



# PALESTINE

**Scorecard on  
Gender-based violence**

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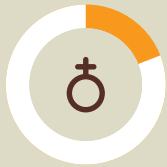
## Population

**2,697,687**

West bank

**1,753,327**

Gaza strip



**21.56%**

Percentage of population aged  
15-24 (West bank)

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## Representation in politics

**25** Females

in the Palestinian Legislative Council  
(non-functioning)

**647** Males

in the Palestinian Legislative Council  
(non-functioning)

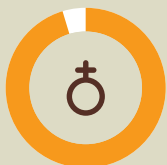
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## Literacy rate



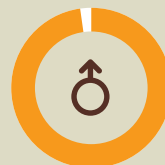
**96.3%**

Overall literacy rate



**94.1%**

Female



**98.4%**

Male

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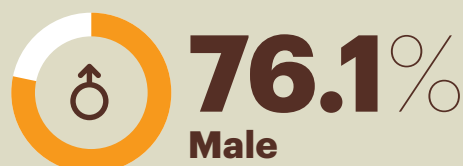
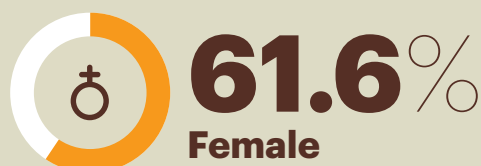
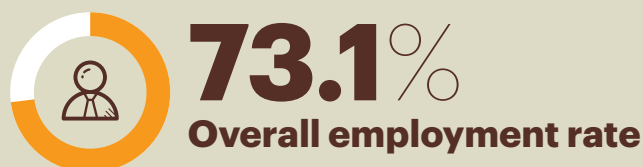
## Average age at first marriage

**20.3** Females age

**24.7** Males age

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## Employment rate



## Total fertility rate

**4.3**  
Gaza strip

**3.33**  
West bank

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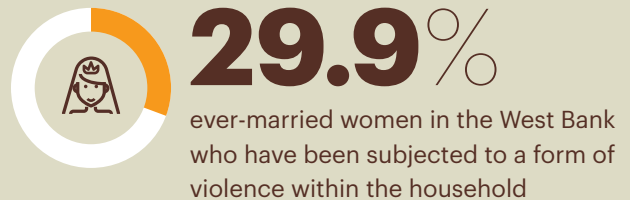
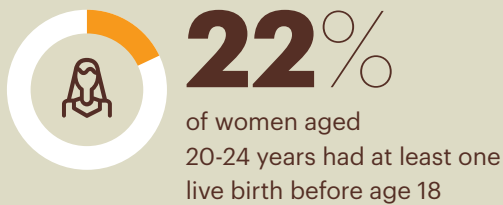
## Maternal mortality rate

**45**  
deaths/100,000 live births



# Gender-based Violence Prevalence

FGM is reported not to be an issue in Palestine, There are no laws explicitly addressing forced or child marriage, and both remain a significant problem in the Palestinian Territories:



## Among all women subjected to violence





**34.8%**

women in the Gaza strip physically abused



**10.2%**

women in the West bank sexually abused



**14.9%**

women in the Gaza strip sexually abused



**65.3%**

of women who were exposed to violence by their husbands declared preferring to remain silent

**28**

women were killed in the name of so-called "honour" in 2013\*

\* Independent Commission for Human Rights and women's organizations,

## Gender-based violence laws and response

A national GBV clinical management of rape protocol (GBV/CMP) SOP exists in the Gaza strip and a National Referral System exists in West Bank

There is no unified penal code that conforms to international human rights standards and

protects women from all forms of violence punishing the perpetrators.

Killing under the pretext of honour is socially accepted. Only recently, the Palestinian President issued a decree eliminating "pardoning excuses" for the perpetrators of such crimes.

# UNFPA programmes:

## Capacity building of national partners:

56 health service providers from MoH trained on the role of MoH in preventing and responding to GBV. 15 service providers including health, psychosocial, and legal providers in Gaza Strip

were trained on GBV detection, response, and referral. The trained service providers detected 85 cases in North of Gaza. 50 of them were provided with services according to their needs.

## Services:

A one stop center for GBV cases established in North of the Gaza Strip.

3300 women and girls were reached with dignity kits and awareness raising activities with

special focus on IDP women and girls in Gaza. Dignity kits serve as means of raising awareness on positive health concepts and personal hygiene.

## Community sensitization:

179 male community leaders were trained on SRHR, GBV including early marriage. 400

outreach meetings took place in West Bank and Gaza on GBV and reproductive health

# In 2017-2022, UNFPA will continue focusing on:

- 1) GBV prevention: programmes on early marriage, male engagement.
- 2) GBV response support referral mechanisms, ensuring availability of quality GBV services.

- 3) GBV coordination leading the GBV sub-cluster in Gaza.

