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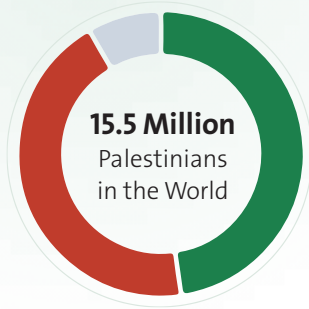
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Years After the Nakba:
The Number of Palestinians Exceeds 7 Million
in Historic Palestine

Data and statistics tell the tale of unbroken people, since 1948 up to the end of 2025



Distribution of Palestinians in the World in 2025



7.4 Million

Palestinians in
Historic Palestine

47.7% of the Total



6.8 Million

Palestinians in
Arab Countries

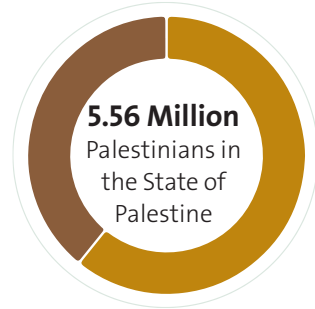
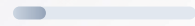
43.9% of the Total



1.3 Million

Palestinians in Foreign
Countries Worldwide

8.4% of the Total



West Bank



3.43 Million

Gaza Strip

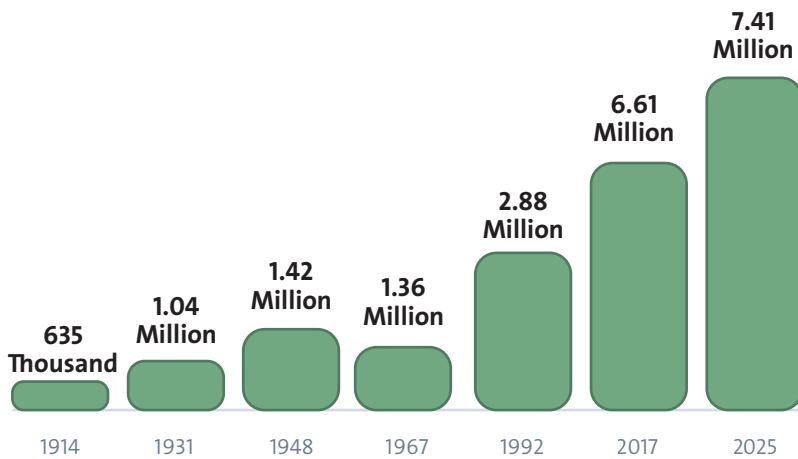


2.13 Million

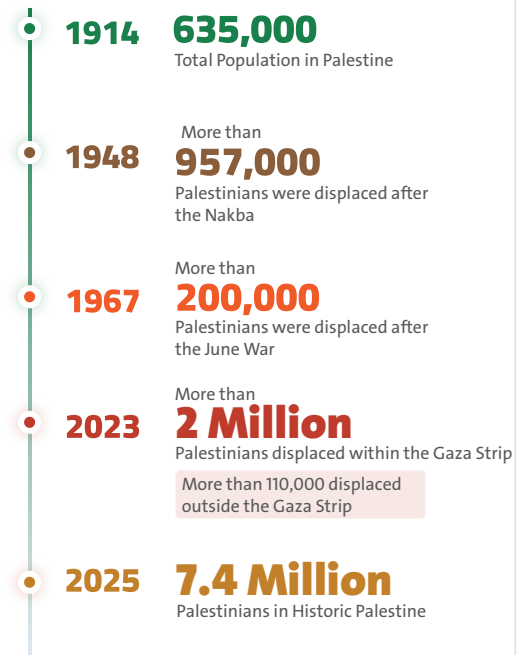


Demographic Growth in Historic Palestine

Total Palestinian Population in Historic Palestine, 1914–2025



Timeline of Palestinian Population Presence



These data confirm that the Palestinian people have not been a passing phenomenon but a deeply rooted nation that maintained its existence despite forced displacement and demographic imbalance, and has been able, over time, to restore demographic balance.



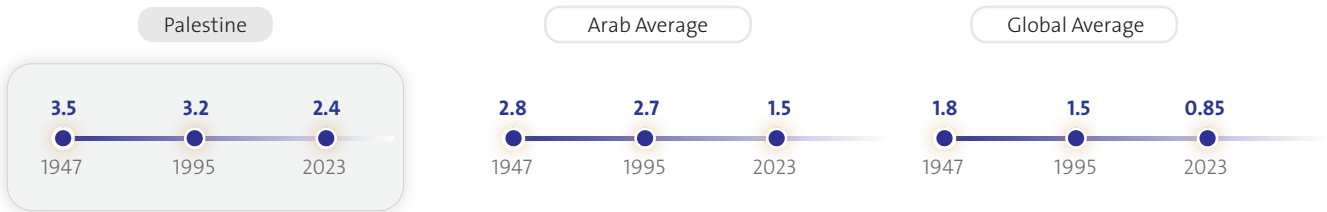
Will and Resilience Indicators

Despite the Nakba, forced displacement and siege, the Palestinians have improved in all indicators of human development



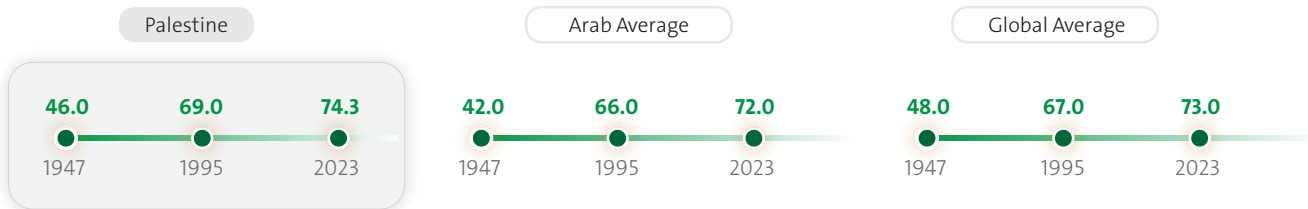
Population Growth Rate

Palestinians have overcome the struggle for survival despite forced displacement attempts.



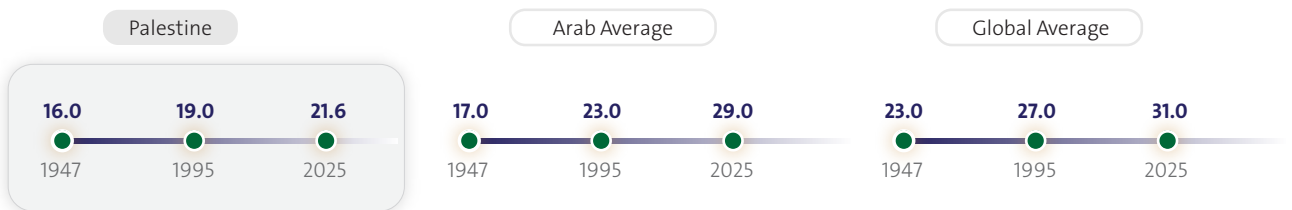
Life Expectancy at Birth

Life expectancy at birth has increased significantly over the past decades, which is a clear indication of improved public health and the ability of the Palestinian society to protect its lives despite repeated crises.



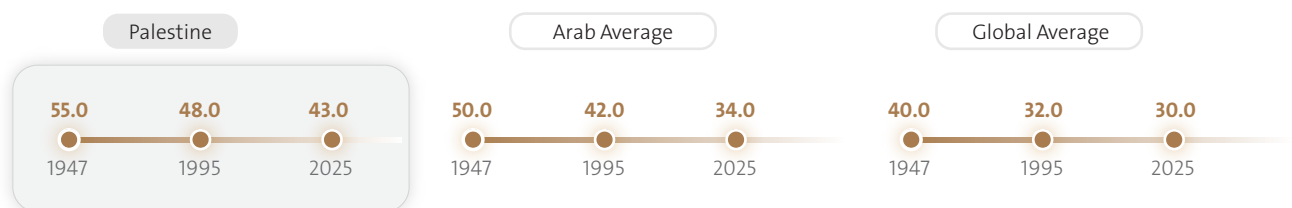
Median Age

Palestinian society is still young, representing a great human resource and a strategic opportunity for future development and innovation.



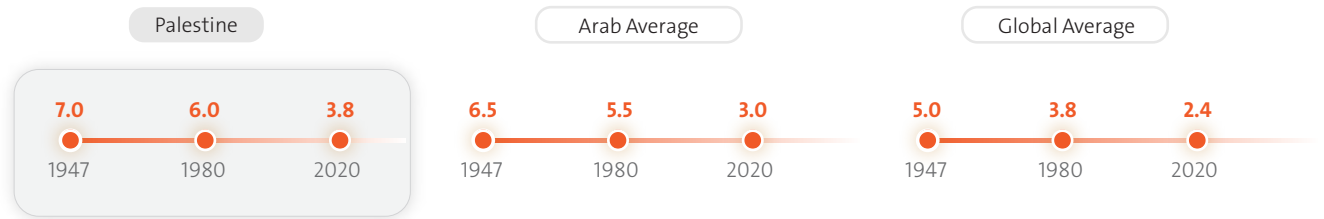
Percentage of Individuals in the Age Group (0-17 years)

Despite the exceptional circumstances, the Palestinian society maintains its vitality and the renewal of its generations, as data show that it is a young society that clings to life and continues to build its future.



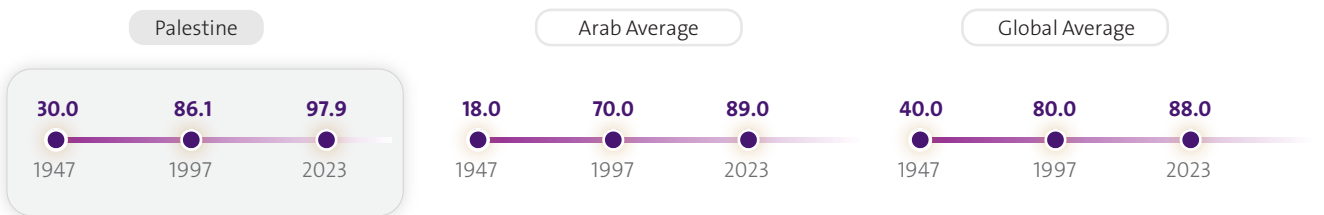
Fertility Rate

Fertility has witnessed a gradual shift towards more balanced levels, reflecting the development of education, health, and the empowerment of the Palestinian household.



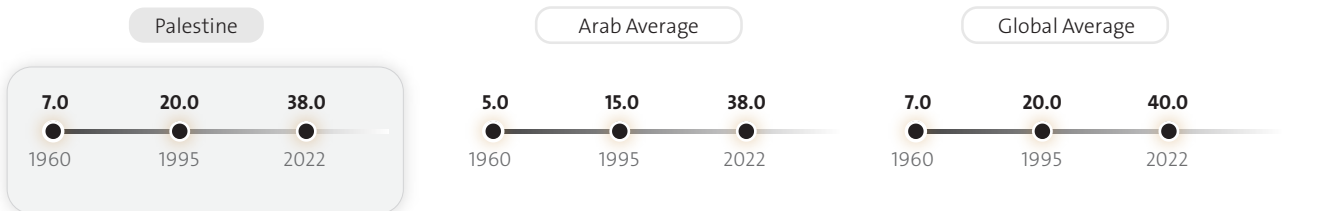
Literacy Rate (15 years and older)

Despite the Nakba and the forced displacement and disruption that followed, Palestinians moved from limited levels of education to near-zero illiteracy, making education one of the national resilience pillars.



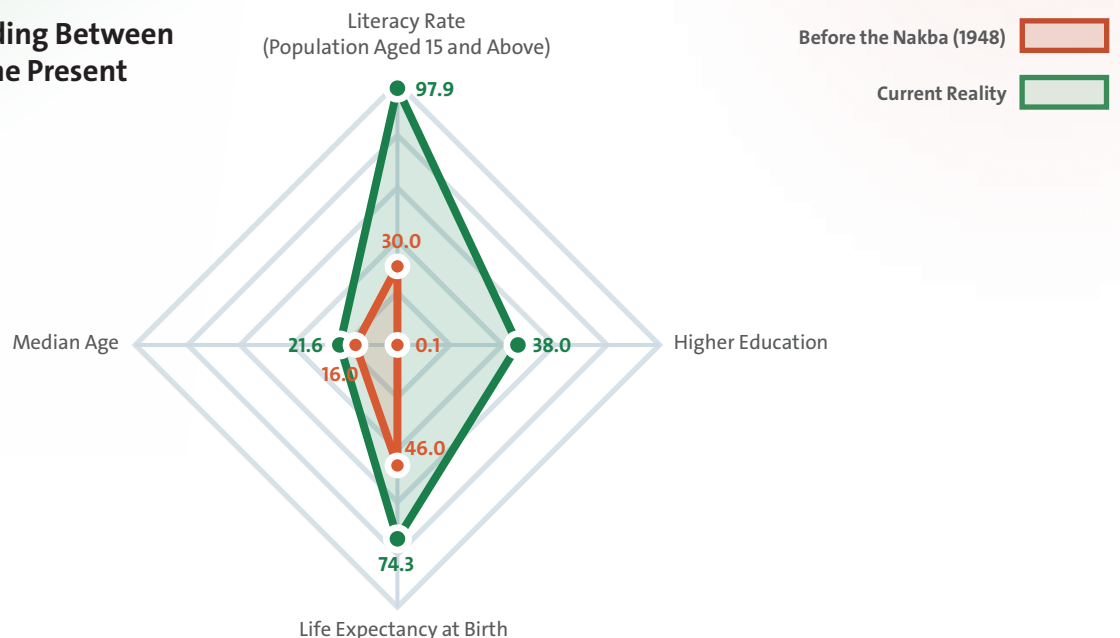
Gross Enrollment Rate in Higher Education

From limited opportunities before the Nakba to the widespread expansion of universities today, Palestinians have invested in higher education as means of survival, empowerment, and development.



68% of Those Enrolled in Higher Education in Palestine are Female

A Statistical Reading Between the Nakba and the Present





Attacks against the Palestinian People

The Palestinian individual is the direct target, not merely an affected recipient

When a human being bears the major share of attacks, daily life itself becomes a battlefield. The target of aggression has not changed since the Nakba, where Palestinians remain at the heart of such an agenda.

Eye on Gaza Strip

Since October 2023 up to April 2026:



More than **72 thousand martyrs**



More than **172 thousand injured persons**



More than **2 million displaced persons**



More than **70% of housing units are destroyed**



More than **80% of establishments and buildings are destroyed**



Eye on Jerusalem

During 2025:



523,257 Palestinians reside in Jerusalem



More than **73,871 Israeli settlers defiled** Al-Aqsa Mosque



More than **804 arrest cases against** Jerusalemite Palestinians



More than **230 thousand Israeli settlers reside in Jerusalem**



More than **20 thousand new settlement units**



More than **397 demolition orders**



Resilience That Cannot Be Broken. A Presence That Will Not Fade.

78 Years of Resilience

15.5 Million Palestinians in the World

Youth and Education: The Pillars of Resilience