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Educational fields and labor market for persons aged 20-29 years in 2017.

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

In 2017, persons aged 20-29 years obtained an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree were specialized in the following fields of education:

Business and administration (27%), teacher training and education sciences (15%), health (10%), humanities (9%), and social and behavioral sciences (8%), other fields (31%).

In the past eight years the majority of them majored also in business and administration.

Percentage Distribution for Persons (20-29) years in Palestine with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree by field of education and Sex in 2017

Field of education	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
Business and administration	32	23	**27**
Teacher training and education sciences	7	21	**15**
Health	11	9	**10**
Humanities	5	11	**9**
Social and behavioral sciences	6	10	**8**
Engineering and engineering trades	8	4	**5**
Computing	6	4	**5**
Law	5	3	**4**
Architecture and construction	6	2	**3**
Journalism and information	4	2	**3**
Mathematics and statistics	2	3	**3**
Life sciences	1	3	**2**
Personal services	3	1	**2**
Other disciplines	4	4	**4**
Total	**100**	**100**	**100**

Source: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2018. Data base of labor force survey, 2017. Ramallah-Palestine

An increase in unemployment rate among persons aged 20-29 years with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree

In 2017, the unemployment rate rose to 56% among graduates aged 20-29 years with a bachelor's degree or an intermediate diploma in Palestine (41% in the West Bank and 73% in Gaza Strip). In 2016 the unemployment rate was 54% and 52% in 2015 while in 2010, it was 45%.

The highest unemployment rate among females aged 20-29 years with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree was in computing (83%) compared with males in life sciences (54%)

In 2017 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:

Life sciences (54%), mathematics and statistics (49%), teacher training and education sciences (47%), journalism and information (45%) and social and behavioral sciences (43%).

In 2017, 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:

Computing (83%), humanities (80%), teacher training and education sciences (77%), social and behavioral sciences (76%) and personal services (75%).

Unemployment rate for Persons (20-29) years in Palestine with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree by field of education and Sex, 2017

Field of education	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
Teacher training and education sciences	47	77	**70**
Life sciences	54	73	**69**
Humanities	39	80	**69**
Social and behavioral sciences	43	76	**64**
Mathematics and statistics	49	72	**61**
Journalism and information	45	75	**55**
Computing	35	83	**55**
Business and administration	38	72	**52**
Architecture and construction	39	67	**48**
Engineering and engineering trades	39	53	**45**
Health	34	54	**44**
Personal services	33	75	**43**
Law	27	26	**27**

Source: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2018. Data base of labor force survey, 2017. Ramallah-Palestine

High unemployment rates among persons aged 20-29 years with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree

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:

Humanities (79%), business and administration (77%), training and education sciences (77%), life sciences (75%) and social and behavioral sciences (74%).

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

Life sciences (65%), training and education science (59%), social and behavioral sciences (58%), computing (51%) and humanities (49%).

Graduates need 11-20 months before their first labor chance

In 2017, the highest period of unemployment for graduates aged (20-29) years in Palestine with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree was in the humanities field, being 20 months. The lowest period was in Architecture and construction field and Engineering and engineering trades with 11 months.

Period of unemployment in months for graduates (20-29) years in Palestine with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree by field of education and sex, 2017

Field of education	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
Humanities	16	21	**20**
Life sciences	14	19	**18**
Journalism and information	17	20	**18**
Mathematics and statistics	17	18	**17**
Computing	16	18	**17**
Teacher training and education science	14	17	**17**
Health	14	17	**16**
Law	11	26	**16**
Business and administration	13	16	**15**
Social and behavioral sciences	11	15	**14**
Personal services	9	16	**12**
Architecture and construction	12	11	**11**
Engineering and engineering trades	11	11	**11**

Source: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2018. Data base of labor force survey, 2017. Ramallah-Palestine

In the 2017/2018 scholastic year, there were around 77 thousand applicants for the General Certificate Exam "*Injaz"*. Approximately 40 thousand students graduate annually from Palestinian higher education institutions. The local market accommodates 8,000 job opportunities for individuals (20-29 years).