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## **Press Release on Labour Force Survey Results (July-September, 2005) Round**

### **Increased of Unemployed Persons by 9.0% between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005**

This report is based on the Labour Force quarterly Survey. Data was collected during 1/07/2005 to 30/09/2005, representing the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6,729 questionnaires were completed.

#### **Economically Active:**

- According to the ILO standards, the percentage of participants in labour force increased by 1.2% between the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005, where it increased from 41.2% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 to 41.7% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005, compared with 43.5% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000. Also the participation rate of women increased slightly from 14.1% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter to 14.2% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005 (the number increased by 2 thousand women).

#### **Unemployed Persons:**

- The percentage of persons who don't work nevertheless seeking or not seeking job, increased from 26.5% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 to 28.4% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005, compared with 20.2% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000, according to the relaxed definition of unemployment.
- The percentage of persons who don't work, but seeking job increased from 21.2% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 to 22.7% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005 according to the ILO standards, compared with 10.0% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000 (before the beginning of Al-Aqsa Intifada). The results showed that unemployment rate in the West Bank increased from 17.2% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 to 19.9% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005, while in Gaza Strip it decreased from 30.2% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter to 29.0% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005, despite of that unemployment rate in Gaza Strip still high.
- Jenin governorate registered the highest percentage of unemployment rate among the West Bank governorates which reached 26.0% followed by Salfiet governorate (25.4%) then Hebron (23.3%), while in Gaza Strip Gaza North governorate registered the highest percentage of unemployment rate 34.4% followed by Rafah governorate 33.9%.
- The results showed that the highest percentage of unemployment concentrated among the youth, the highest percentage registered for the age group 20-24 it reached 35.4% (31.1% in the West Bank compared with 44.0% in Gaza Strip), thereof 52.6% for women and 31.7% for men, followed by 15-19 age group it reached 31.8%, thereof 33.5% for men and 11.8% for women (29.8% in the West Bank 37.8% in Gaza Strip), then 25-29 group it reached 25.2% (23.6% in the West Bank compared with 28.4% in Gaza Strip), thereof 37.8% for women and 22.1% for men.

#### **Employed Persons:**

- The results showed a slight increase in the number of employed persons between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005, the increased number of employed persons reached 657 thousand compared with 656 thousand in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 (the number in Gaza Strip increased by 4.5%, whereas in the West Bank decreased by 1.5%), also the results showed a decreased of employed women from 114 thousands to 108 thousands between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005 compared with an increase of 1.3% of employed men during the same period.
- The results showed a significant increase in the percentage of employment<sup>1</sup> for those who are working in trade, hotels and restaurants in the West Bank (20.0% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 to 21.4% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005), whereas in (Agriculture sector (18.4%),

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<sup>1</sup>Employed persons in Israel and Israeli settlements are excluded

manufacturing sector (13.9%), Construction sector (10.1%) was the same percentage between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005). While the percentage increased in Gaza Strip of those who are working in Transportation, storage and communication from 4.2% in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 to 5.6%, and increased of those who are working in Services and other branches from 48.4% to 50.1% between 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005.

- On the other hand, the results showed an increase in the percentage of unpaid family members in the West Bank (from 11.9% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 to 13.0% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005), compared with a decreased of the percentage of self employed from 27.6% to 26.7% between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005, whereas in Gaza Strip the percentage of wage employees increased from 65.3% to 66.6%, compared with an decrease in the percentage of self employed from 23.1% to 22.0% between the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005.
- The employment from the West Bank in Israel and Israeli settlements remain at the same level 13.6% between the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005, while in Gaza Strip the number decreased to reach 1 thousand in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter while the number was 2 thousand workers in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005.

#### **Wages:**

- The average value of the nominal daily net wage of the employees in the West Bank increased slightly from 73.9 NIS in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter to 74.5 NIS in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005, compared with 70.3 NIS in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000. Also the nominal daily net wage for those working in Israel and settlements increased from 125.6 NIS in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 to 128.0 NIS in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005, compared with 110.8 NIS in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000. while the nominal daily net wage of the employees in Gaza Strip decreased from 60.7 NIS in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 to 59.9 NIS in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005, compared with 50.4 NIS in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000.

#### **Dependency Ratio and Poverty:**

- The economic dependency ratio<sup>2</sup> increased in the Palestinian Territory from 5.7 to 5.8 between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005 (the change rate is 1.8%). It increased in the West Bank from 5.0 to 5.1 (the change rate is 2.0%) while in Gaza Strip decreased from 7.7 to 7.5 (the change rate is 2.6%). The ratio in the West Bank and in Gaza Strip reached 4.3 and 5.9 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000 respectively.
- The percentage of employees whose monthly wages below poverty line<sup>3</sup> increased from 56.6% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 to 57.0% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005 (the change rate is 0.7%), while it reached 43.5% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000.

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<sup>2</sup> The economic dependency ratio: Number of population *divided by* Number of employed persons.

<sup>3</sup> The poverty line equivalent for the year 2000 (1622 NIS, for reference household composed of two adults and 4 children) was used for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000. The poverty line equivalent for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005 (1934 NIS, for reference household composed of two adults and 4 children) was used for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**  
**(July- September, 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	631,000	47.4	699,000	52.6	1,330,000	100
Gaza Strip	286,000	40.2	425,000	59.8	711,000	100
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	<b>917,000</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>1,124,000</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>2,041,000</b>	<b>100</b>

**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	470,000	74.5	161,000	25.5	631,000	100
Gaza Strip	187,000	65.4	99,000	34.6	286,000	100
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	<b>657,000</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>260,000</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>917,000</b>	<b>100</b>

## Main Findings: According to the ILO Standards (July- September, 2005) Round

### 3-1 Population aged 15 years and over

The percentage of the population aged 15 years and over is 54.0% at the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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	586,000	44.1	744,000	55.9	1,330,000	100
Gaza Strip	264,000	37.1	447,000	62.9	711,000	100
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	<b>850,000</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>1,191,000</b>	<b>58.3</b>	<b>2,041,000</b>	<b>100</b>

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

The labour force participation rate reached 41.7% in the Palestinian Territory, 44.1% in the West Bank and 37.1% 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	70.9	9.2	19.9	100
Gaza Strip	68.4	2.6	29.0	100
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>100</b>

### 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	5.3	2.9	4.6
Self Employed	26.7	22.0	25.4
Wage Employee	55.0	66.6	58.3
Unpaid Family Member	13.0	8.5	11.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**Employed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory are Distributed by Economic Activity and Place of work (ILO Standards) as Follows (%):**

<b>Economic Activity</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>	<b>Israel and Settlements</b>	<b>Total</b>
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	18.4	10.4	5.6	14.9
Mining, quarrying and manufacturing	13.9	7.9	22.0	13.0
Construction	10.1	8.5	43.6	13.0
Commerce, restaurants and hotels	21.4	17.5	19.3	20.1
Transportation, storage and communication	5.7	5.6	2.2	5.3
Services and other branches	30.5	50.1	7.3	33.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**Employed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory are Distributed by Place of Work and Region (ILO Standards) as follows (%):**

<b>Place of Work</b>	<b>West Bank</b>		<b>Gaza Strip</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Number (1000)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Number (1000)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Number (1000)</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Palestinian Territory	405	86.4	186	99.5	591	90.1
Israel and Settlements (Persons who have Palestinian Identity)	38	8.0	1	0.5	39	5.9
Israel and Settlements (Persons who have Israeli Identity or foreign passport)	27	5.6	:	-	27	4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>100</b>

(-) 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:

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>West Bank</b>	<b>Gaza Strip</b>	<b>Israel and Settlements</b>
Average weekly work hours	43.7	42.5	46.2
Average monthly work days*	23.7	24.3	21.4
Median daily net wage in NIS	65.4	53.8	134.6
Average daily net wage in NIS	74.5	59.9	128.0

\*: 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 22.7%; 19.9% in the West Bank and 29.0% 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	33.5	11.8	31.8
20-24	31.7	52.6	35.4
25-29	22.1	37.8	25.2
30-34	17.0	18.4	17.3
35-39	19.8	17.5	19.4
40-44	17.0	12.2	16.2
45-49	20.6	8.1	18.6
50+	17.1	3.5	14.6
<b>Overall Average</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>22.7</b>

#### 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	29.8	37.8	31.8
20-24	31.1	44.0	35.4
25-29	23.6	28.4	25.2
30-34	15.9	20.6	17.3
35-39	16.2	26.9	19.4
40-44	12.3	24.7	16.2
45-49	13.8	29.2	18.6
50+	12.6	19.1	14.6
<b>Overall Average</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>22.7</b>

#### 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	12.1	3.2	6.9
1-6	25.6	10.6	23.6
7-9	24.5	13.7	23.6
10-12	22.2	20.9	22.1
13+	17.8	35.3	23.5
<b>Overall Average</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>22.7</b>

**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	6.3	9.4	6.9
1-6	20.5	30.4	23.6
7-9	21.2	29.6	23.6
10-12	19.1	29.7	22.1
13+	20.6	28.1	23.5
<b>Overall Average</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>22.7</b>

**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 58.3%; 55.9% in the West Bank and 62.9% 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	12.8	11.6	12.3
Housekeeping	50.6	48.0	49.6
Studying or training	30.5	35.5	32.4
Others	6.1	4.9	5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**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 (%)
<b>West Bank</b>						
Males	69.8	10.7	19.5	100	71.1	28.9
Females	76.3	2.3	21.4	100	16.6	83.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>55.9</b>
<b>Gaza Strip</b>						
Males	69.0	2.9	28.1	100	64.0	36.0
Females	64.5	0.6	34.9	100	9.9	90.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>62.9</b>
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>						
Males	69.5	8.2	22.3	100	68.6	31.4
Females	73.4	1.9	24.7	100	14.2	85.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>58.3</b>

**Labour Force Participation Rate and Unemployment in the Palestinian Territory by Governorate/District**

<b>Governorate/District</b>	<b>Participation Rate</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>Number of Unemployed Persons</b>
Jenin	51.8	26.0	19,000
Tubas	47.6	21.5	3,000
Tulkarem	43.2	20.9	9,000
Nablus	46.8	16.9	15,000
Qalqilia	43.5	21.7	5,000
Salfeet	45.7	25.4	4,000
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	42.2	16.3	11,000
Jericho	50.3	11.7	1,000
Jerusalem	36.5	15.4	13,000
Bethlehem	40.5	17.2	7,000
Hebron	46.4	23.3	29,000
<b>West Bank</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>116,000</b>
GS-North	36.4	34.4	16,000
Gaza City	38.4	21.9	21,000
Deir ALBalah	37.7	32.4	13,000
Khan Younis	37.2	32.1	17,000
Rafah	33.2	33.9	10,000
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>77,000</b>
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>193,000</b>

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

<b>Labour Force Status</b>	<b>West Bank (%)</b>	<b>Gaza Strip (%)</b>	<b>Palestinian Territory (%)</b>
<b>Both Sexes</b>			
<b>Population aged 15 years and over ( Man Power)</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>54.0</b>
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	31.3	25.4	29.2
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	2.4	0.6	1.7
Poor working conditions or for insufficient income	1.7	0.4	1.2
Did not work and seeking job	8.8	10.8	9.5
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	3.4	3.1	3.3
Did not work – Old or illness	7.1	7.3	7.2
Did not work – Home duties	28.3	30.2	29.0
Did not work – Students	17.0	22.2	18.9
<b>Population less than 15 years</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>49.1</b>	<b>46.0</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Males</b>			
<b>Population aged 15 years and over ( Man Power)</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>53.8</b>
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	49.6	44.2	47.7
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	4.5	1.0	3.3
Poor working conditions or for insufficient income	3.2	0.8	2.3
Did not work and seeking job	13.9	18.0	15.3
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	5.2	5.0	5.2
Did not work – Old or illness	8.6	9.0	8.7
Did not work – Home duties	0.1	0.2	0.2
Did not work – Students	14.9	21.8	17.3
<b>Population less than 15 years</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>46.2</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

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  
July- September, 2005 (ILO Standards):**

<b>Labour Force Status</b>	<b>West Bank #</b>	<b>Gaza Strip #</b>	<b>Palestinian Territory</b>
<b>Both Sexes</b>			
<b>Population aged 15 years and over ( Man Power)</b>	<b>1,330,000</b>	<b>711,000</b>	<b>2,041,000</b>
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	413,000	180,000	596,000
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	32,000	4,000	36,000
Poor working conditions or for insufficient income	22,000	3,000	25,000
Did not work and seeking job	116,000	77,000	193,000
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	45,000	22,000	67,000
Did not work – Old or illness	95,000	52,000	147,000
Did not work – Home duties	377,000	214,000	591,000
Did not work – Students	227,000	159,000	386,000
<b>Population less than 15 years</b>	<b>1,051,000</b>	<b>686,000</b>	<b>1,737,000</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>2,381,000</b>	<b>1,397,000</b>	<b>3,778,000</b>
<b>Males</b>			
<b>Population aged 15 years and over ( Man Power)</b>	<b>671,000</b>	<b>358,000</b>	<b>1,029,000</b>
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	333,000	158,000	491,000
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	30,000	4,000	34,000
Poor working conditions or for insufficient income	21,000	3,000	24,000
Did not work and seeking job	93,000	64,000	157,000
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	35,000	18,000	53,000
Did not work – Old or illness	58,000	32,000	90,000
Did not work – Home duties	1,000	1,000	2,000
Did not work – Students	100,000	78,000	187,000
<b>Population less than 15 years</b>	<b>536,000</b>	<b>349,000</b>	<b>885,000</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>1,207,000</b>	<b>707,000</b>	<b>1,914,000</b>



**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)	R (37)	R (38)
	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	Q2-05	Q3-05										
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	41.2	41.7
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	72.7	70.2
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	6.1	7.1
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	21.2	22.7
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	15.6	14.9
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	13.0	13.0
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	13.2	13.0
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	33.4	33.7
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	15.2	14.6
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	17.4	18.6
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	10.2	9.9
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	4.6	4.6
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	26.3	25.4
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	58.1	58.3
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	11.0	11.7
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	23.9	23.9
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	42.8	43.3
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	60.0	60.0

**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)	R (37)	R (38)
	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	Q2-05	Q3-05										
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	43.7	44.1
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	74.9	70.9
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	7.9	9.2
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	17.2	19.9
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	17.0	16.6
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	15.0	14.4	14.7
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	14.7	15.0
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	27.8	27.2
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	15.8	15.3
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	18.4	19.8
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	13.6	13.6
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	5.2	5.3
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	27.6	26.7
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	55.3	55.0
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	11.9	13.0
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	23.8	23.7
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	43.3	43.7
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	65.4	65.4

**Note:**

Revised table according to the Revised population projection in 2005.

\*: Workers in Israel and Settlements are not included

Q: Quarter, Example: Q1-99 means: First Quarter of 1999

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)	R (37)	R (38)
	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	Q2-05	Q3-05										
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	36.5	37.1
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	67.6	68.4
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	2.2	2.6
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	30.2	29.0
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	12.0	10.5
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	9.3	8.7
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	9.2	8.0
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	48.1	50.0
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	13.6	12.9
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	14.8	15.5
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	-	1.0	0.5
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	2.9	2.9
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	23.1	22.0
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	65.3	66.6
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	8.7	8.5
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	24.2	24.3
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	42.0	42.5
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	55.8	53.8

**Note:**

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\*: Workers in Israel and Settlements are not included

Q: Quarter, Example: Q1-99 means: First Quarter of 1999

R: Round

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