

# **Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

## **Press Release**

### **At the end of 2010, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) Issued a Press Release on the Palestinians in the World**

- **11.0 million Palestinians in the World by the end of 2010, more than half of them live in Diaspora.**
- **By the end of 2010, about 4.1 million Palestinians were in the Palestinian Territory, of which 2.5 million were in the West Bank and 1.6 million in Gaza Strip.**

#### **Increase in the number of Palestinians in the world...**

The projected number of Palestinians in the world reached 11 million of whom 4.1 million in the Palestinian Territory, 1.4 in Israel, 5 in Arab countries and about 600 thousand in other countries.

#### **In the Palestinian Territory, two thirds of Palestinians live in the West Bank while one third in Gaza Strip...**

The projected number of Palestinians living in the Palestinian Territory at the end of 2010 reached 4.1 million of whom about 2.5 million in the West Bank and about 1.6 million in Gaza Strip.

Of every 100 person in the Palestinian Territory about 44 are refugees, of whom 18 live in the West Bank and 26 in the Gaza Strip.

#### **Stable fertility rate in the last few years...**

The total fertility rate had declined in 2007 to 4.6 birth compared with 6 births in 1997. The rate in Gaza Strip in 2007 reached 5.3 birth compared to 4.1 in the West Bank. These rates have been stable for the past few years with no significant changes.

On the other hand, there has been a decline in the detailed fertility rate particularly in the early reproductive years (15-24 years).

#### **Decreasing in the average household size...**

The average household size in the Palestinian Territory reached 5.5 person in 2010 compared with 5.8 in 2007. The noticeable decrease was in Gaza Strip where the rate declined from 6.5 in 2007 to 5.8 in 2010.

### **Crude birth and mortality rates tend to decline...**

The crude birth rate reached 32.8 birth for every 1000 of the population, where in the West bank it reached 30.1 compared to 37.1 in Gaza Strip. The rate is expected to decline to 31.9 in 2015.

The crude death rate reached 4.1 death for every 1000 of the population, where in the West Bank it reached 4.2 compared to 4.0 in Gaza Strip. The rate is expected to decline to 3.6 in 2015.

### **High fertility rate among Palestinians in Syria...**

More Palestinians aged less than 15 years live in Jordan compared to Syria and Lebanon. On the other hand, the total fertility rate for Palestinians living in Syria reached 3.6 birth compared to 3.3 in Jordan and 3.0 in Lebanon.

### **More youth among Palestinians living in Israel...**

The number of Palestinians living in Israel reached 1.4 million, of whom about 41% aged less than 15 years compared to 3% aged 65 years and above.

### **More fertility among Palestinians in Israel than among Jews**

The total fertility rate among Palestinians living in Israel reached 3.5 births compared to 2.8 births among Jews in 2009. The average Palestinian household size in Israel reached 4.8 persons. The crude birth rate of Palestinians in Israel exceeded 26 births for every 1000 of the population.

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

The number of Palestinians in historical Palestine amounts to 5.5 million at end of 2010. The number of Jews living in historical Palestine amounts to 5.7 million. The number of Palestinians and Jews will reach about 6.1 million for each at the end of 2014 providing current growth rates remain the same. However, the number of Palestinians in historical Palestine will reach 7.2 million compared to 6.7 Jews at the end of 2020.

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