

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Palestinians at the End of 2014

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) presents the following information about Palestinians at the end of 2014

Increase in population of Palestinian in the world

The projected number of Palestinians in the world is 12.10 million, of whom 4.62 million are in State of Palestine, 1.46 million in Israel, 5.34 million in Arab countries and around 675 thousand in foreign countries.

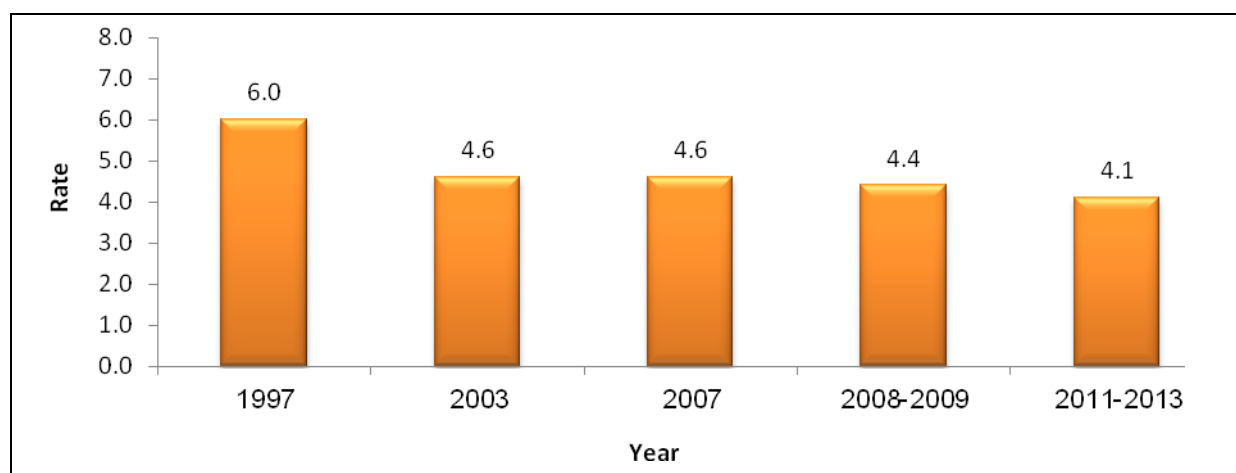
More than one-third of population in Gaza Strip

The projected number of Palestinians living in State of Palestine at the end of 2014 is 4.62 million: around 2.83 million reside in the West Bank and 1.79 million in Gaza Strip. Palestinian refugees make up 43.1% of the Palestinian population in Palestine: 38.8% of them in the West Bank and 61.2% in Gaza Strip.

Decline in fertility rate

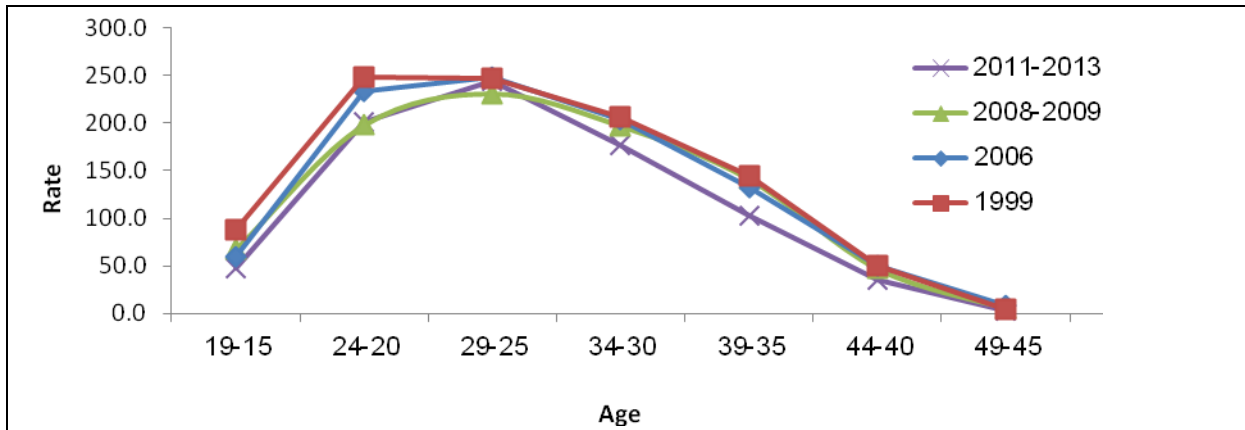
The total fertility rate declined during 2011-2013 to 4.1 births compared with 6.0 births in 1997. In Gaza Strip the rate was 4.5 births compared to 3.7 births in the West Bank during 2011-2013.

Total Fertility Rate in State of Palestine, Selected Years



There has been a decline in the specific fertility rate, particularly in the early reproductive years (15-24 years).

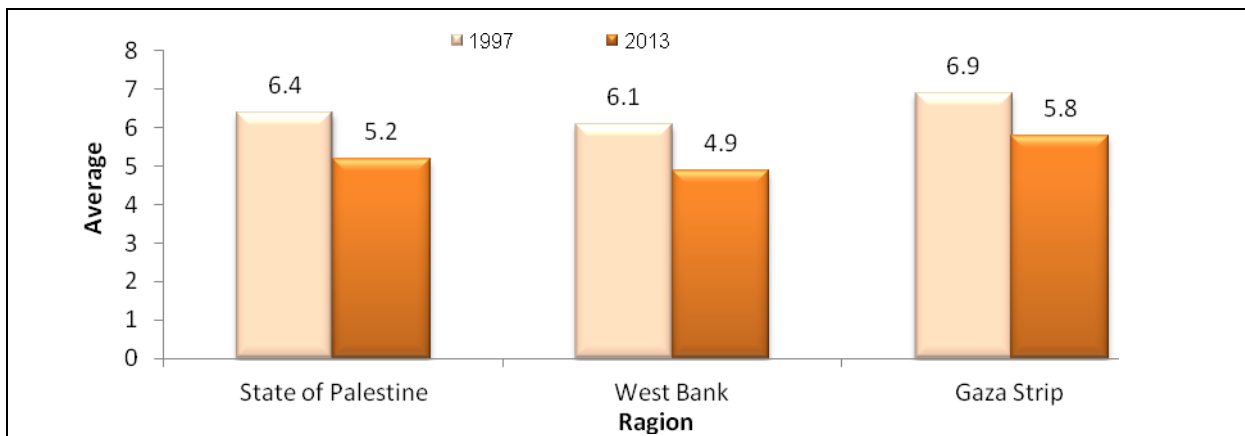
Age-Specific Fertility Rates in State of Palestine, Selected Years



Decrease in average household size

The average household size in Palestine was 5.2 persons in 2013 compared to 6.4 in 1997: 4.9 persons in the West Bank and 5.8 persons in Gaza Strip.

Average Household Size in State of Palestine by Region, 1997, 2013



Decreasing crude birth and death rate

The crude birth rate is 32.3 births for every 1000 of population: 29.4 in the West Bank compared to 36.8 in Gaza Strip. The rate is expected to decline to 29.0 by 2020. The crude death rate is 3.7 deaths for every 1000 of population: 3.8 in the West Bank compared to 3.5 in Gaza Strip. The rate is expected to decline to 3.4 by 2020.

High fertility rate among Palestinians in Jordan

The total fertility rate for Palestinian woman living in Jordan was 3.3 births in 2010 compared to 2.5 in Syria in 2010 and 2.8 in Lebanon in 2011.

Selected Demographic Indicators by Country of Residence, Selected Years

Country of Residence	Average Household Size	Total Fertility Rate
Jordan *	4.8	3.3
Syria *	4.1	2.5
Lebanon**	4.4	2.8

* Data for 2010

**Data for 2011

The youthful Palestinian population in Israel

The number of Palestinians living in Israel is 1.46 million, of whom about 35.4% are aged below 15 years compared to 4.3% aged 65 years and over.

Higher fertility rate among Palestinians in Israel than among Jews

The total fertility rate in 2013 among Palestinian women living in Israel was 3.4 births compared to 3.1 births among women Jews. The average Palestinian household size in Israel is 4.8 persons. The crude birth rate of Palestinians in Israel exceeded 23.5 births for every 1000 of population.

The number of Palestinians in historical Palestine will exceed the number of Jews over time

The number of Palestinians in historical Palestine totaled 6.08 million at the end of 2014. There were 6.10 million Jews at the end of 2013 according to estimates by the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics and the number is expected to reach 6.21 million Jews by the end of 2014. The number of Palestinians and Jews will total about 6.42 million each by the end of 2016 provided that current growth rates remain constant. However, the number of Palestinians in historical Palestine will total 7.14 million compared to 6.87 million Jews by the end of 2020.

Number of Palestinian and Jews living in Historical Palestine

