Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)
Palestinians at the End of 2016

Increase in population of Palestinians in the world

The projected number of Palestinians in the world is 12.70 million, of whom 4.88 million are in State of Palestine, 1.53 million in Israel, 5.59 million in Arab countries and around 696 thousand in foreign countries.

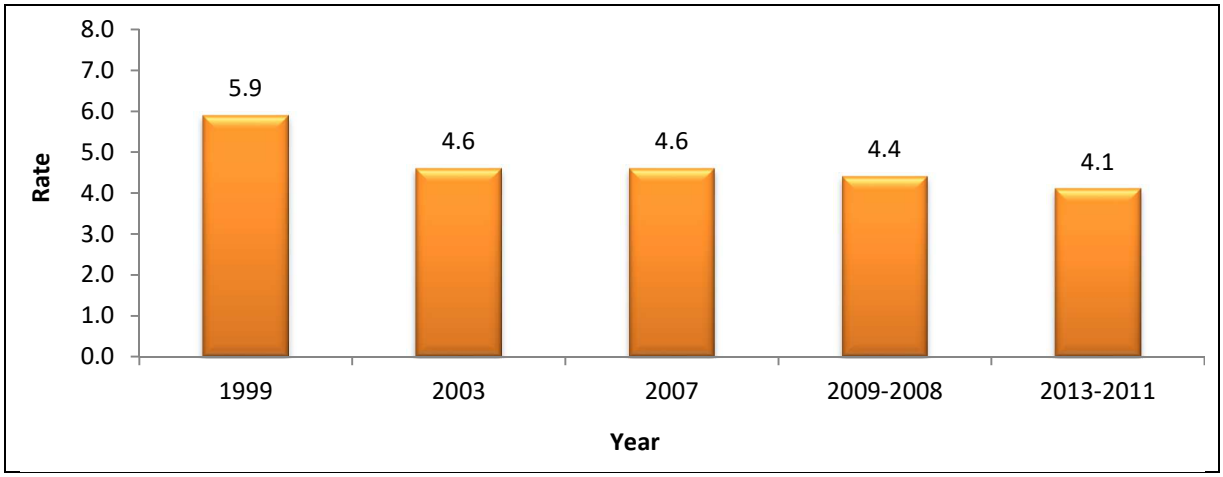
More than one-third of population in Gaza Strip

The projected number of Palestinians living in State of Palestine at the end of 2016 is 4.88 million: around 2.97 million reside in the West Bank and 1.91 million in Gaza Strip. Palestinian refugees make up 41.9% of the Palestinian population in State of Palestine: 26.0% of them in the West Bank and 66.7% in Gaza Strip.

Decline in fertility rate

The total fertility rate declined during 2011-2013 to 4.1 births (compared to 5.9 births in 1999). In Gaza Strip the rate was 4.5 births compared to 3.7 births in the West Bank during 2011-2013.

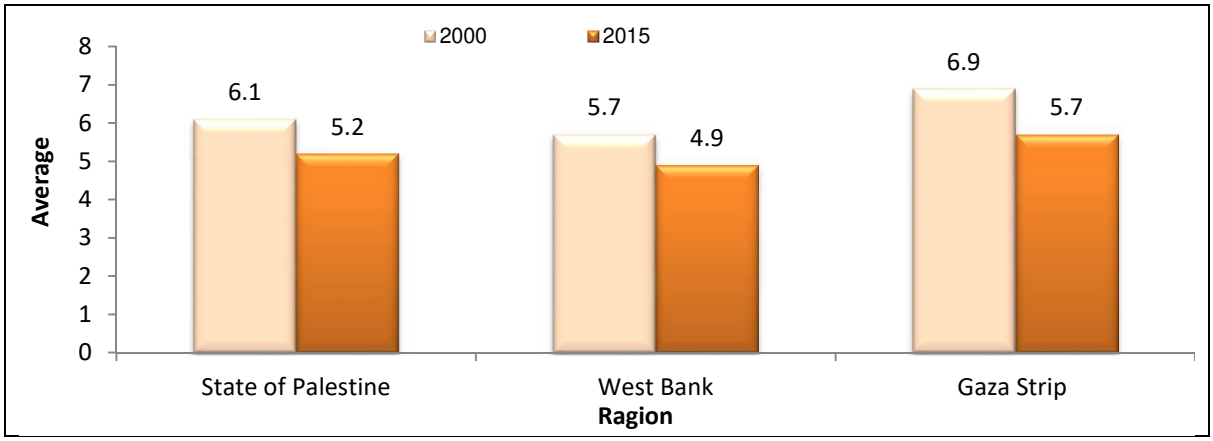
Total Fertility Rate in State of Palestine, Selected Years



Decrease in average household size

The average household size in State of Palestine was 5.2 persons in 2015 (compared to 6.1 in 2000): 4.9 persons in the West Bank and 5.7 persons in Gaza Strip.

Average Household Size in State of Palestine by Region, 2000, 2015



Decrease in crude birth and death rates

The crude birth rate is 30.9 births for every 1000 of population in State of Palestine 2016: 28.5 in the West Bank compared to 35.8 in Gaza Strip. The crude death rate is 3.5 deaths for every 1000 of population in State of Palestine 2016: 3.7 in the West Bank compared to 3.3 in Gaza Strip.

High fertility rate among Palestinians in Jordan

The total fertility rate for the Palestinian women living in Jordan was 3.3 births in 2010 compared to 2.5 in Syria in 2010 and 2.8 in Lebanon in 2011.

Selected Demographic Indicators by Country of Residence, Selected Years

Country of Residence	Average Household Size	Total Fertility Rate
Jordan *	4.8	3.3
Syria *	4.1	2.5
Lebanon**	4.4	2.8

*** Data for 2010**
***Data for 2011**

The youthful Palestinian population in Israel

The number of Palestinians living in Israel is 1.53 million in the end of 2016, of whom the percentage of individuals under 15 years of age was about 34.3% for males and 33.5% for females, while the percentage of individuals 65 years and over of age was 4.0% for males and 4.8% for females at the end of 2015.

The fertility rates among the Israeli and Palestinian women in Israel were the same

The total fertility rate for the Palestinian and Israeli women in Israel reached 3.13 births per woman in 2015. The data also showed that the average Palestinian household size was 4.6 persons and the crude birth rate was 23.6 per 1000 of total population.

The number of Palestinians in historical Palestine will exceed the number of Israeli over time

The number of Palestinians in historical Palestine totaled 6.41 million at the end of 2016. There were 6.33 million Israeli at the end of 2015 according to estimates by the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics and the number is expected to reach 6.45 million Israeli by the end of 2016. The number of Palestinians and Israelis will be equal at the end of 2017. However, the number of Palestinians in historical Palestine will total 7.12 million compared to 6.96 million Israeli by the end of 2020.

Number of Palestinians and Israelis living in Historical Palestine

