2% in the 4th quarter 2004 to 34.0% in the 1st quarter 2005, despite of that unemployment rate in Gaza Strip still high.

Employed Persons:

- The results showed a significant decreased in the percentage of employment¹ for those who are working in agriculture in the West Bank (22.8% in the 4th quarter 2004 to 14.4% in the 1st quarter 2005). Also in Gaza Strip the percentage decreased from 14.1% in 4th quarter 2004 to 13.2% in the 1st quarter 2005. On the other hand the results showed that employment in construction increased in West Bank from 10.0% in the 4th quarter 2004 to 10.2% in the 1st quarter 2005, while it increased in Gaza Strip from 7.9% in the 4th quarter 2004 to 9.2% in the 1st quarter 2005.
- The results showed a decrease in the percentage of unpaid family members in the West Bank (from 13.9% in the 4th quarter 2004 to 8.4% in the 1st quarter 2005), also it decreased in Gaza Strip from 9.0% to 7.7% during the same period.
- The results showed that the percentage for self employed increased slightly in Gaza Strip from 22.5% in the 4th quarter 2004 to 23.1% in the 1st quarter 2005. also it increased slightly in the West Bank from 27.6% in the 4th quarter 2004 to 28.3% in the 1st quarter 2005, also the results showed that wage employees increased in the 1st quarter 2005 in the Palestinian Territory to reached to 61.0% compared with 57.3% in the 4th quarter 2004, the percentage increased in Gaza Strip from 66.7% in the 4th 2004 quarter to 67.2% in the

¹Employed persons in Israel and Israeli settlements are excluded

1st quarter 2005. Also it increased in the West Bank from 53.8% in the 4th quarter 2004 to 58.6% in the 1st quarter 2005.

- The percentage of employees from the West Bank working in Israel and Israeli settlements reached to 14.2% in the 1st quarter 2005 compared to 10.9% in the 4th quarter 2004.

Wages:

- The average value of the nominal daily net wage of the employees in the West Bank decreased from 71.6 NIS in 4th quarter 2004 to 71.1 NIS in the 1st quarter 2005, compared with 70.3 NIS in the 3rd quarter 2000. While the nominal daily net wage of the employees in Gaza Strip increased from 59.4 NIS in the 4th quarter 2004 to 59.8 NIS in the 1st quarter 2005, 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 123.2 NIS in the 4th quarter 2004 to 121.8 NIS in the 1st quarter 2005, 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 2005 (the change rate is 31.3%). Whereas, it increased in the West Bank from 4.3 to 5.6 (the change rate is 30.2%) and in Gaza Strip increased from 5.9 to 8.2 (the change rate is 39.0%). The ratio in the West Bank reached 5.3 compared with 8.3 in Gaza Strip in the 4th quarter 2004.
- The percentage of employees whose monthly wages below poverty line³ increased from 43.5% in the 3rd quarter 2000 to 58.8% in the 1st quarter 2005 (the change rate is 35.2%).

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 1st quarter 2005 (1850 NIS, for reference household composed of two adults and 4 children) was used for the 1st quarter 2005 results.

Concepts and Definitions

Man power

All persons in the West Bank and Gaza Strip aged 15 years and over.

Reference week:

The week ending on Friday preceding the interviewer's visit to the household.

Employed:

All persons are 15 years and over who were working at a paid job or business for at least one hour during the reference week, or who did not work, but held a job or owned business from which they were temporarily absent (because of illness, vacation, temporarily stoppage, or any other reason) during the reference week. Employed persons are classified according to employment status as follows:

1. Employer
2. Own-account worker (self-employed)
3. Employee
4. Unpaid family member

Unemployed (According to the ILO Standards):

Unemployed persons are those individuals 15 years and over who did not work at all during the reference week, who were not absent from a job and were available for work and actively seeking a job during the reference week. Persons who work in Israel and were absent from work due to closure are considered unemployed, and also those persons never work and not looking for work but waiting to return back to their works in Israel and Settlements.

Unemployed (According to the Relaxed Definition):

The Number Of Unemployed Persons was calculated under the definition by adding to unemployed Persons according to the ILO Standards, those Persons outside labour force because they were frustrated

Labour force:

The economically active population (Labour Force) consists of all persons 15 years and over who are either employed or unemployed as defined above at the time of survey.

Underemployment:

Underemployment exists when a person's employment is inadequate in relation to alternative employment, account being taken of his/her occupational skills. The underemployed persons are classified into two groups:

1. Visible underemployment
2. Invisible underemployment

Persons outside labour force:

The population not economically active comprises all persons 15 years and over, who were neither employed nor unemployed accordingly to the definitions above.

Main Findings
According to the Relaxed Definition of Unemployment
(January- March, 2005) 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	587,000	44.9	719,000	55.1	1,306,000	100
Gaza Strip	271,000	39.0	424,000	61.0	695,000	100
Palestinian Territory	858,000	42.9	1,143,000	57.1	2,001,000	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	71.2	169,000	28.8	587,000	100
Gaza Strip	168,000	62.0	103,000	38.0	271,000	100
Palestinian Territory	586,000	68.3	272,000	31.7	858,000	100

Main Findings: According to the ILO Standards (January- March, 2005) Round

3-1 Population aged 15 years and over

The percentage of the population aged 15 years and over is 53.9% at the 1st Quarter of 2005.

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	540,000	41.4	766,000	58.6	1,306,000	100
Gaza Strip	254,000	36.6	441,000	63.4	695,000	100
Palestinian Territory	795,000	39.7	1,207,000	60.3	2,001,000	100

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

The labour force participation rate reached 39.7% in the Palestinian Territory, 41.4% in the West Bank and 36.6% 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	69.7	7.7	22.6	100
Gaza Strip	64.0	2.0	34.0	100
Palestinian Territory	67.9	5.8	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	4.7	2.0	4.0
Self Employed	28.3	23.1	26.8
Wage Employee	58.6	67.2	61.0
Unpaid Family Member	8.4	7.7	8.2
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	14.4	13.2	7.1	13.3
Mining, quarrying and manufacturing	14.2	7.3	17.4	12.5
Construction	10.2	9.2	43.9	13.4
Commerce, restaurants and hotels	20.7	14.8	18.3	18.8
Transportation, storage and communication	7.3	5.4	2.0	6.2
Services and other branches	33.2	50.1	11.3	35.8
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	358	85.8	168	100.0	526	89.8
Israel and Settlements (Persons who have Palestinian Identity)	33	7.9	:	-	33	5.6
Israel and Settlements (Persons who have Israeli Identity or foreign passport)	27	6.3	:	-	27	4.6
Total	418	100	168	100	586	100

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

(:) means that the number is less than 1000 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	42.2	40.5	44.5
Average monthly work days*	23.5	23.7	21.0
Median daily net wage in NIS	60.0	55.8	120.0
Average daily net wage in NIS	71.1	59.8	121.8

*: 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%; 22.6% in the West Bank and 34.0% 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	49.0	9.7	48.0
20-24	36.1	49.0	38.2
25-29	26.2	24.2	25.8
30-34	24.2	14.9	22.8
35-39	23.1	17.2	22.2
40-44	22.8	9.0	20.7
45-49	23.5	3.7	20.5
50+	20.3	0.9	17.5
Overall Average	27.4	20.2	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	42.5	60.2	48.0
20-24	33.4	48.0	38.2
25-29	22.9	31.6	25.8
30-34	19.7	29.6	22.8
35-39	20.0	27.2	22.2
40-44	18.1	26.3	20.7
45-49	14.7	33.3	20.5
50+	13.3	26.3	17.5
Overall Average	22.6	34.0	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	24.2	-	11.9
1-6	34.0	3.6	30.7
7-9	30.1	10.9	28.7
10-12	28.4	13.2	27.2
13+	17.4	29.8	21.3
Overall Average	27.4	20.2	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	4.9	28.8	11.9
1-6	25.2	40.3	30.7
7-9	25.8	35.6	28.7
10-12	24.2	35.0	27.2
13+	17.1	28.5	21.3
Overall Average	22.6	34.0	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 60.3%; 58.6% in the West Bank and 63.4% 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	11.5	11.9
Housekeeping	49.8	48.2	49.2
Studying or training	31.9	36.5	33.6
Others	6.1	3.8	5.3
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	67.2	8.8	24.0	100	68.1	31.9
Females	81.8	2.1	16.1	100	14.1	85.9
Total	69.7	7.7	22.6	100	41.4	58.6
Gaza Strip						
Males	64.1	1.7	34.2	100	64.2	35.8
Females	62.7	4.3	33.0	100	8.6	91.4
Total	64.0	2.0	34.0	100	36.6	63.4
Palestinian Territory						
Males	66.2	6.4	27.4	100	66.8	33.2
Females	77.2	2.6	20.2	100	12.2	87.8
Total	67.9	5.8	26.3	100	39.7	60.3

**Population 15 Years and Over by Region and Labor Force Status
January- March, 2005 (ILO Standards):**

Labour Force Status	West Bank (%)	Gaza Strip (%)	Palestinian Territory (%)
Both Sexes			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	55.7	50.7	53.9
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	28.8	23.4	26.9
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	1.6	0.4	1.2
Working poor conditions or for insufficient income	1.6	0.3	1.2
Did not work and seeking job	9.3	12.4	10.4
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	3.6	2.4	3.2
Did not work – Old or illness	7.1	7.3	7.2
Did not work – Home duties	29.2	30.6	29.7
Did not work – Students	18.8	23.2	20.2
Population less than 15 years	44.3	49.3	46.1
Total Population	100	100	100
Males			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	55.5	50.4	53.6
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	45.8	41.2	44.2
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	3.0	0.5	2.1
Working poor conditions or for insufficient income	3.0	0.6	2.2
Did not work and seeking job	16.2	21.9	18.2
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	6.0	4.1	5.3
Did not work – Old or illness	9.0	8.9	9.0
Did not work – Home duties	0.3	0.2	0.2
Did not work – Students	16.7	22.6	18.8
Population less than 15 years	44.5	49.6	46.4
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, 2005 (ILO Standards):**

Labour Force Status	West Bank #	Gaza Strip #	Palestinian Territory
Both Sexes			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	1,306,000	695,000	2,001,000
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	377,000	163,000	540,000
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	20,000	3,000	23,000
Working poor conditions or for insufficient income	21,000	2,000	23,000
Did not work and seeking job	122,000	86,000	208,000
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	47,000	17,000	64,000
Did not work – Old or illness	93,000	51,000	144,000
Did not work – Home duties	382,000	213,000	595,000
Did not work – Students	244,000	160,000	404,000
Population less than 15 years	1,038,000	675,000	1,713,000
Total Population	2,345,000	1,370,000	3,715,000
Males			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	659,000	350,000	1,009,000
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	302,000	144,000	446,000
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	20,000	2,000	22,000
Working poor conditions or for insufficient income	20,000	2,000	22,000
Did not work and seeking job	107,000	77,000	184,000
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	39,000	15,000	54,000
Did not work – Old or illness	59,000	31,000	90,000
Did not work – Home duties	2,000	-	2,000
Did not work – Students	110,000	79,000	199,000
Population less than 15 years	529,000	344,000	873,000
Total Population	1,188,000	694,000	1,882,000

Basic Changes in the Labour Force Indicators in Palestinian Territory During 1995 - 2005 (ILO Standards)

Variable	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	R (18)	R (19)	R (25)	R (26)	R (27)	R (28)	R (29)	R (30)	R (31)	R (32)	R (33)	R (34)	R (35)	R (36)
	Q3-00	Q4-00	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q4-04	Q1-05										
Labour Force Participation Rate	39.0	40.0	40.5	41.4	41.6	41.5	38.7	38.1	40.3	40.4	43.5	39.2	36.9	37.6	39.2	38.8	40.7	41.2	40.5	40.0	40.3	40.3	41.0	39.7
Full Employment Rate	60.7	64.3	70.4	79.1	82.8	80.9	70.9	64.4	68.1	66.8	83.6	66.9	62.9	59.8	67.1	65.4	68.7	69.1	69.4	67.3	63.9	67.2	69.0	67.9
Underemployment Rate	21.1	11.9	9.3	6.5	5.4	5.0	3.9	4.3	6.3	6.4	6.4	4.8	3.5	4.6	5.6	4.3	7.0	7.3	6.3	6.5	7.5	6.1	5.4	5.8
Unemployment Rate	18.2	23.8	20.3	14.4	11.8	14.1	25.2	31.3	25.6	26.8	10.0	28.3	33.6	35.6	27.3	30.3	24.3	23.6	24.3	26.2	28.6	26.7	25.6	26.3
Employed in Agriculture	12.7	14.2	13.1	12.1	12.6	13.7	11.7	14.9	15.7	15.9	12.7	16.9	16.7	11.3	17.6	14.7	17.7	14.8	15.4	14.6	15.2	14.4	19.3	13.3
Employed in Construction	19.2	16.8	18.4	22.0	22.1	19.7	14.5	10.9	13.1	11.7	21.7	10.8	8.5	11.0	12.7	11.6	12.1	14.4	14.1	12.2	10.5	12.3	11.6	13.4
Employed in Manufacturing	18.0	16.8	16.4	15.9	15.5	14.3	13.9	12.9	12.5	12.7	15.0	12.8	12.1	12.7	12.5	12.8	12.2	12.6	12.6	13.5	13.1	12.7	11.5	12.5
Employed in Services	25.6	29.2	28.2	27.1	28.1	29.9	34.6	35.7	32.8	34.9	28.6	35.2	37.9	37.3	33.1	34.9	32.5	32.3	32.0	34.8	35.9	34.8	34.2	35.8
Elementary Occupation Workers	18.3	28.7	28.9	31.0	29.7	21.1	15.9	14.1	14.1	14.3	19.8	13.7	13.2	13.0	15.2	13.5	14.1	14.9	14.2	13.9	13.8	15.3	14.0	15.6
Craft and Related Trade Workers	27.5	24.0	24.6	24.7	22.7	22.0	19.0	17.5	18.7	17.1	24.5	16.2	15.6	18.6	17.8	18.5	18.0	19.5	18.6	18.2	17.1	17.5	8.9	17.3
Employed in Israel & Settlements	16.2	14.1	17.1	21.7	23.0	19.6	13.8	10.3	9.7	8.7	22.1	9.1	7.3	11.8	10.4	9.6	8.9	10.8	9.4	9.2	8.1	9.3	8.1	10.2
Employers	6.9	5.5	5.3	5.8	5.5	4.6	4.7	3.7	3.5	4.1	4.4	4.6	3.3	4.2	3.7	3.2	3.0	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.2	3.9	4.0
Self - Employed	21.2	22.3	22.9	21.0	18.7	19.6	24.0	26.8	27.8	26.5	18.1	23.1	27.3	25.0	27.0	28.8	28.7	26.7	27.1	27.0	26.9	25.9	26.2	26.8
Wage Employees	61.7	61.4	62.0	65.3	67.8	66.1	62.1	59.2	57.2	58.3	67.6	59.3	58.0	61.9	57.9	58.0	55.5	58.1	57.4	59.2	57.7	58.9	57.3	61.0
Unpaid Family Members	10.2	10.8	9.8	7.9	8.0	9.7	9.2	10.3	11.5	11.1	9.9	13.0	11.4	8.9	11.4	10.0	12.8	11.4	11.4	9.8	11.0	11.0	12.6	8.2
Average Monthly Work Days *	21.0	22.0	22.0	23.0	22.6	23.2	23.9	23.3	23.2	23.7	22.8	23.3	23.3	23.1	23.4	22.4	23.5	23.2	23.8	23.2	24.3	23.7	23.8	23.6
Average Weekly Work Hours *	42.1	43.5	44.0	45.0	44.2	43.1	42.1	40.6	41.7	42.5	45.0	40.7	40.8	40.5	40.2	40.3	41.7	43.5	41.1	42.4	42.9	43.0	41.7	41.6
Median Daily Net Wage (NIS) *	46.3	46.2	50.0	57.7	69.2	69.2	57.7	57.7	55.8	57.7	70.0	61.5	53.8	57.7	57.7	55.6	53.8	57.7	57.7	57.7	60.0	57.7	59.8	57.7

Note:

Revised table according to the Revised population projection in 2005.

*: 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 - 2005 (ILO Standards)

Variable	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	R (18)	R (19)	R (25)	R (26)	R (27)	R (28)	R (29)	R (30)	R (31)	R (32)	R (33)	R (34)	R (35)	R (36)
	Q3-00	Q4-00	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q4-04	Q1-05										
Labour Force Participation Rate	40.6	42.0	43.2	44.2	43.4	43.6	41.5	40.0	41.8	42.5	45.3	42.9	37.3	40.0	42.1	39.6	42.5	42.9	42.2	41.6	42.4	42.6	43.4	41.4
Full Employment Rate	65.3	67.6	71.1	80.1	83.5	81.7	73.8	66.4	68.7	68.8	84.8	68.1	66.6	62.5	65.6	63.9	69.6	69.5	71.4	67.1	66.3	69.8	72.0	69.7
Underemployment Rate	20.7	12.8	11.6	8.4	7.0	6.2	4.7	5.4	7.5	8.3	7.7	5.6	3.7	6.5	7.4	4.9	8.0	8.9	7.9	8.3	10.1	8.0	6.7	7.7
Unemployment Rate	13.9	19.6	17.3	11.5	9.5	12.1	21.5	28.2	23.8	22.9	7.5	26.3	29.7	31.0	27.0	31.2	22.4	21.6	20.7	24.6	23.6	22.2	21.3	22.6
Employed in Agriculture	13.3	16.2	15.1	13.8	11.5	12.5	11.8	14.1	14.9	16.9	11.3	17.1	14.6	11.8	18.6	12.4	17.9	13.7	15.2	14.6	16.3	15.1	21.2	13.4
Employed in Construction	20.3	18.3	19.1	22.7	23.9	22.2	18.0	12.7	14.3	13.0	24.2	13.3	10.7	12.9	13.5	12.4	13.0	15.8	15.7	12.8	11.9	14.3	13.0	15
Employed in Manufacturing	18.8	17.6	17.2	16.8	16.5	15.4	15.4	14.5	14.0	14.0	16.1	14.6	14.6	13.4	13.7	14.2	13.5	14.3	14.1	14.4	14.7	14.1	13.1	14.6
Employed in Services	22.6	24.2	23.8	23.0	24.7	25.5	28.0	31.1	29.4	29.5	24.6	29.0	32.7	31.9	28.7	32.7	28.7	28.6	27.7	30.6	30.0	29.0	28.4	30.1
Elementary Occupation Workers	18.2	28.7	28.7	30.5	31.1	21.9	17.6	14.1	13.3	14.8	20.5	15.2	13.1	13.9	13.7	13.1	12.9	14.1	13.6	14.2	14.6	16.0	14.2	16.3
Craft and Related Trade Workers	28.7	25.1	25.0	25.0	22.9	23.3	20.7	19.1	19.9	18.0	25.7	18.2	18.5	19.6	18.8	19.4	19.1	21.0	19.9	18.6	18.2	18.3	16.8	19.3
Employed in Israel & Settlements	20.2	16.6	19.5	24.0	25.9	22.4	18.0	13.3	12.5	11.6	24.8	11.3	9.6	15.0	12.8	12.6	11.7	13.5	12.3	11.8	11.0	12.5	10.9	14.2
Employers	7.1	6.0	5.9	6.5	6.6	5.1	4.6	4.1	4.1	5.0	4.6	4.8	3.6	4.6	4.4	3.8	3.2	4.5	4.9	4.8	5.4	5.1	4.7	4.7
Self - Employed	21.3	23.5	23.6	21.5	18.6	20.6	25.6	27.8	29.3	28.1	19.9	24.6	29.1	25.6	27.8	30.2	30.8	28.2	21.8	29.3	28.3	27.4	27.6	28.3
Wage Employees	61.3	59.0	59.3	63.0	66.5	64.7	60.1	57.5	55.3	55.1	66.2	57.0	56.4	60.0	54.8	57.6	52.7	56.0	55.2	55.9	55.1	55.8	53.8	58.6
Unpaid Family Members	9.9	11.5	11.2	9.0	8.3	9.6	9.7	10.6	11.3	11.8	9.3	13.6	10.9	9.8	13.0	8.4	13.3	11.3	11.8	10.0	11.2	11.7	13.9	8.4
Average Monthly Work Days *	22.0	22.6	23.0	23.0	23.5	24.4	23.6	22.8	23.7	24.0	24.3	23.2	22.5	22.2	23.2	22.8	23.9	23.5	24.4	24.5	24.7	23.4	23.6	23.5
Average Weekly Work Hours *	43.0	43.5	43.0	45.0	44.6	43.6	43.2	40.9	42.3	43.0	46.2	40.6	41.7	39.5	41.1	40.5	42.4	44.4	42.0	43.4	43.6	42.6	42.5	42.2
Median Daily Net Wage (NIS) *	42.3	44.7	46.3	50.0	60.0	61.5	60.0	60.0	60.0	61.5	63.2	61.5	57.7	67.3	60.0	60.0	57.7	61.5	61.6	62.8	64.6	61.1	62.2	60.0

Note:

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R: Round

Basic Changes in the Labour Force Indicators in Gaza Strip During 1995 - 2005 (ILO Standards)

Variable	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	R (18)	R (19)	R (25)	R (26)	R (27)	R (28)	R (29)	R (30)	R (31)	R (32)	R (33)	R (34)	R (35)	R (36)
											Q3-00	Q4-00	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q4-04	Q1-05
Labour Force Participation Rate	35.4	36.4	35.7	36.4	38.0	37.5	33.3	34.4	37.5	36.4	40.1	32.0	36.1	32.8	33.5	37.1	37.2	38.1	37.4	37.0	36.1	36.0	36.6	36.6
Full Employment Rate	48.6	57.5	68.8	76.8	81.2	79.0	63.9	60.1	67.2	62.5	81.0	63.7	55.4	53.4	70.8	68.7	66.6	68.3	65.0	67.6	58.8	61.4	62.2	64.0
Underemployment Rate	22.0	10.0	4.4	2.3	1.9	2.3	1.9	1.8	3.6	2.1	3.5	2.8	3.2	0.1	1.1	2.8	5.0	3.8	2.9	2.6	1.5	1.8	2.6	2.0
Unemployment Rate	29.4	32.5	26.8	20.9	16.9	18.7	34.2	38.1	29.2	35.4	15.5	33.5	41.4	46.5	28.1	28.5	28.4	27.9	32.1	29.8	39.7	36.8	35.2	34.0
Employed in Agriculture	10.8	9.1	8.0	8.0	15.2	16.5	11.4	16.7	17.5	13.4	16.2	16.1	21.9	9.7	15.3	19.4	17.2	17.4	15.9	14.6	12.3	12.3	14.3	13.1
Employed in Construction	15.4	13.1	16.5	20.5	17.8	13.5	4.4	6.3	10.4	8.2	15.9	3.5	3.4	5.2	10.9	10.1	10.1	11.3	10.2	11.0	6.4	7.0	8.0	9.2
Employed in Manufacturing	15.2	14.9	14.5	13.6	13.1	11.5	9.7	8.9	9.2	9.1	12.3	7.5	6.2	10.3	9.6	10.1	9.1	8.7	9.0	11.5	8.7	8.8	7.2	7.3
Employed in Services	35.2	41.4	38.9	37.0	36.5	41.0	53.3	47.5	40.8	49.1	38.0	53.7	49.8	53.8	43.2	38.7	41.4	40.7	42.2	44.1	52.5	50.7	49.5	50.3
Elementary Occupation Workers	18.4	29.3	29.5	30.9	26.4	18.7	11.0	14.3	15.8	13.0	18.0	9.9	13.0	10.3	18.9	14.1	16.7	16.8	15.2	13.9	11.3	13.4	13.4	14.1
Craft and Related Trade Workers	23.5	21.2	23.6	23.8	22.2	18.9	14.2	13.4	15.9	14.7	21.7	10.5	8.7	15.6	15.2	16.7	15.4	16.1	15.4	17.0	14.0	15.2	12.5	12.3
Employed in Israel & Settlements	3.3	8.1	11.0	16.2	15.7	12.9	1.9	2.5	3.1	1.1	15.4	2.7	1.7	2.1	4.6	3.7	2.1	4.4	2.2	3.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	-
Employers	6.1	4.4	3.7	4.0	2.8	3.3	5.0	2.6	2.2	1.9	4.0	4.0	2.6	3.2	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.0
Self - Employed	20.4	19.4	21.0	19.7	19.1	17.2	19.5	24.3	24.5	22.2	13.6	18.7	23.1	23.4	25.2	26.1	23.8	23.1	24.8	21.6	22.9	21.7	22.5	23.1
Wage Employees	62.6	67.3	68.4	71.0	71.1	69.5	67.7	63.6	61.7	66.5	71.0	65.9	61.8	67.4	65.5	58.7	62.1	63.1	62.9	66.6	65.2	67.5	66.7	67.2
Unpaid Family Members	10.8	8.9	6.9	5.3	7.0	10.0	7.8	9.5	11.6	9.4	11.4	11.4	12.5	6.0	7.3	13.2	11.6	11.7	10.1	9.7	10.1	8.9	9.0	7.7
Average Monthly Work Days *	21.7	23.3	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.5	24.6	24.1	22.6	23.2	23.7	24.8	24.4	24.8	23.8	21.9	22.8	22.8	22.9	21.2	23.5	24.3	24.1	23.7
Average Weekly Work Hours *	43.2	44.0	43.0	43.0	43.2	41.7	40.1	40.0	40.6	41.6	42.8	40.6	39.6	42.3	38.9	40.0	40.6	42.2	39.8	40.9	41.7	43.6	40.5	40.5
Median Daily Net Wage (NIS) *	34.6	34.6	38.5	40.0	46.2	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	52.5	46.2	53.8	50.0	53.8	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	53.8	50.0	53.8	55.8

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