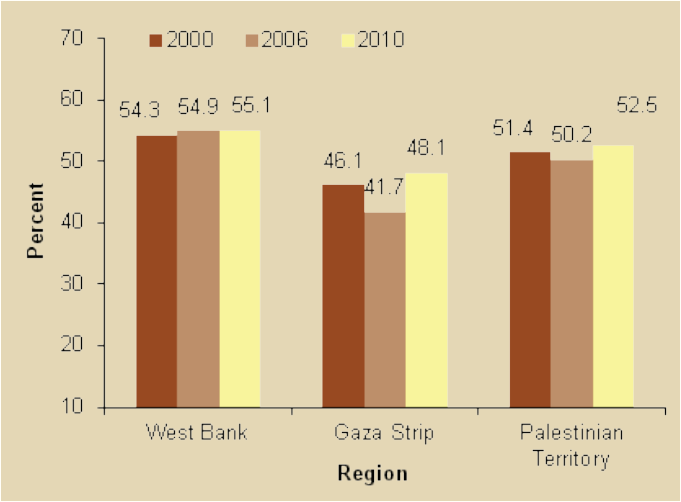
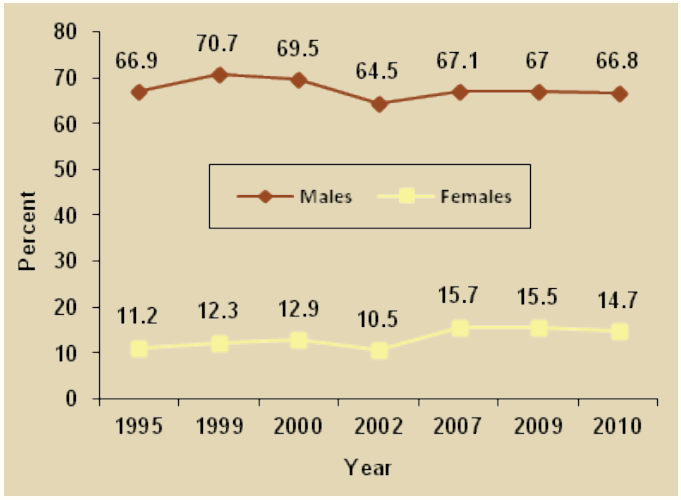
Prevalence of the Use of Family Planning Methods by Region, 2000, 2006,2010



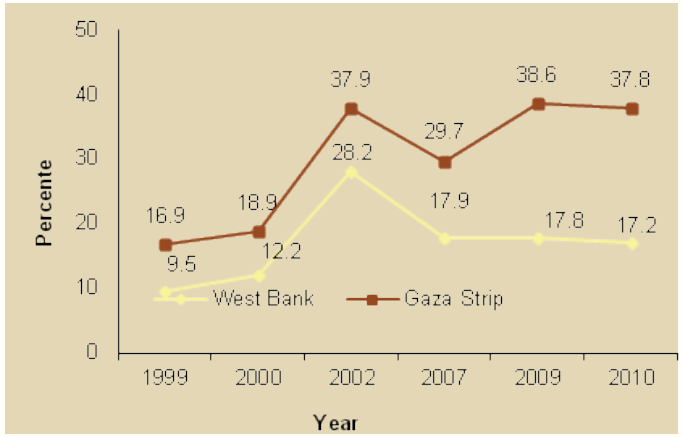
Percentage of women participation in the labor force increased from 11.2% in 1995 to 14.7% in 2010; while the percentage of men participation in the labor force almost stayed in the same level 66.9% in 1995 and 66.8% in 2010.

Labor Force Participation Rate Among Individuals 15 years and over in the Palestinian Territory by Sex, Selected Years



There is an obvious difference between unemployment rates in West Bank and the Gaza Strip during the period 1999-2010.

Unemployment Rate Among Individuals 15 years and over in the Palestinian Territory by Region, Selected Years



Data indicated that there is an obvious difference in the rates of poverty gap and level between West Bank and Gaza Strip. Poor families in Gaza Strip are poorer than poor families in West Bank. It is worth mentioning that poverty gap is the measure of total gap size between poor people consumption and poverty line (relative poverty line) which is the total requested sums to raise consumption levels of poor people to the poverty line.

Rate Gap and the Severity of Poverty According to Actual Consumption Patterns of Individuals by Region in the Palestinian Territory, 2009 - 2010

Region	2009		2010	
	Poverty Gap	Poverty Severity	Poverty Gap	Poverty Severity
West Bank	4.2	1.4	4.1	1.4
Gaza Strip	10.1	3.8	10.3	3.9
Palestinian Territory	**6.3**	**2.3**	**6.4**	**2.4**

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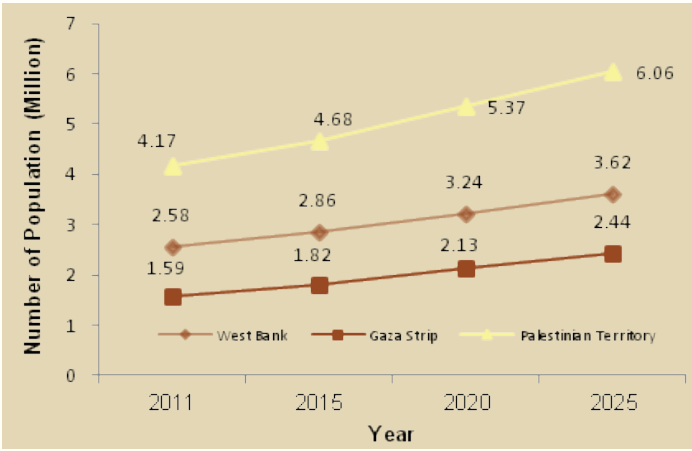
Preparing this brochure comes within the international celebrations on the eve of the world reaching 7 billion. It touches on the most important demographic and social indicators of the Palestinian population in the Palestinian Territory. The following are the most important population indicators in the Palestinian Territory.

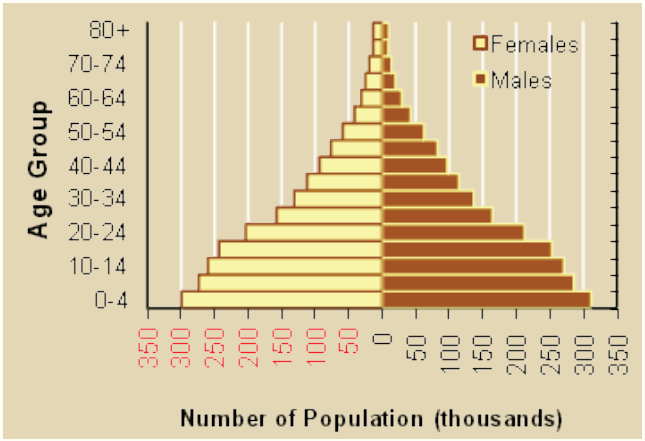
It is expected that the total population size in the Palestinian territory will increase from 4.17 million in mid 2011 to 5.37 million in mid 2020 equivalent to 28.7% increase. According to expectations, population size in the Palestinian territory will reach in mid 2025 about 6.06 million equivalent to 45.4% increase more than population size in mid 2011.

Projected Number of Population in the Palestinian Territory by Region, Selected Years



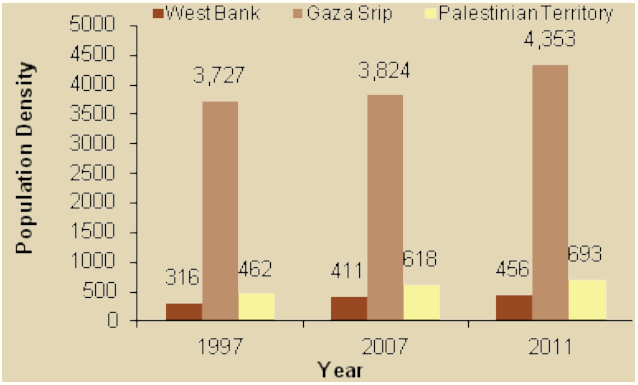
Palestinian society is a young society. Percentage of the young individuals less than 15 years reached 40.8% of the total population size where percentage of individuals aged 65 and over reached 2.9% only in 2011.

Population Pyramid in the Palestinian Territory, Mid year 2011



Population density is high in the Palestinian territory in general and in Gaza Strip in particular due to having 1.6 million individuals concentrated in an area which does not exceed 365 km². Most of them are refugees forced out of their land occupied in 1948; in addition to the high natural increase of the Palestinian population in the Palestinian territory. Knowing that Palestinian citizens are prohibited to access 45.5% of West Bank area size and 24.0% of Gaza Strip area size due to building the Israeli settlements, establishing military camps or isolating the land as a result of building the annexation and expansion wall or for establishing Israeli security areas.

Population Density (persons / km²) in the Palestinian Territory, Selected Years



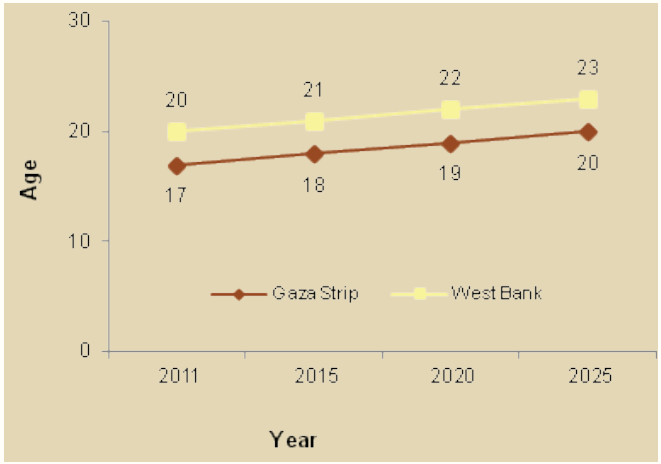
Life expectancy in the Palestinian territory reached 72.4 years in 2011 and expected to reach 73.5 years in 2015 as a result of the decrease in death rates in general and the decrease of infants death rates in particular.

Life Expectancy at Birth by Region and Sex, Selected Years

Region	Year	
	2011	2015
Palestinian Territory		
Life Expectancy (Males)	71.0	72.0
Life Expectancy (Females)	73.9	75.0
West Bank		
Life Expectancy (Males)	71.4	72.4
Life Expectancy (Females)	74.3	75.3
Gaza Strip		
Life Expectancy (Males)	70.5	71.5
Life Expectancy (Females)	73.2	74.4

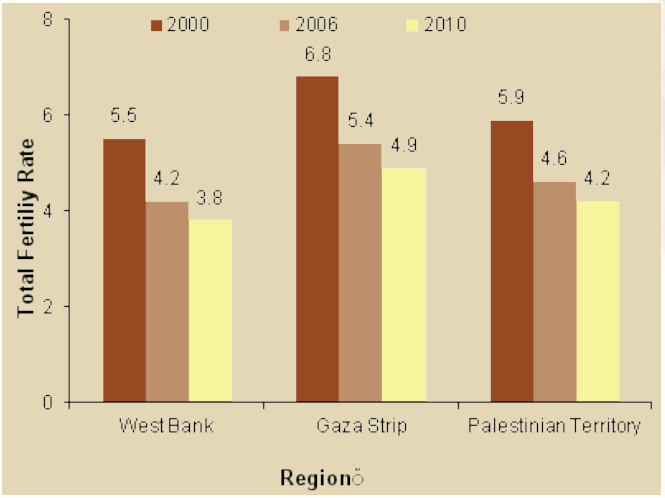
There is an obvious difference concerning population median age between West Bank and Gaza Strip during the period 2011-2025.

Expected Median Age in the Palestinian Territory by Region, 2011-2025



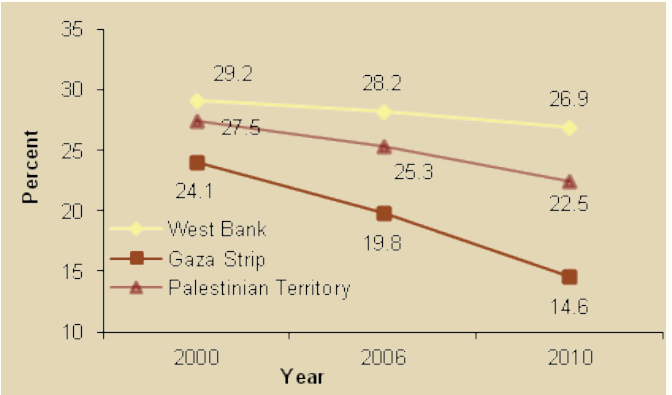
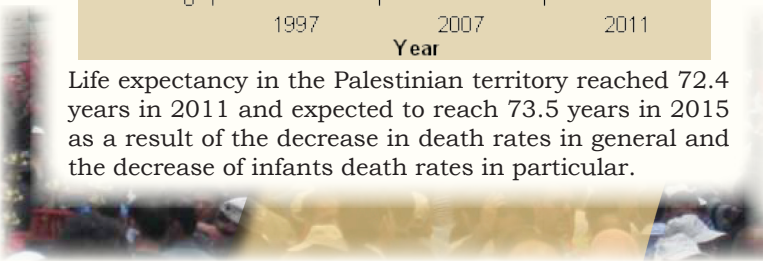
Fertility rates in the Palestinian territory are considered high comparing to the current prevailing rates in other countries. Fertility rates are high due to early marriage, especially among females and the desire to have children; in addition to habits and traditions of the Palestinian society. However, there are indicators which indicate that fertility rates started to decrease since last decade of the last century.

Total Fertility Rates in the Palestinian Territory by Region for Selected Years



Data of 2010 indicated that the percentage of smokers aged 18 and over in the Palestinian territory reached 22.5% comparing to 27.5% in 2000.

Percentage of Smokers Persons 18 years and over by Region, 2000, 2006.2010



Data of 2010 indicated that 52.5% of females aged 15-49 in the Palestinian territory use family planning tool, where it was 51.4% in 2000.