

FACTS & FIGURES

# Women and Men in Palestine

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Statistics (PCBS)

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This report, published in October 2021, aims to shed light on the status of men and women in Palestinian society and to provide the necessary data for policy-making pertinent to gender equity. It presents a selected group of key indicators on gender issues from many relevant perspectives: demographic indicators, education indicators, health, disability, labor force, and poverty indicators, in addition to the indicators on public life, the media, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and taking into account the indicators contained in the national framework of gender, and within the regional and international frameworks.

## Main Indicators

From: Women and Men in Palestine: Issues and Statistics, 2021. PCBS.

Indicator	Total	Males	Females
Total Population, Mid-Year, 2021	5,227,193	2,657,069	2,570,124
Sex Ratio, 2021	103.4	-	-
Life Expectancy at Birth, 2021	74.2	73.1	75.3
Percentage Distribution of Households by Sex of the Head of Household, 2020	100	89.1	10.9
Literacy Rate among the Population (15 Years and Above), 2020	97.5	98.8	96.2
Drop-out Rates from Basic Stage, 2019/2020	0.36	0.55	0.16
Drop-out Rates from Secondary Stage, 2019/2020	2.18	2.95	1.56
Number of Teachers in Governmental Schools, 2020/2021	41,123	16,658	24,465
Percentage of Individuals Participated in Labor Force (15 Years and Above), 2020	40.9	65.1	16.1
Unemployment Rate for Individuals (15 Years and Above), 2020	25.9	22.5	40.1
Percentage of Individuals with Disability, 2017	2.1	2.3	1.9
Percentage of Poverty among Individuals According to Monthly Consumption Patterns, 2017	29.2	28.8	29.7
Percentage Distribution of Medical Practitioners, 2019	100	81.1	18.9
Percentage Distribution of Pharmacists, 2020	100	63.6	36.4
Percentage Distribution of Members in Local Councils, 2020	100	80.0	20.0
Percentage Distribution of Heads of Local Councils, 2020	100	98.2	1.8

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Percentage Distribution of Ambassadors, 2020	100	89.2	10.8
Percentage Distribution of Heads of Student Councils in Universities, 2020	100	95.7	4.3
Percentage Distribution of Members of Student Councils in Universities, 2020	100	68.2	31.8
Percentage Distribution of Lawyers Practicing the Profession, 2020	100	72.9	27.1
Percentage Distribution of Judges, 2020	100	80.8	19.2
Percentage Distribution of Public Prosecution Staff, 2020	100	79.6	20.4
Percentage Distribution of Engineers Registered in the Engineering Association, 2020	100	75.4	24.6
Percentage Distribution of Editors in Chief Registered in the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, 2020	100	84.3	15.7
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Percentage Distribution of Members of the Chambers of Commerce Industry and Agriculture, 2020	100	95.7	4.3
Percentage Distribution of Employees in Banking Sector, 2020	100	63.7	36.3
Percentage Distribution of Individuals Who Have Accounts in the Capital Market Authority, 2020	100	57	43
Percentage of Individuals (18 Years and Above) Who Own a Smart Phone , 2019	72.8	72.2	73.4
Percentage of Smoker Individuals (18 Years and Above), 2020	24.3	41.2	6.9