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Educational fields and labor market for persons aged 20-29 years in 2015.

The international classification of education divides study disciplines into the following fields of education:

Basic programs; literacy and numeracy programs; personal development; teacher training and education; arts; humanities; social and behavioral sciences; journalism and information programs; business and administration; law; life sciences; physical sciences; mathematics and statistics; computing; engineering and engineering trades; manufacturing and processing; architecture and construction; agriculture, forestry and fishery programs; veterinary programs, health programs; social services; personal services; transportation; environmental protection and security services.

Approximately 40 thousand students graduate annually from Palestinian higher education institutions. In the 2015/2016 scholastic year, there were around 79 thousand applicants for the General Certificate Exam "*Tawjihi"*.

Business and Administration is the field where most male and female students aged 20-29 years enroll whether for intermediate diploma or a bachelor's degree (BA).

In 2015, around 99 thousand males aged 20-29 years obtained an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree. They were specialized in the following fields of education:

Business and administration (28.5%), health (13.4%), engineering and engineering trades (11.4%), computing (6.6%), humanities (6.5%), and social and behavioral sciences (5.7%), other fields (27.9%).

In 2014, there were around 92 thousand male graduates aged 20-29 years. The majority of them majored in business and administration (26.3%).

On the other side, there were around 125 thousand female graduates aged 20-29 years with a bachelor's degree or an intermediate diploma specialized in the following fields of education:

Business and administration (20.1%), teacher training and education science (19.2%), humanities (16.2%), social and behavioral sciences (11.9%), and health (8.7%), other fields (23.9%).

In 2014, there were around 113 thousand female graduates aged 20-29 years, the majority of them majoring in teacher training and education science (21.1%).

High unemployment rates among males and females aged 20-29 years with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree in some fields

In 2015 the highest unemployment rates among male graduates aged 20-29 years with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree in Palestine were in the following fields of education:

Humanities (52.0%), life sciences (51.5%), teacher training and education science (45.5%), journalism and information (43.4%) and mathematics and statistics (41.3%).

In 2015 the highest unemployment rates among female graduates aged 20-29 years with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree were in the following fields of education:

Journalism and information (88.7%), social and behavioral sciences (79.6%), teacher training and education science (75.4%), humanities (72.0%) and mathematics and statistics (70.6%).

As for region: the highest rates of unemployment among graduates aged 20-29 years with a bachelor's degree or an intermediate diploma in Gaza Strip were in the following fields of education:

Social and behavioral sciences (76.6%), life sciences (75.7%), computing (75.6%), teacher training and education science (75.3%) and humanities (70.9%).

The highest unemployment rates in the West Bank for the same age group by fields of education were as follows:

Teacher training and education science (61.7%), humanities (56.9%), social and behavioral sciences (56.5%), mathematics and statistics (55.2%) and life sciences (39.8%).

Unemployment rate and period of unemployment in months for graduates (20-29) years in Palestine with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree by field of education in 2015

Field of education	Unemployment rate	Period unemployed in months
Teacher training and education science	68.4	15.4
Social and behavioral sciences	66.4	14.2
Humanities	66.3	17.6
Mathematics and statistics	61.9	15.8
Life sciences	54.6	12.5
Journalism and information	53.8	22.0
Business and administration	48.7	13.7
Personal services	42.7	11.1
Architecture and construction	40.4	12.1
Computing	40.0	14.7
Health	39.4	14.2
Engineering and engineering trades	39.1	11.3
Law	16.9	15.4
Other disciplines	46.8	15.0