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**Press Release on Labour Force Survey Results
(October-December, 2005) Round**

**Increased of Unemployed Persons by 2.6%
between 3rd and 4th quarter 2005**

This report is based on the Labour Force quarterly Survey. Data was collected during 1/10/2005 to 31/12/2005, representing the 4th 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 6,780 questionnaires were completed.

Economically Active:

- According to the ILO standards, the percentage of participants in labour force decreased by 3.4% between the 3rd quarter 2005 and the 4th quarter 2005, where it decreased from 41.7% in the 3rd quarter 2005 to 40.3% in the 4th quarter 2005, compared with 43.5% in the 3rd quarter 2000. Also the participation rate of women decreased from 14.2% in the 3rd quarter 2005 to 13.1% in the 4th quarter 2005 (the number decreased by 10 thousand women).

Unemployed Persons:

- The percentage of persons who don't work nevertheless seeking or not seeking job, increased from 28.4% in the 3rd quarter 2005 to 29.4% in the 4th 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 22.7% in the 3rd quarter 2005 to 23.8% in the 4th 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 19.9% in the 3rd quarter 2005 to 21.8% in the 4th quarter 2005, while in Gaza Strip it decreased from 29.0% in the 3rd quarter to 28.2% in the 4th quarter 2005, despite of that unemployment rate in Gaza Strip still high.
- Hebron governorate registered the highest percentage of unemployment rate among the West Bank governorates which reached 29.6% followed by Jenin governorate (28.8%) then Tulkarem (24.4%), while in Gaza Strip, Deir ALBalah governorate registered the highest percentage of unemployment rate (37.9%) followed by Gaza North governorate (34.5%).
- The results showed that the highest percentage of unemployment concentrated among the youth, the highest percentage registered for the age group 15-19 it reached 37.2% (34.0% in the West Bank compared with 45.1% in Gaza Strip), thereof 24.4% for women and 38.0% for men, followed by 20-24 age group it reached 36.3%, thereof 33.3% for men and 49.5% for women (32.1% in the West Bank 44.3% in Gaza Strip), then 25-29 group, it reached 26.9% (26.5% in the West Bank compared with 27.8% in Gaza Strip), thereof 37.9% for women and 24.6% for men.

Employed Persons:

- The results showed a high decrease in the number of employed persons between the 3rd and 4th quarter 2005, the number of employed persons reached 632 thousand compared with 657 thousand in the 3rd quarter 2005 (the number in Gaza Strip increased by one thousand, whereas in the West Bank decreased by 26 thousands, also the results showed a decreased of employed women from 108 thousands to 101 thousands between the 3rd and 4th quarter 2005.

- The results showed a decrease in the percentage of employment¹ for those who are working in Agriculture sector in the West Bank (18.4% in the 3rd quarter 2005 to 17.1% in the 4th quarter 2005). While the percentage decreased in Gaza Strip of those who are working in trade, hotels and restaurants from 17.5% in 3rd quarter 2005 to 15.5% in 4th quarter 2005.
- On the other hand, the results showed a decrease in the percentage of unpaid family members in the West Bank (from 13.0% in the 3rd quarter 2005 to 10.4% in the 4th quarter 2005), compared with an increase of the percentage of self employed from 26.7% to 27.9% between the 3rd and 4th quarter 2005, whereas in Gaza Strip the percentage of wage employees increased from 66.6% to 69.4%, compared with a decrease in the percentage of self employed from 8.5% to 6.5% between the 3rd and 4th quarter 2005.
- The employment from the West Bank in Israel and Israeli settlements remain at the same percentage (13.6%) between the 3rd and 4th quarter 2005, while the number in Gaza strip remains at the same level less than 1000 employees during the same period.

Wages:

- The average value of the nominal daily net wage of the employees in the West Bank increased slightly from 74.5 NIS in 3rd quarter to 75.3 NIS in the 4th quarter 2005, compared with 70.3 NIS in the 3rd quarter 2000. Also the nominal daily net wage for those working in Israel and settlements increased from 128.0 NIS in the 3rd quarter 2005 to 132.5 NIS in the 4th quarter 2005, compared with 110.8 NIS in the 3rd quarter 2000. while the nominal daily net wage of the employees in Gaza Strip increased from 59.5 NIS in the 3rd quarter 2005 to 66.4 NIS in the 4th quarter 2005, compared with 50.4 NIS in the 3rd quarter 2000.

Dependency Ratio and Poverty:

- The economic dependency ratio² increased in the Palestinian Territory from 5.7 to 6.2 between the 3rd and 4th quarter 2005 (the change rate is 8.8%). It increased in the West Bank from 5.0 to 5.4 (the change rate is 8.0%) 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 5.1 and 7.5 in the 3rd quarter 2000 respectively.
- The percentage of employees whose monthly wages below poverty line³ decreased from 56.6% in the 3rd quarter 2005 to 53.5% in the 4th quarter 2005 (the change rate is 5.5%), while it reached 43.5% in the 3rd quarter 2000.

¹Employed persons in Israel and Israeli settlements are excluded

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 4th quarter 2005 (1934 NIS, for reference household composed of two adults and 4 children) was used for the 4th 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
(October -December, 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	614,000	45.8	728,000	54.2	1,342,000	100
Gaza Strip	281,000	39.1	438,000	60.9	719,000	100
Palestinian Territory	895,000	43.4	1,166,000	56.6	2,061,000	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	444,000	72.3	170,000	27.7	614,000	100
Gaza Strip	188,000	66.9	93,000	33.1	281,000	100
Palestinian Territory	632,000	70.6	263,000	29.4	895,000	100

Main Findings: According to the ILO Standards (October -December, 2005) Round

3-1 Population aged 15 years and over

The percentage of the population aged 15 years and over is 54.1% at the 4th 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	568,000	42.4	774,000	57.6	1,342,000	100
Gaza Strip	262,000	36.4	457,000	63.6	719,000	100
Palestinian Territory	830,000	40.3	1,231,000	59.7	2,061,000	100

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

The labour force participation rate reached 40.3% in the Palestinian Territory, 42.4% in the West Bank and 36.4% 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	68.9	9.3	21.8	100
Gaza Strip	69.3	2.5	28.2	100
Palestinian Territory	69.1	7.1	23.8	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	4.8	2.4	4.1
Self Employed	27.9	21.7	26.0
Wage Employee	56.9	69.4	60.6
Unpaid Family Member	10.4	6.5	9.3
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	17.1	11.3	7.2	14.4
Mining, quarrying and manufacturing	14.7	8.7	17.0	13.2
Construction	9.5	9.8	37.8	12.3
Commerce, restaurants and hotels	21.0	15.5	22.6	19.5
Transportation, storage and communication	6.0	5.5	4.7	5.7
Services and other branches	31.7	49.2	10.7	34.9
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	384	86.4	188	100.0	572	90.4
Israel and Settlements (Persons who have Palestinian Identity)	30	6.9	-	-	30	4.9
Israel and Settlements (Persons who have Israeli Identity or foreign passport)	30	6.7	:	-	30	4.7
Total	444	100	188	100	632	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	40.8	40.0	43.2
Average monthly work days*	23.4	23.9	21.1
Median daily net wage in NIS	69.2	61.5	134.6
Average daily net wage in NIS	75.3	66.4	132.5

*: 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 23.8%; 21.8% in the West Bank and 28.2% 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	38.0	24.4	37.2
20-24	33.3	49.5	36.3
25-29	24.6	37.9	26.9
30-34	17.6	17.1	17.5
35-39	20.6	15.2	19.8
40-44	18.1	13.1	17.3
45-49	23.9	5.6	21.0
50+	17.3	3.5	14.8
Overall Average	23.7	24.3	23.8

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	34.0	45.1	37.2
20-24	32.1	44.3	36.3
25-29	26.5	27.8	26.9
30-34	17.5	17.5	17.5
35-39	18.7	22.2	19.8
40-44	14.3	24.1	17.3
45-49	17.7	28.5	21.0
50+	12.5	19.9	14.8
Overall Average	21.8	28.2	23.8

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	17.1	0.9	7.7
1-6	29.3	8.9	26.7
7-9	25.9	14.8	25.0
10-12	24.1	21.6	23.9
13+	16.8	33.7	22.2
Overall Average	23.7	24.3	23.8

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	5.2	17.2	7.7
1-6	23.7	32.6	26.7
7-9	24.0	27.5	25.0
10-12	22.4	27.4	23.9
13+	18.8	27.7	22.2
Overall Average	21.8	28.2	23.8

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 59.7%; 57.6% in the West Bank and 63.6% 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	11.9	12.1
Housekeeping	50.2	48.1	49.4
Studying or training	31.6	35.9	33.2
Others	6.0	4.1	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	66.9	10.9	22.2	100	68.5	31.5
Females	77.7	2.1	20.2	100	15.7	84.3
Total	68.9	9.3	21.8	100	42.4	57.6
Gaza Strip						
Males	70.5	2.6	26.9	100	64.1	35.9
Females	59.5	1.9	38.6	100	8.3	91.7
Total	69.3	2.5	28.2	100	36.4	63.6
Palestinian Territory						
Males	68.2	8.1	23.7	100	67.0	33.0
Females	73.6	2.1	24.3	100	13.1	86.9
Total	69.1	7.1	23.8	100	40.3	59.7

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

Governorate/District	Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate	Number of Unemployed Persons
Jenin	46.7	28.8	19,000
Tubas	47.5	19.9	3,000
Tulkarem	44.0	24.4	10,000
Nablus	43.4	17.7	15,000
Qalqilia	44.2	20.6	5,000
Salfeet	48.2	19.6	3,000
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	43.1	18.9	13,000
Jericho	46.6	14.2	2,000
Jerusalem	35.9	16.2	14,000
Bethlehem	39.5	14.0	5,000
Hebron	43.0	29.6	35,000
West Bank	42.4	21.8	124,000
GS-North	37.7	34.5	16,000
Gaza City	36.9	26.9	26,000
Deir ALBalah	37.2	37.9	15,000
Khan Younis	35.3	21.8	11,000
Rafah	34.1	20.5	6,000
Gaza Strip	36.4	28.2	74,000
Palestinian Territory	40.3	23.8	198,000

Population 15 Years and Over by Region and Labor Force Status
October -December, 2005 (ILO Standards):

Labour Force Status	West Bank (%)	Gaza Strip (%)	Palestinian Territory (%)
Both Sexes			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	55.9	51.0	54.1
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	29.2	25.2	27.8
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	2.4	0.5	1.7
Poor working conditions or for insufficient income	1.5	0.4	1.1
Did not work and seeking job	9.2	10.3	9.6
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	3.5	2.6	3.2
Did not work – Old or illness	7.0	7.6	7.2
Did not work – Home duties	28.9	30.6	29.5
Did not work – Students	18.3	22.8	19.9
Population less than 15 years	44.1	49.0	45.9
Total Population	100	100	100
Males			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	55.7	50.4	53.8
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	45.9	45.2	45.6
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	4.6	0.9	3.3
Poor working conditions or for insufficient income	2.9	0.8	2.2
Did not work and seeking job	15.2	17.2	15.9
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	5.7	4.3	5.2
Did not work – Old or illness	9.1	8.9	9.1
Did not work – Home duties	0.2	0.1	0.1
Did not work – Students	16.4	22.6	18.6
Population less than 15 years	44.3	49.6	46.2
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
October -December, 2005 (ILO Standards):**

Labour Force Status	West Bank #	Gaza Strip #	Palestinian Territory
Both Sexes			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	1,342,000	719,000	2,061,000
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	392,000	181,000	573,000
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	32,000	4,000	36,000
Poor working conditions or for insufficient income	20,000	3,000	23,000
Did not work and seeking job	124,000	74,000	198,000
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	46,000	19,000	65,000
Did not work – Old or illness	95,000	54,000	149,000
Did not work – Home duties	388,000	220,000	608,000
Did not work – Students	245,000	164,000	409,000
Population less than 15 years	1,057,000	691,000	1,748,000
Total Population	2,399,000	1,410,000	3,809,000
Males			
Population aged 15 years and over (Man Power)	678,000	360,000	1,038,000
Full Employment (working full time:35 hours and above)	311,000	163,000	474,000
Working less than usual (Lack of employment)	31,000	3,000	34,000
Poor working conditions or for insufficient income	20,000	3,000	23,000
Did not work and seeking job	103,000	62,000	165,000
Did not work and did not seek job due to discouragement	38,000	15,000	53,000
Did not work – Old or illness	62,000	32,000	94,000
Did not work – Home duties	1,000	-	1,000
Did not work – Students	112,000	82,000	194,000
Population less than 15 years	538,000	354,000	892,000
Total Population	1,216,000	714,000	1,930,000

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	2005	R (18) Q3-00	R (19) Q4-00	R (25) Q2-02	R (26) Q3-02	R (27) Q4-02	R (28) Q1-03	R (29) Q2-03	R (30) Q3-03	R (31) Q4-03	R (32) Q1-04	R (33) Q2-04	R (34) Q3-04	R (35) Q4-04	R (36) Q1-05	R (37) Q2-05	R (38) Q3-05	R (39) Q4-05
Labour Force Participation Rate	39.0	40.0	40.5	41.4	41.6	41.5	38.7	38.1	40.3	40.4	40.7	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	40.3
Full Employment Rate	60.7	64.3	70.4	79.1	82.8	80.9	70.9	64.4	68.1	66.8	69.9	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	69.1
Underemployment Rate	21.1	11.9	9.3	6.5	5.4	5.0	3.9	4.3	6.3	6.4	6.6	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	7.1
Unemployment Rate	18.2	23.8	20.3	14.4	11.8	14.1	25.2	31.3	25.6	26.8	23.5	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	23.8
Employed in Agriculture	12.7	14.2	13.1	12.1	12.6	13.7	11.7	14.9	15.7	15.9	14.6	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	14.4
Employed in Construction	19.2	16.8	18.4	22.0	22.1	19.7	14.5	10.9	13.1	11.7	12.9	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	12.3
Employed in Manufacturing	18.0	16.8	16.4	15.9	15.5	14.3	13.9	12.9	12.5	12.7	13.0	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	13.2
Employed in Services	25.6	29.2	28.2	27.1	28.1	29.9	34.6	35.7	32.8	34.9	34.4	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	34.9
Elementary Occupation Workers	18.3	28.7	28.9	31.0	29.7	21.1	15.9	14.1	14.1	14.3	15.5	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	16.6
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	17.5	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	16.8
Employed in Israel & Settlements	16.2	14.1	17.1	21.7	23.0	19.6	13.8	10.3	9.7	8.7	9.9	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	9.5
Employers	6.9	5.5	5.3	5.8	5.5	4.6	4.7	3.7	3.5	4.1	4.3	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	4.1
Self - Employed	21.2	22.3	22.9	21.0	18.7	19.6	24.0	26.8	27.8	26.5	26.1	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	26.0
Wage Employees	61.7	61.4	62.0	65.3	67.8	66.1	62.1	59.2	57.2	58.3	59.5	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	60.6
Unpaid Family Members	10.2	10.8	9.8	7.9	8.0	9.7	9.2	10.3	11.5	11.1	10.1	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	9.3
Average Monthly Work Days *	21.0	22.0	22.0	23.0	22.6	23.2	23.9	23.3	23.2	23.7	23.8	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	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	42.0	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	40.5
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	60.0	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	65.4

Note:

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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	2005	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)	R (39)
												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	Q4-05
Labour Force Participation Rate	40.6	42.0	43.2	44.2	43.4	43.6	41.5	40.0	41.8	42.5	42.9	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	42.4
Full Employment Rate	65.3	67.6	71.1	80.1	83.5	81.7	73.8	66.4	68.7	68.8	71.2	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	68.9
Underemployment Rate	20.7	12.8	11.6	8.4	7.0	6.2	4.7	5.4	7.5	8.3	8.5	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	9.3
Unemployment Rate	13.9	19.6	17.3	11.5	9.5	12.1	21.5	28.2	23.8	22.9	20.3	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	21.8
Employed in Agriculture	13.3	16.2	15.1	13.8	11.5	12.5	11.8	14.1	14.9	16.9	15.7	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	15.7
Employed in Construction	20.3	18.3	19.1	22.7	23.9	22.2	18.0	12.7	14.3	13.0	14.4	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	13.3
Employed in Manufacturing	18.8	17.6	17.2	16.8	16.5	15.4	15.4	14.5	14.0	14.0	14.8	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	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	28.5	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	28.9
Elementary Occupation Workers	18.2	28.7	28.7	30.5	31.1	21.9	17.6	14.1	13.3	14.8	16.0	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	16.4
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	18.9	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	18.2
Employed in Israel & Settlements	20.2	16.6	19.5	24.0	25.9	22.4	18.0	13.3	12.5	11.6	13.8	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	13.5
Employers	7.1	6.0	5.9	6.5	6.6	5.1	4.6	4.1	4.1	5.0	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	4.8
Self - Employed	21.3	23.5	23.6	21.5	18.6	20.6	25.6	27.8	29.3	28.1	27.6	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	27.9
Wage Employees	61.3	59.0	59.3	63.0	66.5	64.7	60.1	57.5	55.3	55.1	56.4	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	56.9
Unpaid Family Members	9.9	11.5	11.2	9.0	8.3	9.6	9.7	10.6	11.3	11.8	11.0	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	10.4
Average Monthly Work Days *	22.0	22.6	23.0	23.0	23.5	24.4	23.6	22.8	23.7	24.0	23.6	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	23.4
Average Weekly Work Hours *	43.0	43.5	43.0	45.0	44.6	43.6	43.2	40.9	42.3	43.0	42.5	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	40.8
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	65.4	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	69.2

Note:

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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	2005	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)	R (39)
												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	Q4-05
Labour Force Participation Rate	35.4	36.4	35.7	36.4	38.0	37.5	33.3	34.4	37.5	36.4	36.7	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	36.4
Full Employment Rate	48.6	57.5	68.8	76.8	81.2	79.0	63.9	60.1	67.2	62.5	67.4	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	69.3
Underemployment Rate	22.0	10.0	4.4	2.3	1.9	2.3	1.9	1.8	3.6	2.1	2.3	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	2.5
Unemployment Rate	29.4	32.5	26.8	20.9	16.9	18.7	34.2	38.1	29.2	35.4	30.3	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	28.2
Employed in Agriculture	10.8	9.1	8.0	8.0	15.2	16.5	11.4	16.7	17.5	13.4	11.7	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	11.4
Employed in Construction	15.4	13.1	16.5	20.5	17.8	13.5	4.4	6.3	10.4	8.2	9.3	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	9.8
Employed in Manufacturing	15.2	14.9	14.5	13.6	13.1	11.5	9.7	8.9	9.2	9.1	8.3	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	8.7
Employed in Services	35.2	41.4	38.9	37.0	36.5	41.0	53.3	47.5	40.8	49.1	49.4	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	49.2
Elementary Occupation Workers	18.4	29.3	29.5	30.9	26.4	18.7	11.0	14.3	15.8	13.0	14.4	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	17.1
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	14.0	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	13.4
Employed in Israel & Settlements	3.3	8.1	11.0	16.2	15.7	12.9	1.9	2.5	3.1	1.1	0.4	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	2.6	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	2.4
Self - Employed	20.4	19.4	21.0	19.7	19.1	17.2	19.5	24.3	24.5	22.2	22.4	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	21.7
Wage Employees	62.6	67.3	68.4	71.0	71.1	69.5	67.7	63.6	61.7	66.5	67.1	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	69.4
Unpaid Family Members	10.8	8.9	6.9	5.3	7.0	10.0	7.8	9.5	11.6	9.4	7.9	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	6.5
Average Monthly Work Days *	21.7	23.3	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.5	24.6	24.1	22.6	23.2	24.0	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	23.9
Average Weekly Work Hours *	43.2	44.0	43.0	43.0	43.2	41.7	40.1	40.0	40.6	41.6	41.2	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	40.0
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	57.7	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	61.5

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R: Round

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